

♥ APPLIQUÉ PATCH TUTORIAL ♥

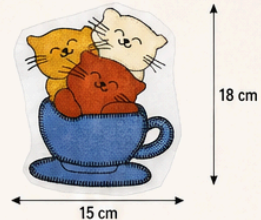
CUTE CATS IN A TEACUP

Sewing • Quilt (US) • Appliqué • Hand & Machine

This sweet appliqué is perfect for quilt blocks, pillows, wall hangings, tote bags and more! We will use the raw edge appliqué technique with blanket stitch to bring these cats to life.



FINISHED SIZE

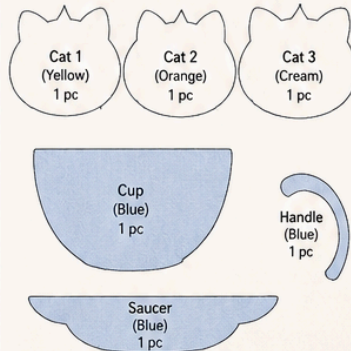


Finished block size: 18 cm (H) x 15 cm (W)

1. MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 100% Cotton fabric (quilting weight)
 - White (background): 25 cm x 25 cm
 - Blue (cup & saucer): 20 cm x 20 cm
 - Yellow (cat 1): 15 cm x 15 cm
 - Orange (cat 2): 15 cm x 15 cm
 - Cream (cat 3): 15 cm x 15 cm
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Embroidery floss (black)
- Needles: Appliqué/Sharps #9
- Thread to match fabrics
- Scissors / Fabric pen
- Iron / Ironing pad
- Sewing machine (optional)

2. TEMPLATES (CUT SIZE)



Add 0.5 cm seam allowance if using needle-turn appliqué.

3. FABRIC CUTTING



Cut all pieces from fabric. If using fusible web, iron it to the wrong side of each fabric piece following the manufacturer's instructions and cut again.

4. STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. PREPARE BACKGROUND



Cut background fabric 25 cm x 25 cm. This will be your block.

2. ARRANGE PIECES



Place all pieces on the background to plan your design. Once you like the placement, secure with pins or repositionable fabric glue.

3. APPLIQUÉ THE PIECES



Appliqué each piece in place using your preferred method:

- Blanket stitch (hand or machine)
- Zigzag stitch (machine)
- Satin stitch (machine)

 I used blanket stitch around every piece.

4. EMBROIDER DETAILS



With black embroidery floss, stitch the eyes, noses, mouths and whiskers using:

- Back stitch (for eyes, mouth and nose)
- Straight stitch (for whiskers)

5. FINAL PRESS



Press the block gently from the back. Your appliqué is now complete!

6. USE YOUR BLOCK



Use your block in quilts, pillows, tote bags, wall hangings and more!



5. MAIN STITCHES USED



BLANKET STITCH (hand or machine)
Ideal for raw edge appliqué. Creates a decorative and secure edge.



BACK STITCH
Perfect for embroidery details (eyes, nose, mouth).



STRAIGHT STITCH
Used for whiskers.

MACHINE OPTIONS



ZIGZAG STITCH
Great for quick appliqué. Use a small width and short length.

SATIN STITCH
Provides a smooth, dense edge. Perfect for a polished look.

6. QUILTING IDEAS (US STYLE)

- Make a series of blocks and create a baby quilt.
- Add sashing and borders around the block.
- Combine with other animal or tea-themed blocks.
- Use echo quilting or stippling around the design.



7. CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Machine wash cold, gentle cycle
- Use mild detergent
- Do not bleach
- Tumble dry low or line dry
- Iron on low if needed



8. TIPS

- Use high-quality cotton fabric for best results.
- Take your time with blanket stitch for a neat finish.
- For beginners, start with machine zigzag stitch.
- Practice your embroidery stitches on a scrap fabric first.



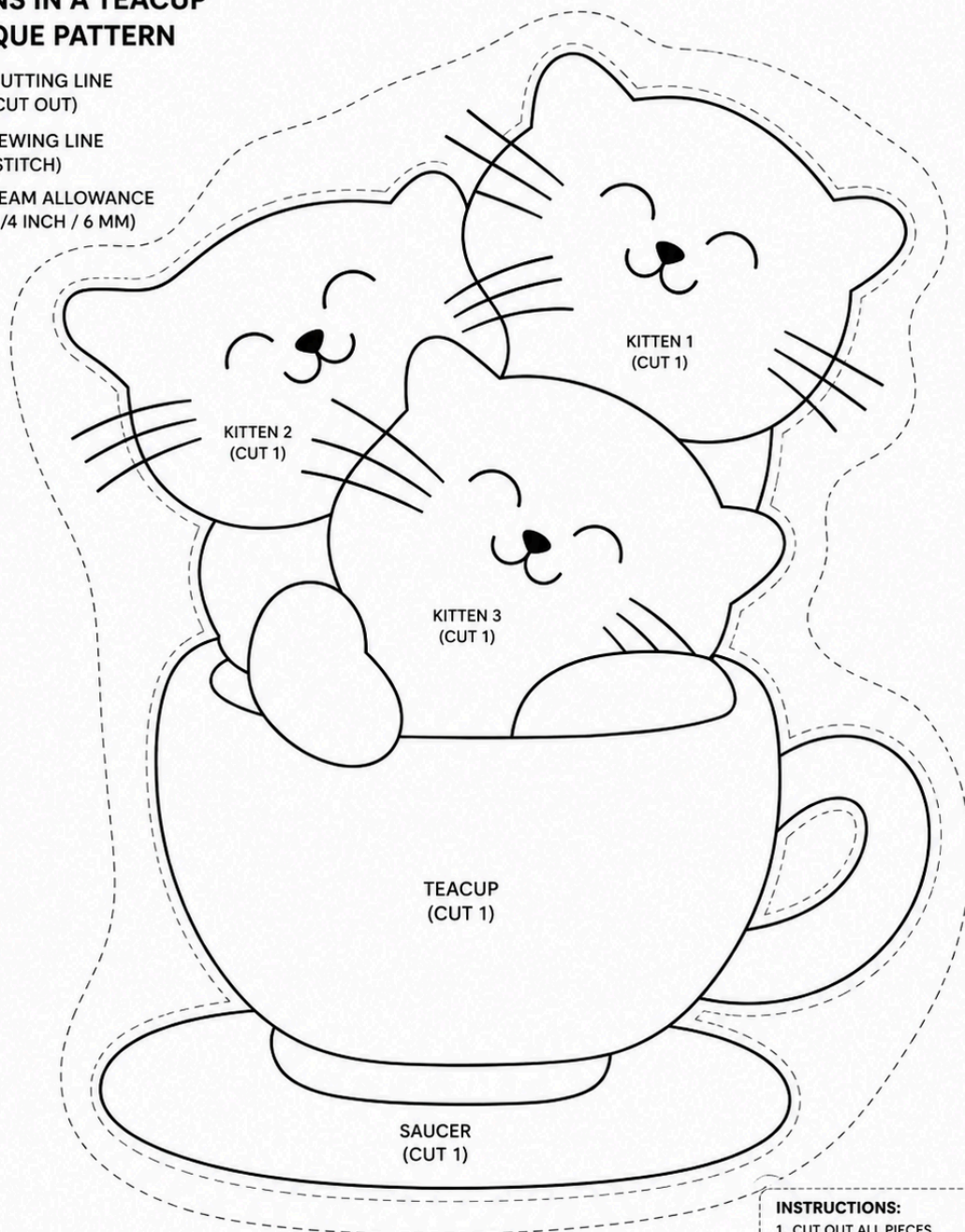
9. SUMMARY

You just created a cute appliqué block of three happy cats in a teacup! Enjoy your sewing journey and have fun making more projects!



KITTENS IN A TEACUP APPLIQUE PATTERN

- CUTTING LINE
(CUT OUT)
- SEWING LINE
(STITCH)
- SEAM ALLOWANCE
(1/4 INCH / 6 MM)






INSTRUCTIONS:
1. CUT OUT ALL PIECES
2. SEW ONTO YOUR PROJECT
3. USE YOUR FAVORITE
FABRICS AND COLORS!
SEAM ALLOWANCE:
1/4 INCH (6 MM)

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Appliqué Patch Tutorial – Cute Cats in a Teacup

Create an adorable appliqué quilt block featuring three sleeping cats inside a teacup using a raw-edge appliqué technique with blanket stitch. This beginner-friendly project is perfect for quilts, pillows, tote bags, wall hangings, table runners, nursery décor, and many other sewing projects.

This tutorial follows the same workflow shown in the original chart while providing much more detail, making it easy for anyone in the United States to complete the project successfully from start to finish.   

Materials and Tools

Before starting, gather all of your supplies.

Fabrics

Use 100% quilting cotton.

You will need:

- White background fabric: 25 cm × 25 cm (approximately 10" × 10")
- Blue fabric (cup and saucer): 20 cm × 20 cm
- Yellow fabric (Cat 1): 15 cm × 15 cm
- Orange fabric (Cat 2): 15 cm × 15 cm
- Cream fabric (Cat 3): 15 cm × 15 cm

Additional Supplies

- Lightweight fusible web
- Black embroidery floss
- Sewing thread matching each fabric color
- Embroidery needle

- Appliqué needle (Size #9 recommended)
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Small embroidery scissors
- Fabric marking pen
- Iron
- Ironing board
- Sewing machine (optional but recommended)
- Pins or washable fabric glue
- Pressing cloth (optional)

Finished Block Size

The completed appliqué measures approximately:

- Height: 18 cm (7")
- Width: 15 cm (6")

The background block is larger to allow quilting and trimming later.

Prepare the Fabric

Wash and dry all fabrics before beginning.

Prewashing helps prevent future shrinkage and removes excess dye.

Iron every fabric until perfectly smooth.

A wrinkle-free fabric makes tracing and cutting much more accurate.

If using fusible web, follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

Prepare the Templates

Print all pattern pieces at 100% scale.

Do not resize or adjust the printer settings.

You should have the following templates:

- **Cat 1 (Yellow)**
- **Cat 2 (Orange)**
- **Cat 3 (Cream)**
- **Cup**
- **Saucer**
- **Handle**

If you prefer needle-turn appliqué, remember to add approximately ¼" (0.5 cm) seam allowance around every template.

For raw-edge appliqué with fusible web, cut directly on the template line.

Cut the Fabric Pieces

Using the templates, cut:

Cats

- **One yellow cat**
- **One orange cat**
- **One cream cat**

Cup

Cut:

- **One blue cup**

Saucer

Cut:

- **One blue saucer**

Handle

Cut:

- **One blue handle**

Take your time while cutting.

Smooth, clean edges make the finished appliqué look much more professional.

Prepare the Background

Cut one square of white quilting cotton measuring:

25 cm × 25 cm (10" × 10")

This will become your appliqué block.

Press it flat before arranging any pieces.

A flat background helps prevent wrinkles during stitching.

Arrange the Design

Lay all pieces on the background without attaching anything yet.

Start with:

- **Saucer**
- **Cup**

Next, position:

- **Orange cat**
- **Yellow cat**
- **Cream cat**

Finally, place:

- **Cup handle**

Adjust the cats until they overlap naturally.

Their heads should appear to be resting comfortably inside the cup.

This step is important.

Move pieces around until you are completely satisfied with the composition.

Secure the Pieces

Once the arrangement looks right:

Either

- **Fuse the pieces with the iron**

or

- **Hold them in place using appliqué pins**

or

- **Apply a small amount of washable fabric glue.**

Double-check alignment before stitching.

Stitch the Appliqué

There are several methods that work well.

Blanket Stitch (Recommended)

This is the classic finish used in the tutorial.

Blanket stitch creates a decorative edge while securing every fabric piece.

It is suitable for both hand sewing and machine sewing.

Zigzag Stitch

A narrow zigzag stitch is a faster machine option.

Use:

- **Short stitch length**
- **Small stitch width**

This creates a neat edge while preventing fraying.

Satin Stitch

For a polished appearance, sew with a satin stitch.

This dense stitch produces smooth edges and gives the appliqué a professional finish.

Recommended Stitching Order

To keep the overlapping pieces looking realistic, sew in this order:

- 1. Saucer**
- 2. Cup**
- 3. Orange cat**
- 4. Yellow cat**
- 5. Cream cat**
- 6. Cup handle**

This sequence allows the cats to appear naturally tucked inside the cup.

Embroider the Facial Features

Once every appliqué piece has been stitched, add the embroidered details.

Use black embroidery floss.

Eyes

Use back stitch.

Create small curved lines to represent closed sleeping eyes.

Nose

Back stitch works perfectly.

Keep the stitches short.

Mouth

Use a few tiny back stitches beneath the nose.

A gentle smile creates a sweet expression.

Whiskers

Use straight stitch.

Each whisker should extend naturally from the cheeks.

Usually three whiskers on each side create a balanced appearance.

Take your time.

These tiny embroidered details bring the cats to life.

Final Pressing

Turn the block over.

Press gently from the back.

Avoid dragging the iron.

Instead, lift and press.






This prevents stretching and distortion.

If desired, place a pressing cloth over the project.

Quilting Ideas

Your finished appliqué block can be used in many quilting projects.

Some popular ideas include:

- **Baby quilts** 
- **Throw quilts** 
- **Decorative pillows** 
- **Tote bags** 
- **Wall hangings** 
- **Table runners**
- **Placemats**
- **Sewing machine covers**
- **Fabric baskets**
- **Nursery decorations**
- **Book bags**
- **Aprons**

Multiple blocks can also be combined into a larger quilt featuring different animals or teacup designs.

Stitch Guide

Blanket Stitch

Best for:

- **Raw-edge appliqué**
- **Decorative finish**
- **Strong edge protection**

Back Stitch

Best for:

- **Eyes**
- **Nose**
- **Mouth**
- **Small facial details**

Straight Stitch

Best for:

- **Whiskers**
- **Fine decorative lines**

Zigzag Stitch

Best machine option for beginners.

Fast, secure, and easy to sew.

Satin Stitch

Produces a beautiful dense edge.

Ideal for advanced sewists who want a refined finish.

Helpful Tips



Always test your stitches on scrap fabric first.



Match your thread color to each appliqué piece whenever possible.



Use high-quality quilting cotton.



Keep your scissors sharp.



Press after every major sewing step.



Don't rush while arranging the pieces.



Use lightweight fusible web to avoid stiffness.

 Short machine stitches help reduce fraying.

 Practice embroidery stitches before working on the final block.

 Good lighting makes embroidery much easier.

Care Instructions

After your project is complete:

- Machine wash using cold water on a gentle cycle.
- Use mild detergent.
- Do not bleach.
- Tumble dry on low heat or air dry.
- Iron on the cotton setting if needed.
- Avoid excessive heat directly over the embroidery.

Following these care instructions will help preserve the appliqué for many years.

Troubleshooting

My fabric is fraying too much.

Use a slightly wider blanket stitch or satin stitch to better cover the raw edges.

The pieces shifted while sewing.

Secure them with more pins or use washable fabric glue before stitching.

My embroidery looks uneven.

Practice each stitch on scrap fabric first before working on the finished block.

The cup looks crooked.

Always position the saucer and cup first, then build the remaining pieces around them.

Final Thoughts

Congratulations! 🎉🐱

You have completed a charming Cute Cats in a Teacup Appliqué Patch that can be incorporated into countless quilting and sewing projects. By carefully preparing the fabrics, accurately cutting each template, arranging the pieces in the correct order, stitching with your preferred appliqué method, and finishing with delicate embroidered details, you'll achieve a professional-looking result that is both durable and adorable. Whether you're making a cozy baby quilt, a decorative pillow, a tote bag, or a wall hanging, this sweet design is sure to bring warmth and personality to your handmade creations. Enjoy your sewing journey, and don't hesitate to make additional blocks with different fabric combinations to create your own unique collection! 🧵❤️