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Cat Appliqué

Finished block measures 12 x 12 inches





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Requirements

Indigo fabric

Eight 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch squares
Four 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch rectangles

Blue fabric

Four 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch squares
One 8 1/2 x 8 1/2 inch square
Four 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch rectangles

Cream fabric

Four 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch squares
One 7 x 6 inch rectangle

Fusible web

7 x 6 inch rectangle

Aurifil threads

Appliqué – Shade 2312
Piecing - Shade 1310
Embroidery floss - Shades 2326 and 6010





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Instructions

1. **Prepare fabric:** Cut the indigo, blue and cream fabrics to the measurements listed in the requirements.
2. **Piecing.** The block is made up of five rows of simple piecing, rows 1 and 5 are the same, as are rows 2 and 4. The central row 3 includes the cat appliqué. Refer to the photograph below to help you position the fabrics correctly. A ¼ inch seam allowance is used throughout and I press my seams open, but do as you prefer.



Once you have pieced the five rows, stitch all the rows together, taking your time and pinning carefully to match the seams as best you can. Press well.



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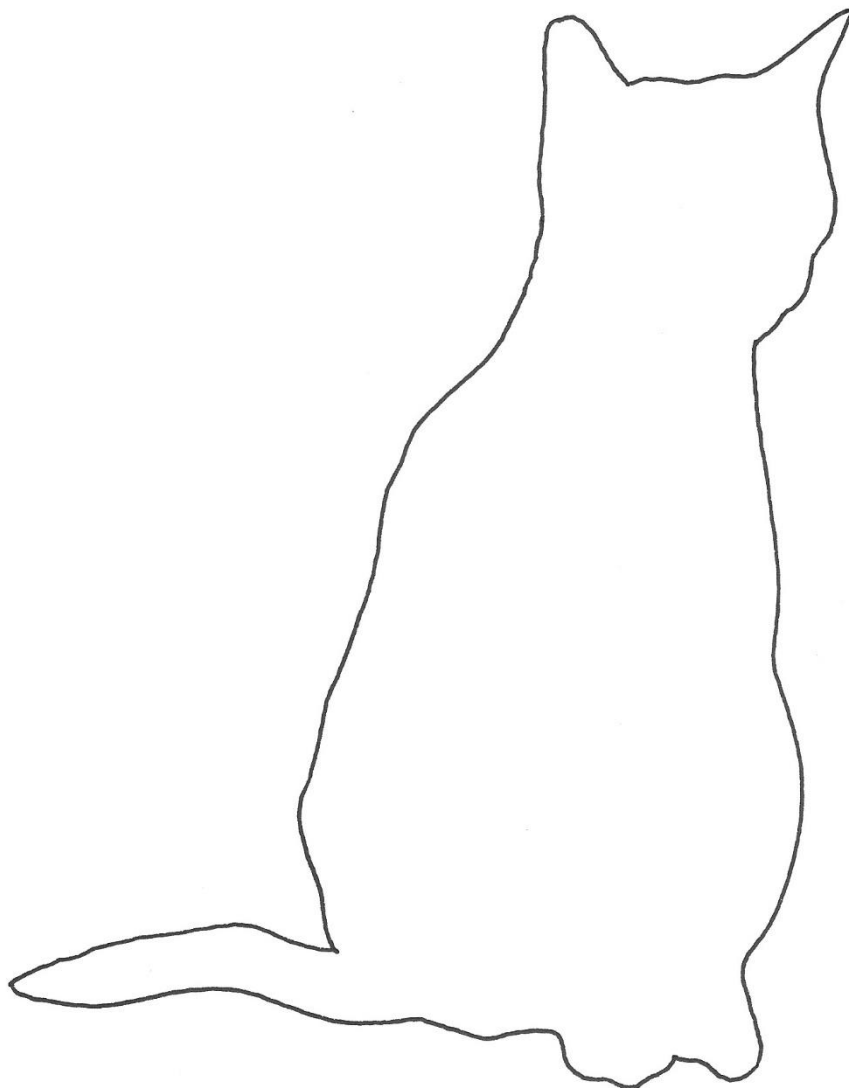
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- 3. Appliqué the cat:** My pattern is suitable for most forms of appliqué, just remember to add seam allowances for needle turn methods. I used fusible web for my appliqué.
Trace the cat appliqué template onto the paper side of the fusible web. Cut out with a small allowance all round. Now, iron this to the *back* of your cream fabric (following the manufacturer's instructions) then cut the appliqué out on the drawn lines.
Peel off the backing paper and put the cat in exactly the right place before you iron him to the background.
- 4. Stitch the appliqué:** Set your machine up for free motion quilting and using matching threads, stitch round the cat adding as much detail as you dare! Be confident - go on breathe life and energy into the appliqué! Change thread colour to add details as you wish. Follow the tutorial in the sewing tips section of my website: www.janetclare.co.uk.
- 5. Embroider:** Using back stitch and all six strands of embroidery floss carefully stitch the eyes, nose, mouth and other details of the cat. You can trace the features from the embroidery template onto a removable film (stitch 'n' tear for example) or trace directly onto the fabric using a removable fabric pen.
- 6. Admire:** And never, ever point out your mistakes!





Templates

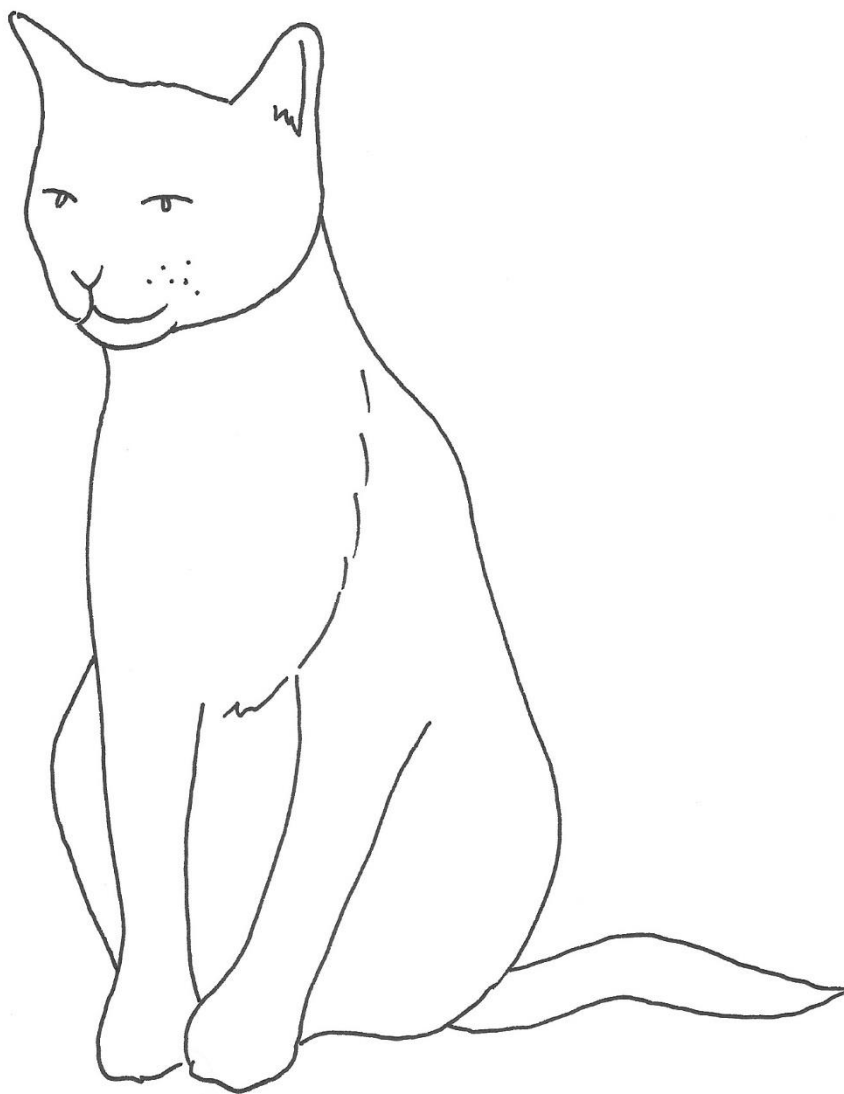


Appliqué Template



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Embroidery Template