

Cat cushions made of patchwork.

COMPLETE TUTORIAL: CRAFTING YOUR US-QUILT-STYLE CAT PLUSH PILLOWS (All Dimensions in CM)

1. GINGER TABBY WITH FLORAL

STAGE 1: PATTERN & PREPARATION

STAGE 1: PIECING & APPLIQUÉ (P, A)

RST A (Turned-Edge Appliqué): Match RST and sew specific fabric pieces (e.g., Floral applique to body.)
P (Patchwork): Join varied fabric shapes together

STAGE 3: QUILTING THE PANELS (Q)

Pillow Top + Batting (4mm) (lilvk) Create quilt sandwich and hand-quilt in a 2cm grid, coordinating thread

Backings

STAGE 4: ASSEMBLY & FINISHING (F)

2. GREY GENTLEMAN WITH BOW TIE

STAGE 2: PATTERN & PREPARATION

STAGE 2: PIECING & APPLIQUÉ (P, A)

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STAGE 4: ASSEMBLY & FINISHING (F)

3. PATTERNED CALICO WITH PATCHES

STAGE 1: PATTERN & PREPARATION

STAGE 2: PIECING & APPLIQUÉ (P, A)

RST A (Turned-Edge Appliqué): Match RST and sew specific fabric pieces (e.g., Floral applique to body.)
P (Patchwork): Join varied fabric shapes together

STAGE 3: QUILTING THE PANELS (Q)

Pillow Top + Batting (8mm) (eick) Create quilt sandwich and hand-quilt in a 2cm grid, coordinating thread

Backings

STAGE 4: ASSEMBLY & FINISHING (F)

LEGEND OF KEY US SEWING & QUILT METHODS

All measurements specified in CM.

A APPLIQUE Stitching one fabric to another.	P PATCHWORK/ Joining varied fabric shapes together to form a block or top.
Q QUILTING Layering top, batting, and Backing, and stitching through all layers.	F FINISHING Standard seam finishes and closure.
RST RST - Right Sides Together	

COMPLETED PROJECT PREVIEW

Add standard detailed buttons or tags (e.g., 2cm diameter tag)

✂️ Materials & Tools You'll Need

- Cotton fabric (various prints for patchwork and appliqué)
- Batting (thin quilt batting)
- Backing fabric
- Thread (matching or contrasting for quilting)
- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Iron
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Stuffing (polyfill)

STAGE 1: Pattern & Preparation

Start by preparing all your fabric pieces according to the diagram.

Cat Body (All Versions)

- Height: approx. 48–49 cm
- Width: approx. 24–25 cm
- Base width: approx. 31–31.4 cm

Trace the cat body shape onto your fabric and cut:

- 1 front piece (design area)
- 1 backing piece

Additional Pieces

Ginger Tabby

- Left petal: 15 x 10 cm
- Checkerboard flap: 15 x 10 cm
- Appliqué oval: approx. 14 x 22 cm

Grey Gentleman

- Floral or suit panel pieces
- Bow tie and lapel shapes (varied small pieces around 2–6 cm wide)

Calico Cat

- Patterned patches (various shapes)
- Calico panel: 18 x 10 cm
- Floral circles: approx. 18 x 18 cm

 Tip: Leave about 1.5 cm seam allowance where indicated.


STAGE 2: Piecing & Appliqué (P, A)

This is where your design comes to life!

A: Turned-Edge Appliqué

- Fold edges of your appliqué shapes inward
- Pin onto the front body fabric
- Stitch carefully around edges (by hand or machine)

Examples:

- Floral belly for Ginger Tabby 

- Bow tie and suit for Grey Gentleman 🎩
- Patch shapes for Calico 🍷

P: Patchwork

- Join fabric shapes together to create panels
- Use a consistent seam allowance
- Press seams flat with an iron

👉 Keep shapes aligned to maintain the cat silhouette.

🧵 STAGE 3: Quilting the Panels (Q)

Now create the quilted texture.

Layering (Quilt Sandwich)

1. Top fabric (your decorated front)
2. Batting (8 mm thickness recommended)
3. Backing fabric

Quilting

- Quilt through all layers using a grid pattern (approx. 2 cm spacing)
- You can stitch straight lines or follow the design

👉 Use coordinating thread to enhance the look!

🧸 STAGE 4: Assembly & Finishing (F)

Now it's time to turn your quilt into a plush pillow!

Step 1: Join Front & Back

- Place front and backing **right sides together (RST)**
- Sew around the edges, leaving a small opening (about 2–3 cm)

Step 2: Clip Curves

- Carefully clip curves (especially around ears and sides)
- This helps the shape turn smoothly

Step 3: Turn Right Side Out

- Turn the piece inside out through the opening
- Push out corners and curves gently

Step 4: Stuffing

- Fill with polyfill stuffing evenly
- Shape the body to look smooth and firm

Step 5: Close Opening

- Hand stitch the opening closed using an invisible stitch

Final Touches

- Add a small tag (optional, approx. 2 cm)
- Lightly press if needed (avoid melting batting)
- Adjust stuffing for shape

Your Finished Cats

You now have three beautiful quilted cat plush pillows:

- A warm floral Ginger Tabby 🌻
- A classy Grey Gentleman 🎩
- A playful Calico full of personality 🐾

Each one is unique and full of charm!

Extra Tips

- Use scraps for a true patchwork look
- Try embroidery for eyes and whiskers
- Customize colors to match your home decor
- Make smaller versions for gifts or kids