

Calico Cat Ornament

This cut little cat makes a fun holiday ornament or gift tag. When completed, he's about 3½" tall.

Please read the entire pattern before beginning. All seam allowances are ¼-inch.

Step 1: Cut Out Cat Pieces

Make templates from the pattern pieces on Page 2. Select five different fabrics to use. Fold each piece with right sides together and use one template for each of the fabrics.

Trace the templates onto the fabric and cut the shapes out. You will have a four pieces for the front, four reversed pieces for the back, and two pieces for the tail.

Step 2: Sew & Stuff the Cat

For the front, follow *Diagram 1* and sew C to D, then B to C-D, then A to the cat body. Repeat for the back. Embellish the seams with fancy hand or machine embroidery stitches if you like.

Put the assembled cat front and back together, right sides matching. As in *Diagram 2*, begin stitching at the bottom of the cat, and sew all the way around, leaving a 1½" opening at the base where the tail will be attached.

Trim the seam allowances and clip the ears, curve of the back and the front foot. Turn the cat right side out and use the blunt end of a wooden skewer or similar tool to carefully push into the ears until they are turned completely and pointed.

Stuff the cat with stuffing. Insert the stuffed tail into the opening at the base of the cat and whip stitch the opening closed.

Sew the two pieces of tail, wrong sides together, leaving the end open. Turn right side out. Stuff lightly with stuffing.

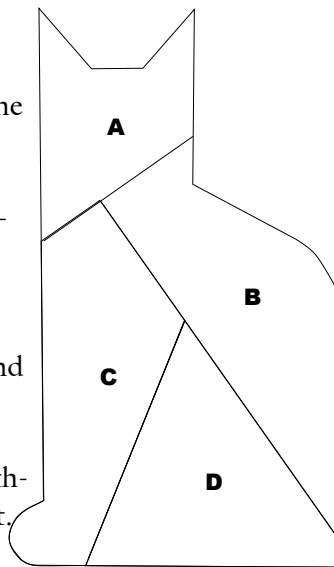


Diagram 1

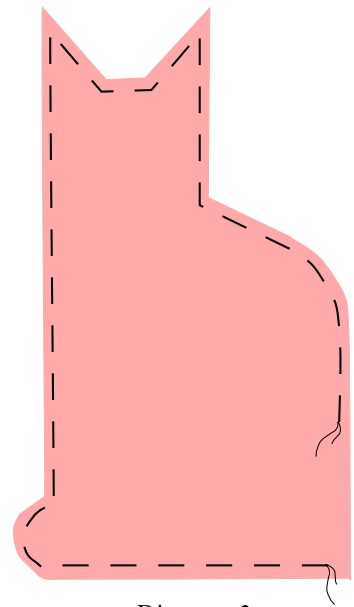
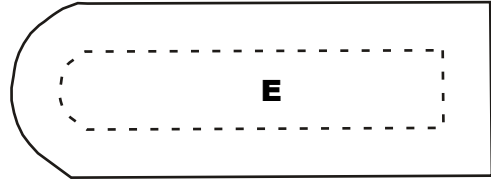
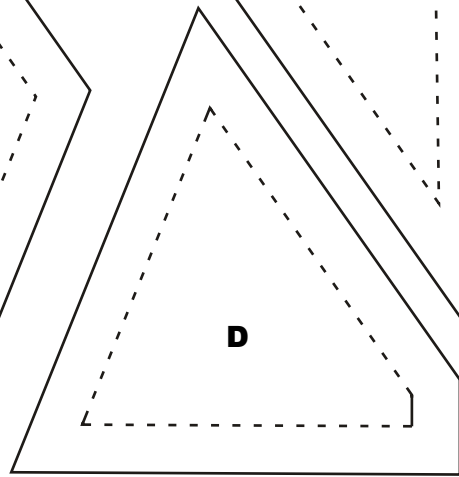
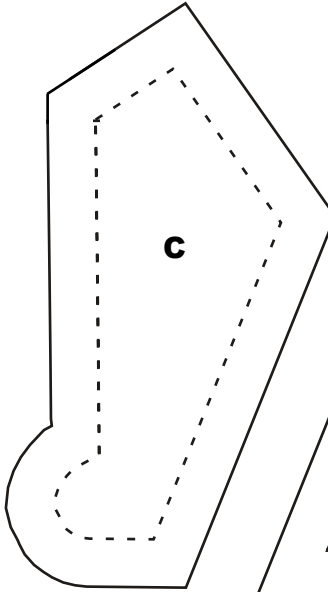
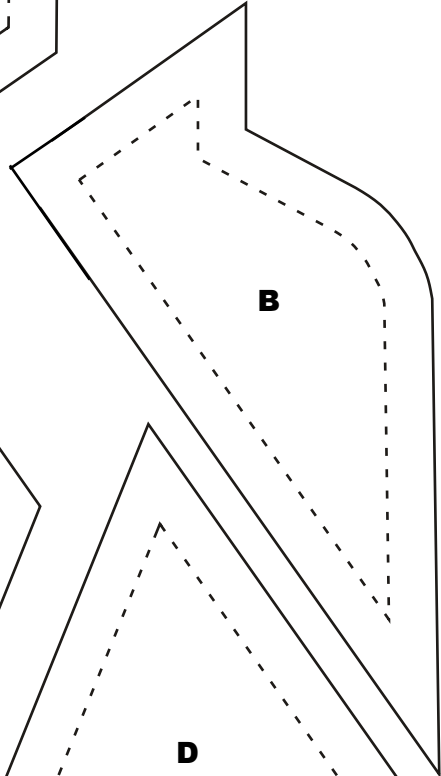
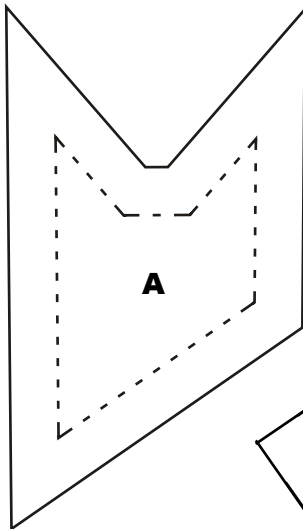
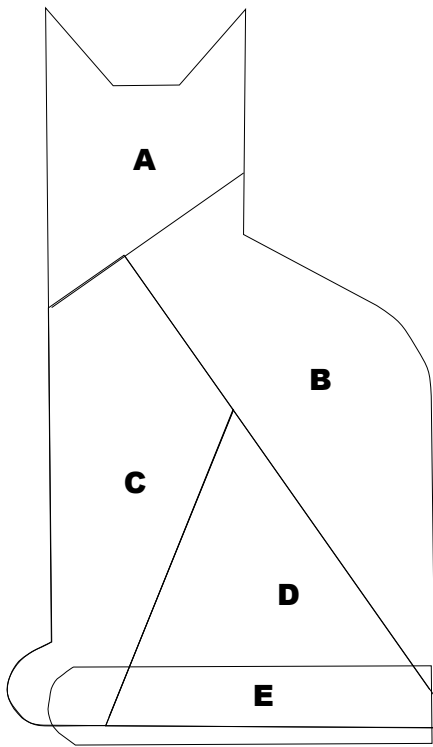


Diagram 2

Step 3: Finish the Cat

Bend the tail toward the front of the cat and tack it to the body. To finish, tie a narrow ribbon around the neck. Then thread a 10-inch piece of pearl cotton through the top of the head to form a hanging loop. Tie it off.





Template Size Check

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If you print this pattern at home, check to ensure that the above measures 2" from line to line. When enlarged, it should measure 4".