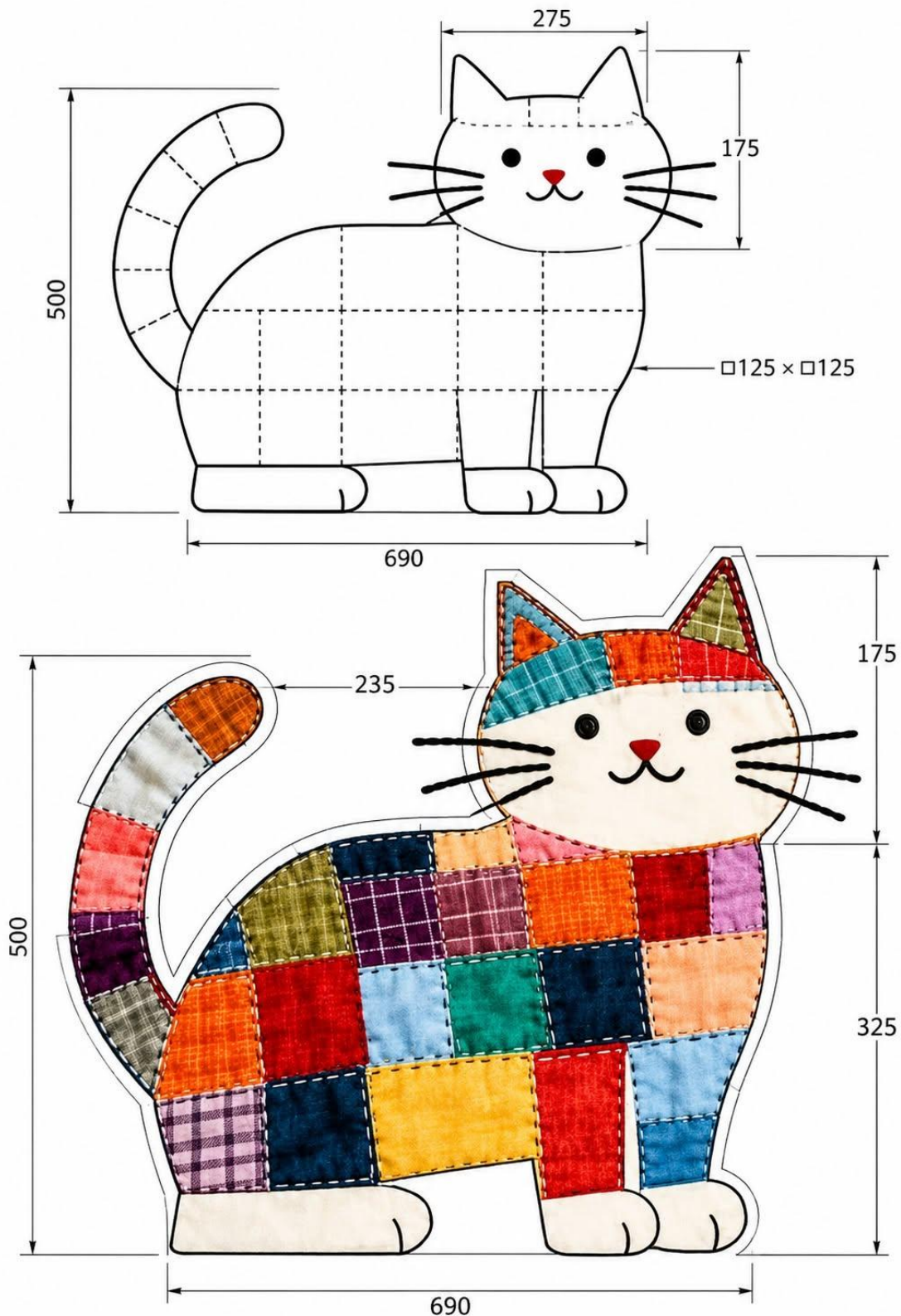


Patchwork Cat – Sewing & Quilt Tutorial

Create your own charming **Patchwork Cat** quilted decoration by following this complete sewing and quilting guide. This tutorial is based on the illustrated pattern and explains every step in detail using common **US quilting and sewing terminology**. All measurements are provided in **centimeters (cm)**, making it easy to reproduce the project accurately.

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The finished cat measures approximately:

- **69 cm wide**
- **50 cm tall** (including the tail)
- **32.5 cm tall** (head height)

All measurements include a **0.7 cm (¼") seam allowance**, unless otherwise noted.

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Materials and Tools

Before starting, gather all of your materials.

Fabrics

- Assorted quilting cotton fabrics for patchwork
- Cream or white quilting cotton for the face, paws, and border
- Small scraps for ears and tail
- Backing fabric
- Cotton quilt batting

Supplies

- Sewing machine
- Rotary cutter
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Fabric scissors
- Fabric marker or pencil
- Fine pins or quilting clips
- Iron and ironing board
- Hand sewing needle
- Matching thread
- Black embroidery floss
- Pink or red embroidery floss
- Safety pins (optional for basting)



Step 1 – Prepare the Fabric

Wash, dry, and press all fabrics before cutting.

This removes shrinkage and ensures the finished project remains flat after quilting.

Arrange your fabrics into a pleasing color palette before cutting. Mixing lights, mediums, and darks creates a balanced patchwork effect.

If using scraps, trim every piece so the grain remains as straight as possible.



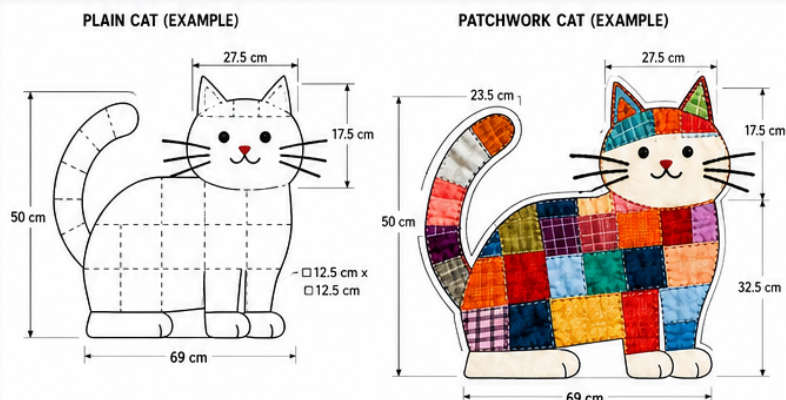
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FINISHED SIZE: 69 CM WIDE x 50 CM TALL (TAIL) / 32.5 CM TALL (HEAD)

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1. FINISHED SIZE & OVERALL DIAGRAM



2. MATERIALS AND TOOLS

FABRICS

- Assorted quilting cotton squares 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm
- White/cream fabric for face, paws and border
- Small pieces for ears and tail
- Background fabric (for backing)



TOOLS

- Sewing machine
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Iron and pressing mat
- Pins or clips
- Fabric marker or pencil
- Thread (matching fabrics)
- Needle



3. CUTTING GUIDE (IN CM)

A. BODY PATCHWORK (EXAMPLE LAYOUT)

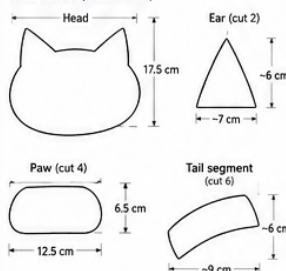
Cut 30 squares 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm for the body and tail.



B. OTHER PIECES

Piece	Fabric	Quantity	Size (cm)
Head	Cream	1	27.5 cm wide x 17.5 cm tall
Ears	Assorted	2	See template
Tail segments	Assorted	6	See template
Paws (front)	Cream	2	12.5 cm x 6.5 cm
Paws (back)	Cream	2	12.5 cm x 6.5 cm
Border (optional)	Cream	1	See note
Backing fabric	Any	1	75 cm x 55 cm
Batting	-	1	75 cm x 55 cm

TEMPLATES (Actual Size)



4. STEP-BY-STEP ASSEMBLY

1 PREPARE THE PATCHWORK SQUARES

Arrange the 30 squares (12.5 cm x 12.5 cm) as shown or in your own color layout.

Sew the squares together into 5 rows of 6 squares each.



2 ASSEMBLE THE BODY

Sew the 5 rows together to make the body panel. Press seams open.



4 ADD THE EARS

Cut 2 ear pieces (assorted fabrics).

Place right sides together and sew around edges. Turn right side out and press. Topstitch if desired.



5 ATTACH EARS TO HEAD

Place ears on top of head as shown. Pin and sew in place.



3 PREPARE THE HEAD

Place the head template on cream fabric. Cut 1 piece.

Add facial details:
• Eyes (buttons or embroidery)
• Nose (embroider or applique)
• Mouth (embroidery) ->
• Whiskers (embroidery)



6 ATTACH HEAD TO BODY

Align the head with the top of the body. Pin and sew around the neckline.



7 MAKE AND ATTACH THE TAIL

Sew the 6 tail segments together in order.

Sew tail to the left side of the body. Press seams.



8 ATTACH THE PAWS

Fold the paw pieces in half lengthwise.

Pin to the bottom of the body. Sew in place. Repeat for all 4 paws.



9 ADD BORDER (OPTIONAL)

Cut border strips 6.5 cm wide.

Sew around the outside of the cat. Press.



10 QUILT THE LAYERS

Layer: backing (wrong side up), batting, top (right side up). Pin or baste layers together. Quilt as desired (stitch in the ditch or free-motion).



11 TRIM AND BIND

Trim excess batting and backing.

Bind the edges with 6.5 cm wide binding strips. Sew, fold, and hand-stitch or machine-stitch the binding.



12 ENJOY YOUR PATCHWORK CAT!

Your handmade quilting project is ready to decorate your home or gift to someone special!

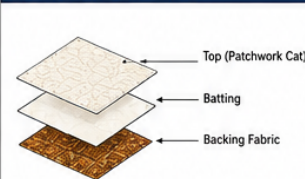


5. SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (US TERMS)

- **Seam Allowance:** 0.7 cm used throughout.
- **Quarter Inch Foot:** Helps maintain accurate seams.
- **Press Seams Open:** Reduces bulk in patchwork.
- **Applique:** Sewing smaller pieces onto a larger piece for decoration.
- **Topstitch:** Stitching on the right side for a decorative finish.
- **Quilt in the Ditch:** Stitch along seam lines to secure layers.
- **Binding:** Finishing the raw edges with fabric.



6. LAYERING DIAGRAM



7. TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Use 100% cotton quilting fabrics for best results.
- Press each seam for a flat, professional finish.
- Pin carefully around curves (ears, tail, paws).
- Take your time with the applique and quilting – it adds personality and durability.



Happy Sewing & Quilting!



Step 2 – Cut All Pieces

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Body Patchwork Squares

Cut:

- 30 squares
- 12.5 cm × 12.5 cm

These will become the body and most of the tail.

Head

Cut:

- 1 cream head using the template
- Finished width approximately 27.5 cm
- Height 17.5 cm

Ears

Cut:

- 2 ear shapes
- Use assorted fabrics or coordinate with the body

Tail Segments

Cut:

- 6 curved tail pieces using the template

Paws

Cut:

- 4 paw pieces
- Approximately 12.5 cm × 6.5 cm

Optional Border

Cut cream strips:

- 6.5 cm wide

These will frame the completed cat.

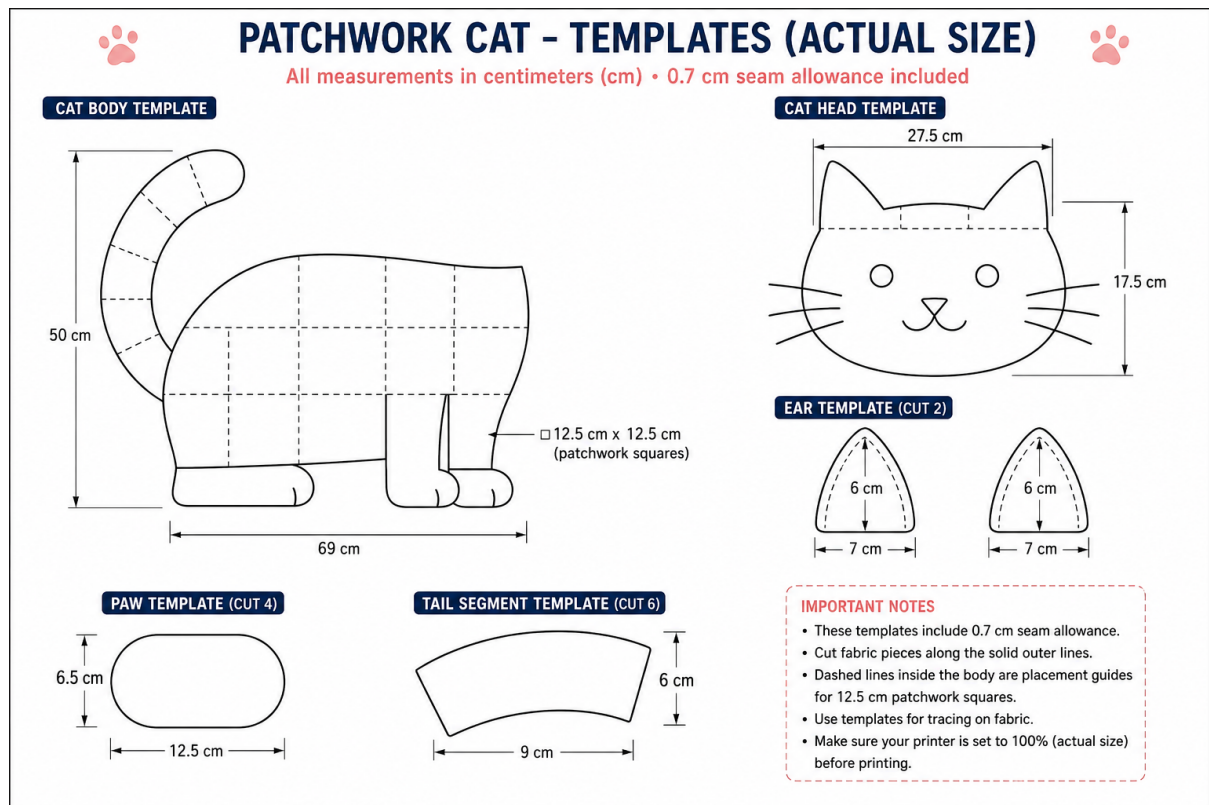
Backing and Batting

Cut:

- Batting: **75 cm × 55 cm**
- Backing Fabric: **75 cm × 55 cm**

Keep these pieces slightly larger than the finished project to allow trimming later.

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✂ Step 3 – Assemble the Patchwork Body

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Lay all **30 squares** on a table.

Arrange them into:

- **5 horizontal rows**
- **6 squares per row**

Move colors around until you are happy with the overall design.

Try not to place identical colors beside one another.

Mix:

- Prints
- Solids
- Florals
- Texture prints

The random appearance gives patchwork its handmade charm.



Step 4 – Sew the Rows



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Using a **0.7 cm seam allowance**, sew each row together.

Work one row at a time.

After finishing every row:

- Press seams flat.
- Alternate seam directions between rows.

This nesting technique makes intersections line up beautifully.

Repeat until all five rows are complete.



Step 5 – Join the Rows

Match seam intersections carefully.

Pin each row together.

Sew slowly to keep every square aligned.

After sewing:

Press the entire panel flat.

Your finished rectangle now forms the cat's body.



Step 6 – Make the Head



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Using the head template:

Cut one cream fabric head.

Prepare the facial features.

Eyes

You may use:

- Safety eyes
- Small black buttons
- Hand embroidery

Nose

Embroider using pink thread.

Mouth

Create a simple stitched smile.

Whiskers

Use:

- Black embroidery floss
- Thick quilting thread
- Thin cord

Whiskers may be stitched before attaching the head for easier handling.

Step 7 – Sew the Ears

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Place two matching ear fabrics right sides together.

Sew around the edges.

Leave the bottom open.

Trim seam allowances.

Turn right side out.

Push corners gently using a turning tool.

Press flat.

Repeat for the second ear.

Topstitch if desired.

Step 8 – Attach the Ears

Position the ears at the top of the head.

Angle them slightly outward for a playful appearance.

Pin securely.

Stitch across the bottom edge.

The ears will later be enclosed when attaching the head to the body.

Step 9 – Attach the Head to the Body

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Center the head along the top edge of the patchwork body.

Check symmetry before sewing.

Pin thoroughly.

Stitch around the neckline.

Press carefully.

The cat shape now becomes recognizable.

Step 10 – Construct the Tail

Arrange the six tail segments.

Alternate colors for visual movement.

Sew each curved section together.

Press seams open whenever possible.

Attach the completed tail to the left side of the body.

Match the curve naturally.

Secure with pins.

Sew carefully.

Step 11 – Make and Attach the Paws

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Fold each paw piece in half lengthwise.

Sew around the edges.

Turn right side out.

Press.

Position:

- Two front paws
- Two back paws

Align carefully with the bottom of the body.

Pin.

Sew into place.

Topstitch if desired.

Step 12 – Add the Optional Border

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For a decorative finish:

Cut **6.5 cm** wide cream strips.

Sew around the entire outside edge of the cat.

Miter the corners if preferred.

Press after attaching each strip.

This border helps define the cat shape beautifully.

Step 13 – Create the Quilt Sandwich

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Layer the project in this order:

Bottom:

- Backing fabric (right side down)

Middle:

- Quilt batting

Top:

- Patchwork cat (right side up)

Smooth every layer carefully.

Remove wrinkles.

Pin or baste the layers every 10–15 cm.

This prevents shifting during quilting.



Step 14 – Quilt the Project



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Choose your preferred quilting style.

Popular options include:

- Stitch in the ditch
- Straight line quilting
- Echo quilting
- Free-motion quilting
- Grid quilting

Begin quilting from the center outward.

This minimizes puckers.

Take your time around:

- Ears
- Tail
- Paws
- Face

Keep stitches consistent.



Step 15 – Trim the Quilt



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Once quilting is complete:

Trim excess batting.

Trim backing fabric evenly.

Use a rotary cutter and quilting ruler for clean edges.

Follow the cat's outline carefully.

Step 16 – Bind the Edges

Prepare binding strips.

Join strips together if necessary.

Fold binding in half lengthwise.

Attach to the front.

Wrap around the back.

Secure using:

- Hand stitching
- Machine stitching

Take extra care around curved areas.

Smooth binding produces a professional finish.

Optional Embellishments

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Personalize your Patchwork Cat with:

- Decorative embroidery
- Appliqué flowers
- Small bows
- Buttons
- Ribbon collars
- Fabric labels
- Decorative quilting motifs

These additions make every project unique.

Helpful Quilting Tips

- Always press after every seam.
- Measure twice before cutting.
- Use a fresh rotary blade.
- Pin generously around curves.
- Test stitch length on scrap fabric first.
- Keep seam allowances consistent.
- Use 100% quilting cotton for the best results.
- Square your blocks before assembly.
- Avoid stretching curved pieces while sewing.

- Quilt from the center toward the edges.



Display Ideas



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Your finished Patchwork Cat can become:

- Wall décor
- Nursery decoration
- Sewing room ornament
- Table accent
- Pillow front
- Quilt centerpiece
- Handmade gift
- Seasonal home decoration

Its colorful patchwork design complements both modern and traditional quilting styles.

Frequently Asked Questions

What seam allowance should I use?

Use a **0.7 cm (approximately ¼ inch)** seam allowance throughout the project unless a specific step indicates otherwise.

Can beginners make this project?

Yes. The construction uses simple patchwork squares, basic sewing techniques, appliqué, and straightforward quilting, making it suitable for beginners with some basic sewing experience.

What fabric works best?

High-quality **100% quilting cotton** is recommended because it presses well, sews accurately, and provides excellent durability.

Can I change the finished size?

Absolutely. Increase or decrease the size by enlarging the templates and adjusting the patchwork squares proportionally.

Should I wash the quilt afterward?

Yes. Wash gently in cold water using a mild detergent, then lay flat or tumble dry on low heat to preserve the quilt's shape.

Can I quilt it by hand?

Certainly. Hand quilting adds a traditional look and works beautifully for decorative wall hangings like this Patchwork Cat.

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This **Patchwork Cat Sewing & Quilt Tutorial** combines traditional quilting techniques with playful appliqué to create a charming decorative project. By carefully cutting your pieces, assembling the patchwork body, adding the head, ears, tail, and paws, then quilting and binding everything together, you can produce a beautiful handmade piece that reflects your own choice of fabrics and creativity. Take your time with each step, press carefully after every seam, and enjoy watching your colorful cat come to life.

If you enjoyed this tutorial, try experimenting with different fabric collections and color combinations to create your own unique Patchwork Cat. We'd love to hear about your experience—feel free to share your finished project and leave a comment with your favorite quilting tips or creative variations!

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