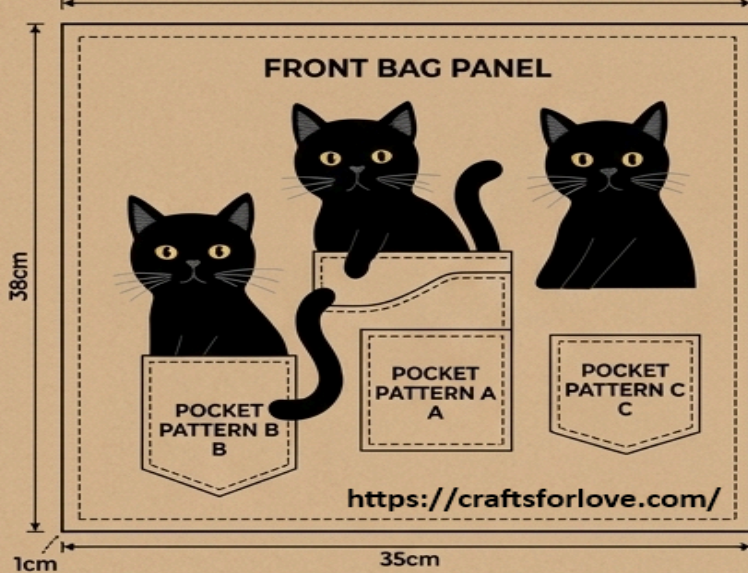


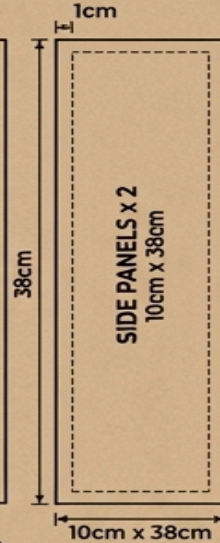
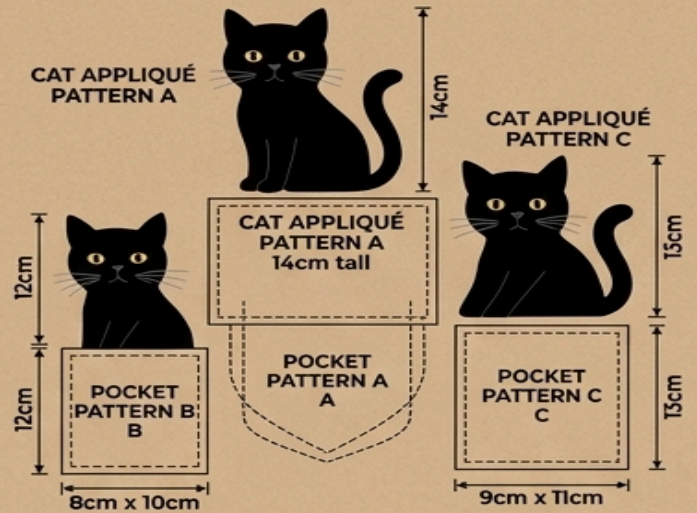
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CAT POCKET TOTE BAG PATTERN PIECES

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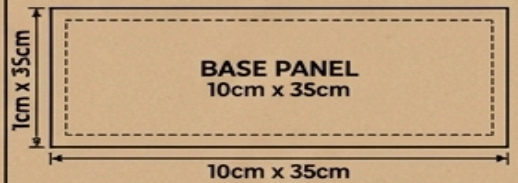
FRONT PANEL APPLIQUÉ & POCKET LAYOUT



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MATERIALS:

Denim fabric (various colors), black felt for cat appliqué, white thread for whiskers, vellors, yellow/gold felt for eyes, blue fabric for pouch detail, thread spools.



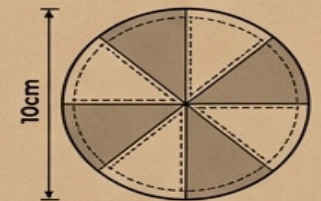
DETAIL APPLIQUÉ PATTERNS

CAT FACE DETAILS (enlarged view)



SMALL ACCESSORY PATTERNS

ROUND COASTERS PATTERN x 2



SQUARE POUCH PANEL PATTERN



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Create a charming Cat Pocket Tote Bag featuring three adorable cat appliqué pockets on the front. This beginner-friendly sewing project combines simple bag construction with appliqué techniques, making it perfect for cat lovers and handmade gift makers.

Materials Needed

According to the pattern diagram, gather the following supplies:

- Denim fabric or sturdy cotton fabric in various colors
- Black felt or black fabric for cat appliqués
- Yellow or gold felt/fabric for cat eyes
- Embroidery thread:
 - Black
 - White
 - Gray
- Sewing thread matching your fabrics
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Iron and ironing board
- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Optional fusible web for appliqué

Understanding the Pattern Pieces

Cut the following pieces:

Main Bag Pieces

Front Bag Panel

- 35 cm × 38 cm
- Cut 1

Back Bag Panel

- 35 cm × 38 cm
- Cut 1

Side Panels

- 10 cm × 38 cm
- Cut 2

Base Panel

- 10 cm × 35 cm

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- Cut 1

Handle Straps

Handle Straps

- 6 cm × 60 cm
- Cut 2

Cat Pocket Pieces

Pocket Pattern A

- Main center pocket
- Approximately 14 cm tall

Pocket Pattern B

- Left pocket
- 8 cm × 10 cm

Pocket Pattern C

- Right pocket
- 9 cm × 11 cm

Cat Appliqués

Cat Pattern A

- 14 cm tall

Cat Pattern B

- 12 cm tall

Cat Pattern C

- 15 cm tall

Tail Appliqué

- Length: 18 cm

Facial Details

Prepare eyes in three possible sizes:

Small:

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- 8 mm × 8 mm

Medium:

- 10 mm × 10 mm

Large:

- 12 mm × 12 mm

Choose the size that best fits each cat.

Cutting the Fabric

Place all pattern pieces on your fabric and trace carefully.

Cut:

- 1 front panel
- 1 back panel
- 2 side panels
- 1 base panel
- 2 handles
- 3 pocket pieces
- 3 cat body appliqués
- 1 cat tail appliqué

Add the **1 cm seam allowance** shown in the diagram where indicated.

Press all pieces flat before beginning assembly.

Preparing the Cat Appliqués

Cut the cat silhouettes from black felt or black fabric.

You should have:

- One Cat A
- One Cat B
- One Cat C
- One separate tail

Cut matching eye shapes from yellow or gold felt.

For each eye:

- Cut a yellow oval
- Add a narrow black vertical pupil

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Position the eyes on each cat and secure them with fabric glue, fusible web, or small hand stitches.

Embroidering the Cat Faces

Using black embroidery thread:

- Stitch a small nose
- Add a simple mouth

Using gray or white embroidery thread:

- Create whiskers extending from both sides of the face

Keep the whiskers delicate and even for the best appearance.

Preparing the Pocket Pieces

Fold the top edge of each pocket piece to the wrong side by approximately 1 cm.

Press firmly.

Fold again to create a clean hem.

Sew across the folded edge.

This creates a professional finished opening for every pocket.

Creating Pocket A

Pocket A forms the center pocket and works together with Cat A.

Place Pocket A below Cat A.

Align the lower portion of the cat so it appears to be sitting inside the pocket.

Pin carefully.

Do not sew the pocket onto the bag yet.

Set aside.

Creating Pocket B

Place Cat B behind Pocket B.

Position the pocket so the cat appears to be peeking out.

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Pin securely.

Set aside.

Creating Pocket C

Place Cat C behind Pocket C.

Align as shown in the pattern layout.

Pin securely.

Set aside.

Arranging the Front Panel Layout

Lay the Front Bag Panel flat on your work surface.

Using the placement guide shown in the pattern:

- Position Pocket B on the left side
- Position Pocket A in the center
- Position Pocket C on the right side

Arrange the cat appliqués so they sit naturally above the pockets.

Check spacing before sewing.

Once satisfied, pin everything in place.

Attaching the Cat Appliqués

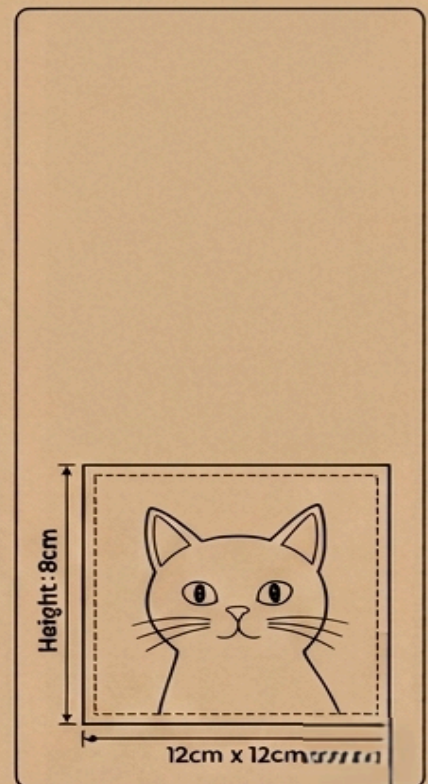
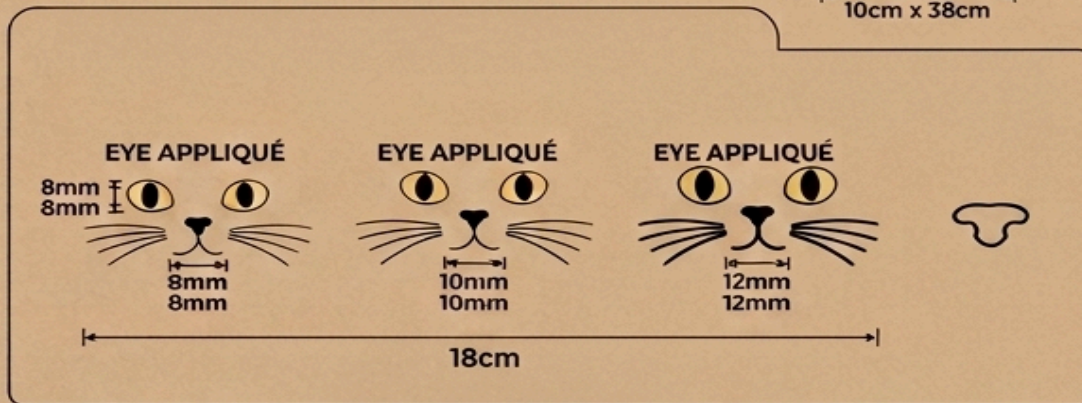
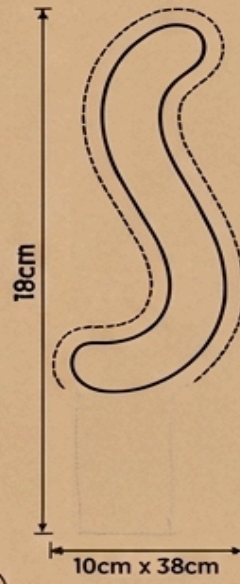
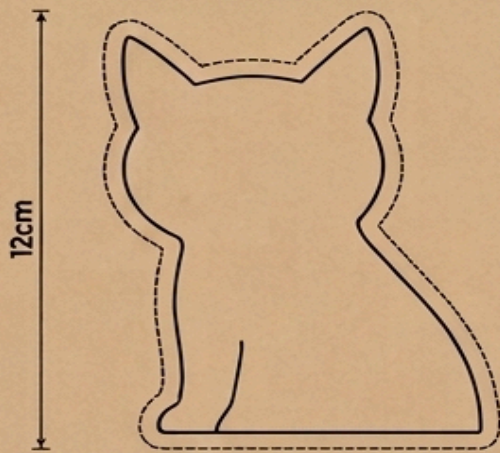
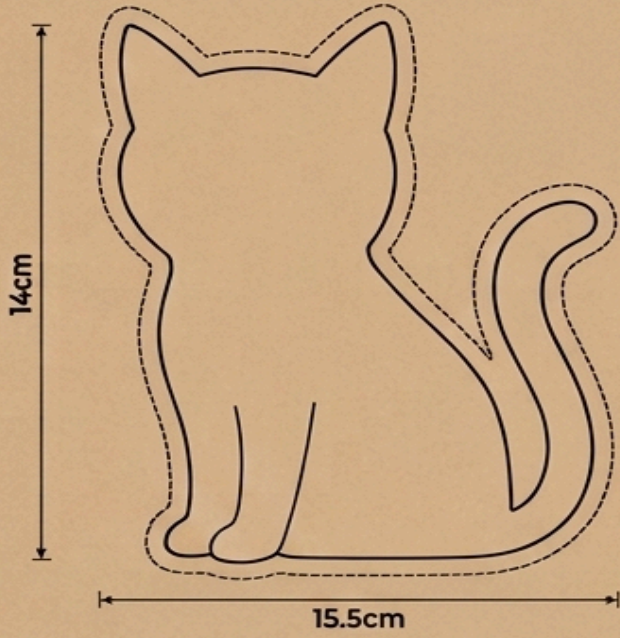
Topstitch around each cat shape.

Sew slowly around:

- Ears
- Head
- Body
- Curved edges

Leave the portions hidden behind the pockets unattached where necessary.

This creates the illusion that the cats are sitting inside the pockets.



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Adding the Tail Appliqué

Position the curved tail according to the pattern.

The tail may overlap slightly with Pocket A.

Pin carefully.

Topstitch around the entire tail.

Use small stitches for smooth curves.

Sewing the Pockets to the Front Panel

Sew around the sides and bottom of each pocket.

Leave the top edge open.

Backstitch at both ends.

The cats should now appear to be peeking out of functional pockets.

Preparing the Handle Straps

Take one 6 cm × 60 cm handle strip.

Fold it lengthwise in half.

Press.

Open it.

Fold both long raw edges toward the center crease.

Press again.

Fold in half once more.

Topstitch along both long sides.

Repeat for the second handle.

You now have two strong finished handles.

Attaching the Handles

On the Front Panel:

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Measure equal distances from each side edge.

Position one handle with the ends extending approximately 8 cm down from the top edge.

Pin securely.

Repeat on the Back Panel.

Sew a reinforced box or rectangle at each handle end.

This provides extra strength when carrying the bag.

Constructing the Bag Body

Place the Front Panel and one Side Panel right sides together.

Pin.

Sew using a 1 cm seam allowance.

Attach the second Side Panel to the opposite side.

Next:

- Sew the Back Panel to both side panels

You will now have a large loop.

Press all seams open.

Attaching the Base Panel

Pin one long edge of the Base Panel to the bottom of the Front Panel.

Continue pinning around:

- Front
- Side
- Back
- Opposite side

Match corners carefully.

Sew slowly around the entire base.

Clip corners if necessary.

Turn the bag right side out.

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Finishing the Top Edge

Fold the top edge inward by 1 cm.

Press.

Fold inward again by another 1 cm.

Press thoroughly.

Topstitch all the way around the bag opening.

This creates a neat, durable finish.

Final Pressing and Inspection

Give the entire bag a final press.

Check:

- Pocket openings
- Appliqué stitching
- Handle strength
- Side seams
- Bottom seams

Trim any loose threads.

Optional Matching Accessories ✨

The pattern also includes extra projects.

Round Coasters

Cut two circles approximately 10 cm in diameter.

Piece fabric wedges together as shown.

Layer, quilt if desired, and bind the edge.

Square Cat Pouch Panel

Create a 12 cm × 12 cm patchwork square.

Add a cat appliqué in the center.

Use it as:

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- A zipper pouch front
- A mini wallet
- A small accessory bag
- A decorative patchwork block

Finished Project

Your Cat Pocket Tote Bag is now complete. The three playful cat pockets create a whimsical design while still providing practical storage. The sturdy denim construction makes the bag perfect for everyday errands, library books, craft supplies, or as a thoughtful handmade gift for any cat lover. Enjoy showing off your unique handmade creation! 