

🧵 Complete Tutorial: American-Style Patchwork Cat Plush

This detailed step-by-step tutorial will guide you through creating a beautiful American-style patchwork cat plush using the exact structure and techniques shown in the diagram.



COMPLETE TUTORIAL: AMERICAN-STYLE PATCHWORK CAT PLUSH

GETTING STARTED & MATERIALS

Dark Blue Denim 60cm x 60cm	Light Blue Denim 60cm x 60cm	Blue Gingham 40cm x 40cm	Blue Floral/Damask 40cm x 40cm
			Supplies: • Polyfill • 12mm safety eyes • embroidery thread (for whiskers) • brass pendant charm • string/jute
Blue Stripe 40cm x 40cm	Yellow Check 20cm x 20cm	Red Polka Dot 20cm x 20cm	

STEP 1: PREPARING PATCHWORK PANELS

1a Cut Panels:
 Body Panel: Cut 5x8 squares of various fabrics, 5x5 cm each, 5x5 cm each.

1b Layout squares.
 Use Nest Seams and Chain Piecing to sew into rows.

1c Press rows.
 • Sew rows together.
 • Press final panels.
 • On all patchwork panels using a Walking Foot.

1d Panel Dimensions:
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STEP 3: ASSEMBLY & STUFFING

3a HEAD ASSEMBLY

- Sew Front Head and Back Head.
- Turn right side out, insert eyes.
- Sew mouth and whisker embroidery.

3b EARS & TAIL

- Sew Ears (face-to-face, denim to check).
- Trim and turn.
- Attach to Head.
- Sew and stuff Tail, attach to Body Back.

3c BODY ASSEMBLY

- Sew Body Front pieces.
- Sew Body Back pieces.
- Sew entire Body together, leaving foot and neck openings.
- Turn right side out.

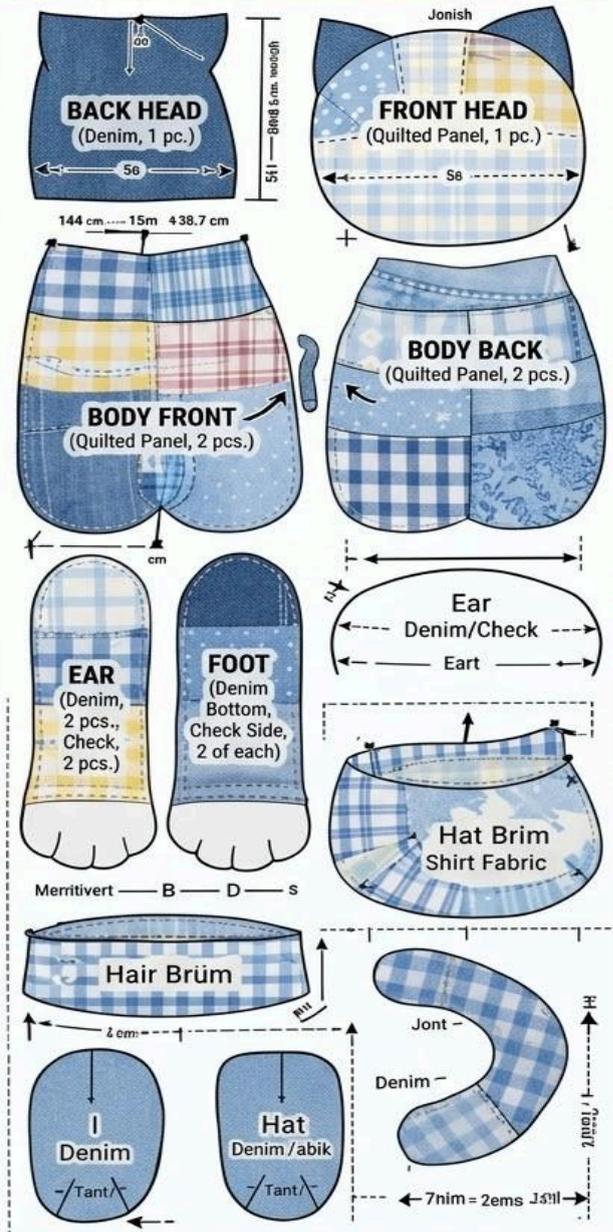
3d FOOT ASSEMBLY

- Sew Foot side band to foot sole.
- Sew foot sole to body opening.
- Stuff inside hat using small hidden stitches.
- Tie the charm with string.

FINISHING

Key American Sewing & Quilt Methods Legend

Patchwork Piecing smaller fabric shapes together to create a larger pattern.	Chain Piecing Feeding pieces through the sewing machine sequentially cutting ting thread.
Press Seams Open/to Side Techniques for flat seams, for flat seams.	Stipple/Free-Motion Quilting Decorative stitching through all layers.
Nest Seams Aligning opposing seam allowances.	Walking Foot Essential machine foot for multi-layer quilting.
	1/4 Inch (6mm) Seam Allowance (Default): The standard US quilt seam.



APPENDIX: HEART ORNAMENTS

HUGS Heart: Insert inart head into neck opening, ensuring aligned seams. Attach using a tight, hand-sewn esw laolier stitch. Attach the hut util using email Attach "HUGS" felt stinems stitches. Tie the charm with string.

HUGS Heart: Cut 2 of red polka dot fabric (12cm s 10cm). Sew together, leaving a gap. Turn, stuff, sew closed. Attach "HUGS" felt stinems stitches. Tie the charm with string.

Whether you're a beginner or experienced sewist, you'll be able to follow along and complete this charming handmade project from start to finish.

Getting Started & Materials

Before you begin, gather all your materials. Choosing coordinated fabrics will give your plush a cohesive and professional look.

Fabrics (recommended sizes):

- Dark blue denim (60cm x 60cm)
- Light blue denim (60cm x 60cm)
- Blue gingham (46cm x 40cm)
- Blue floral/damask (40cm x 40cm)
- Blue stripe (40cm x 40cm)
- Yellow check (20cm x 20cm)
- Red polka dot (20cm x 20cm)

Supplies:

- Polyester fiberfill (for stuffing)
- 12mm safety eyes (or embroidery thread for stitched eyes)
- Embroidery thread (black, white, and optional colors)
- Needle and sewing machine
- Walking foot (recommended for quilting)
- Scissors or rotary cutter
- Pins or clips
- Seam ripper (optional)
- Small charm or pendant (optional)
- String or jute (for decoration)

Important Note:

Use a **1/4 inch (6mm) seam allowance** throughout the entire project, as is standard in quilting.

Step 1: Preparing the Patchwork Panels

This step builds the fabric panels that will form the body and head of your plush.

1A. Cutting the Panels

- Cut **5 x 5 cm squares** from your various fabrics.
- You will need multiple squares to assemble the patchwork body and head panels.

1B. Layout the Squares

- Arrange your squares in a visually pleasing pattern.
- Alternate colors and prints for a balanced patchwork look.
- Create:
 - A **Body Panel** (larger rectangle)
 - A **Head Panel** (square)

1C. Sewing the Rows

- Sew squares together into rows using **chain piecing** (feeding pieces continuously through the machine).
- Press seams open or to one side for flatness.
- Join rows together to form full panels.

1D. Final Panel Sizes

- **Quilted Body Panel:** 30cm x 45cm
- **Head Panel:** 25cm x 25cm

Tip: Use a walking foot to quilt layers evenly if you add batting.



Step 2: Cutting the Pattern Pieces

Using your finished panels and denim fabrics, cut the following pieces:

Head

- **Front Head (1 piece):** from quilted panel
- **Back Head (1 piece):** from denim

Body

- **Body Front (2 pieces):** from quilted panel
- **Body Back (2 pieces):** from quilted panel

Ears (4 pieces total)

- 2 denim outer pieces
- 2 check fabric inner pieces

Feet (4 pieces total)

- 2 denim bottoms
- 2 check fabric tops

Tail (2 pieces)

- From denim or patchwork

Hat (Optional but recommended 🎩)

- Hat body (denim or fabric)
- Hat brim (shirt fabric or contrasting cotton)
- Hair brim strip

Step 3: Head Assembly

3A. Sewing the Head

- Place **front head and back head right sides together**.
- Stitch around the edges, leaving a small opening at the bottom.
- Turn right side out.

3B. Adding Facial Features

- Insert **safety eyes** securely.
- Embroider:
 - Nose (small triangle or oval)
 - Mouth (simple curved line)
 - Whiskers (straight stitches)

Tip: Use embroidery floss for a soft handmade look.

Step 4: Ears and Tail

4A. Ears

- Sew each ear pair **right sides together**.
- Turn right side out and press flat.
- Optionally topstitch edges.
- Attach ears to the top of the head before final closing.

4B. Tail

- Sew tail pieces together.
- Turn and lightly stuff.
- Attach to the back body panel later.

Step 5: Body Assembly

5A. Sewing the Body

- Sew the **two body front pieces together**.
- Sew the **two body back pieces together**.
- Place front and back right sides together and stitch around, leaving openings for:
 - Neck
 - Bottom (for turning and stuffing)

5B. Attaching the Tail

- Insert the tail into the seam at the back before closing.
 - Secure with stitching.
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Step 6: Foot Assembly

- Sew foot pieces together (top + bottom).
- Turn right side out.
- Lightly stuff.

Attach feet to the body bottom using hand stitching or machine stitching.

Step 7: Stuffing and Final Assembly

7A. Stuffing

- Stuff:
 - Head firmly
 - Body moderately (so it sits nicely)
 - Tail lightly

7B. Closing Seams

- Use **ladder stitch (invisible stitch)** to close openings neatly.

7C. Joining Head and Body

- Insert the head into the body neck opening.
- Hand stitch securely all around.

Step 8: Making the Hat (Optional)

8A. Hat Construction

- Sew hat body into a rounded shape.
- Attach brim to the bottom edge.
- Add decorative band (hair brim strip).

8B. Attaching Hat

- Lightly tack onto the head or leave removable.

Step 9: Heart Ornaments (Optional Detail)

9A. Making Hearts

- Cut heart shapes from fabric (e.g., red polka dot).
- Sew two pieces together, leaving a small gap.
- Turn and stuff lightly.

9B. Decorating

- Embroider words like:
 - “LOVE”
 - “HUGS”

9C. Attaching

- Tie hearts with string or jute.
- Attach to the plush’s hand or neck.

Final Finishing Touches

- Double-check all seams are secure.
- Adjust stuffing for shape.
- Trim loose threads.
- Add charm or pendant if desired.

You're Done!

You now have a fully handmade American-style patchwork cat plush! Each one will be unique depending on your fabric choices, making it a perfect gift or decorative keepsake. 😊