

Patchwork Cat Quilt

This detailed guide will walk you through creating a beautiful patchwork cat quilt from start to finish, based exactly on the diagram you provided. Even if you're a beginner, you'll be able to follow along and complete this project with confidence ✂️🧵

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LEGEND: KEY SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (US & General)

- HAND EMBROIDERY**
(used for eyes/whiskers)
- MACHINE PATCHWORK**
(assembling fabric grid)
- QUILT SANDWICH**
(top, batting, backing)
- FREE-MOTION QUILTING (FMQ)**
(quilt lines around shapes)
- APPLIQUE**
(method for attaching the cat - can be hand- or machine-stitched)

DIMENSION CONVERSION (in inches for reference)

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PATCHWORK CAT: STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

- 1 PATTERN PREPARATION**

TRACE & CUT BASE
(approx. 900x500 CM fabric)
- 2 PIECE CUTTING**

SQUARE DIMENSIONS
Small squares: ~20 CM x 20 CM
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Tail segments: ~15-25 CM
Tail segments: varying ~15-25 CM
- 3 PATCHWORK ASSEMBLY**

MACHINE-STITCH SQUARES to match pattern grid
PRESS SEAMS OPEN
- 4 HAND-STITCHED DETAILS**

ADD EMBROIDERED EYES & WHISKERS
- 5 LAYERING & QUILTING**

PATCHWORK TOP
BATTING
FREE-MOTION QUILT AROUND CAT SHAPE
BACKING
ECHO QUILT AROUND OUTER EDGE
- 6 FINISHED ARTWORK**

890 (approx. 22.6 M in length overall) ~22800 CM

Step 1: Pattern Preparation

Start by preparing the base pattern for your cat.

First, take a large piece of paper (or pattern paper) and draw the full cat shape. According to the diagram, the finished cat measures approximately **500 mm (19.7 inches) wide and 380 mm (15 inches) tall**, with the tail reaching about **500 mm (19.7 inches) high**.

Lightly sketch a grid across the cat's body. This grid will guide your patchwork placement. The grid does not need to be perfectly exact, but try to keep the proportions consistent so your squares align nicely later.

Once your drawing is complete, place it over your fabric and trace the outline. Add about **½ inch seam allowance** around the entire shape before cutting.

You now have your base fabric cut in the shape of the cat 🐾

Step 2: Piece Cutting

Now it's time to prepare your colorful patchwork pieces.

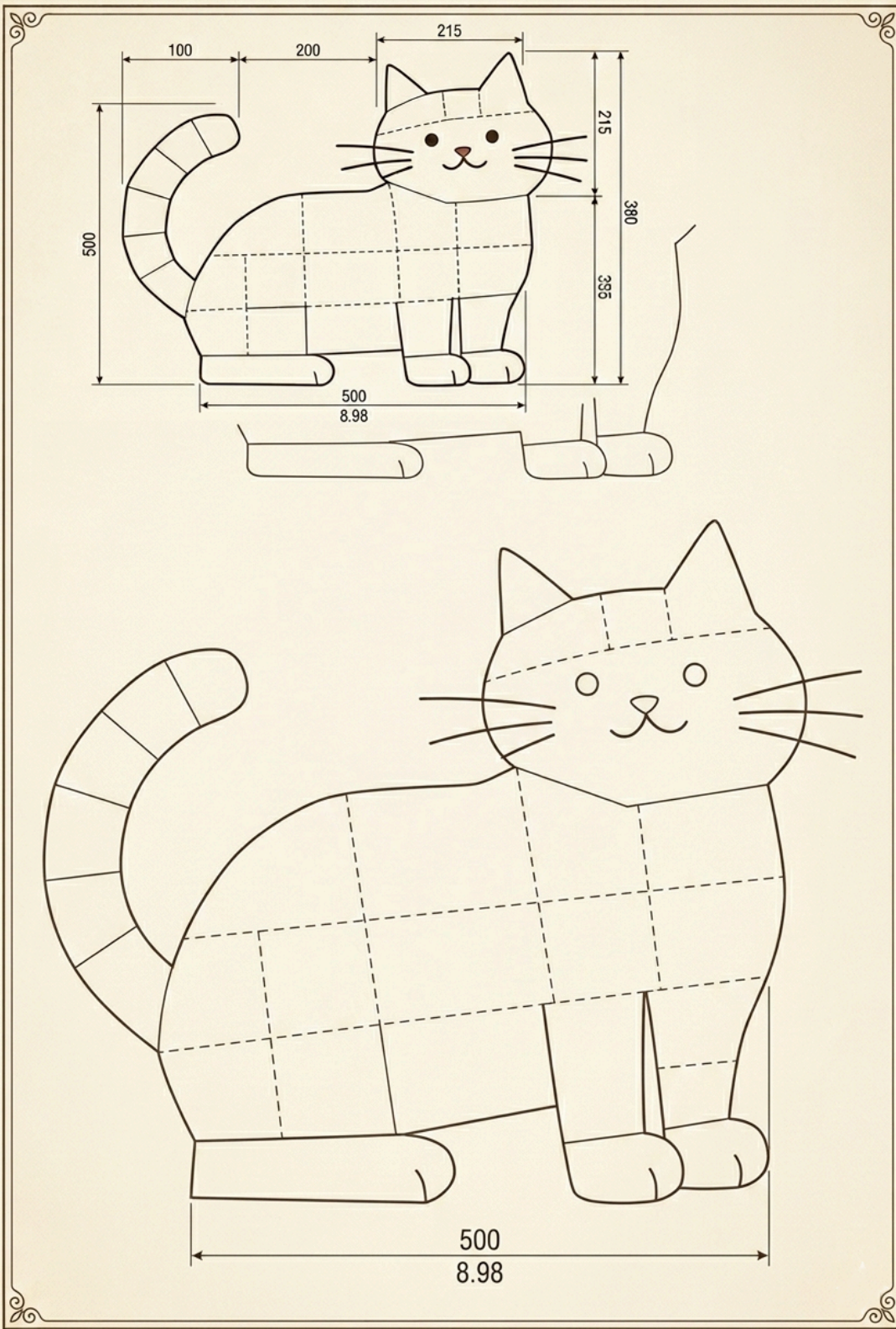
You will cut small fabric squares and tail segments as follows:

- **Body squares:** approximately **2" x 2" (5 cm x 5 cm)**
- **Additional small squares:** also around **2" x 2"**
- **Tail segments:** varying sizes between **6" to 10" (15–25 cm)** long, curved to match the tail shape

Choose a variety of fabrics in different colors and patterns to create that vibrant patchwork look 🎨

Lay out your squares following the grid you drew earlier on the cat body. Arrange them until you're happy with the color balance and distribution.

For the tail, arrange curved segments in alternating colors or patterns to give it a playful striped effect.



Step 3: Patchwork Assembly

Now begin sewing your patchwork pieces together.

Start by joining the small squares into rows. Place two squares **right sides together**, sew along one edge using a $\frac{1}{4}$ **inch seam allowance**, then press the seam open with an iron.

Continue joining squares until you complete each row. Then sew the rows together to form a full patchwork panel large enough to cover the cat's body.

Once your panel is complete:

- Place it over your cat base shape
- Trim the patchwork to match the cat outline

For the tail, sew the curved segments together carefully, aligning edges as closely as possible.

Press all seams open to keep the quilt flat and neat ✨

Step 4: Hand-Stitched Details

Now let's bring your cat to life with facial details.

Using hand embroidery:

- Stitch the **eyes** using small black circles (French knots or satin stitch work well)
- Create the **nose** with a small triangle in pink or red
- Stitch the **mouth** with simple curved lines
- Add **whiskers** using straight stitches extending outward from the nose

Take your time here—these details give personality to your cat 🐱

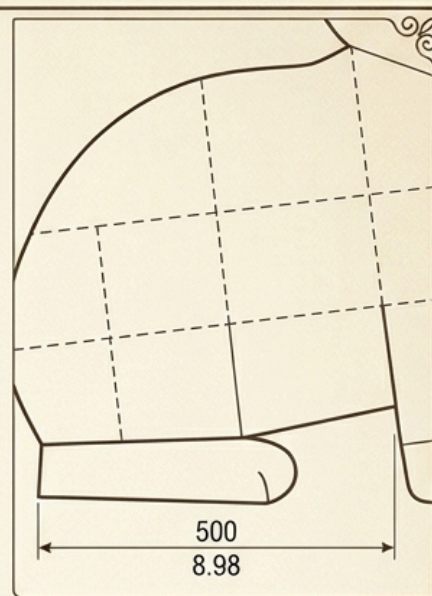
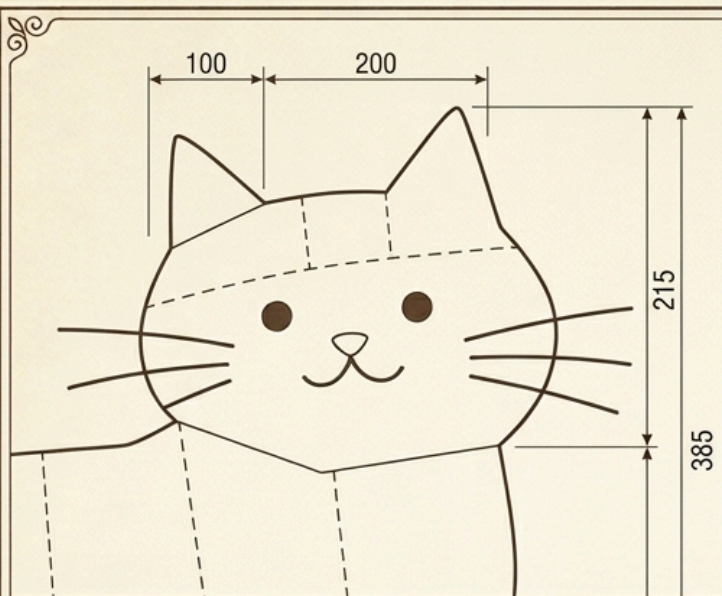
Step 5: Layering & Quilting

Now you'll create the quilt "sandwich."

Layer your materials in this order:

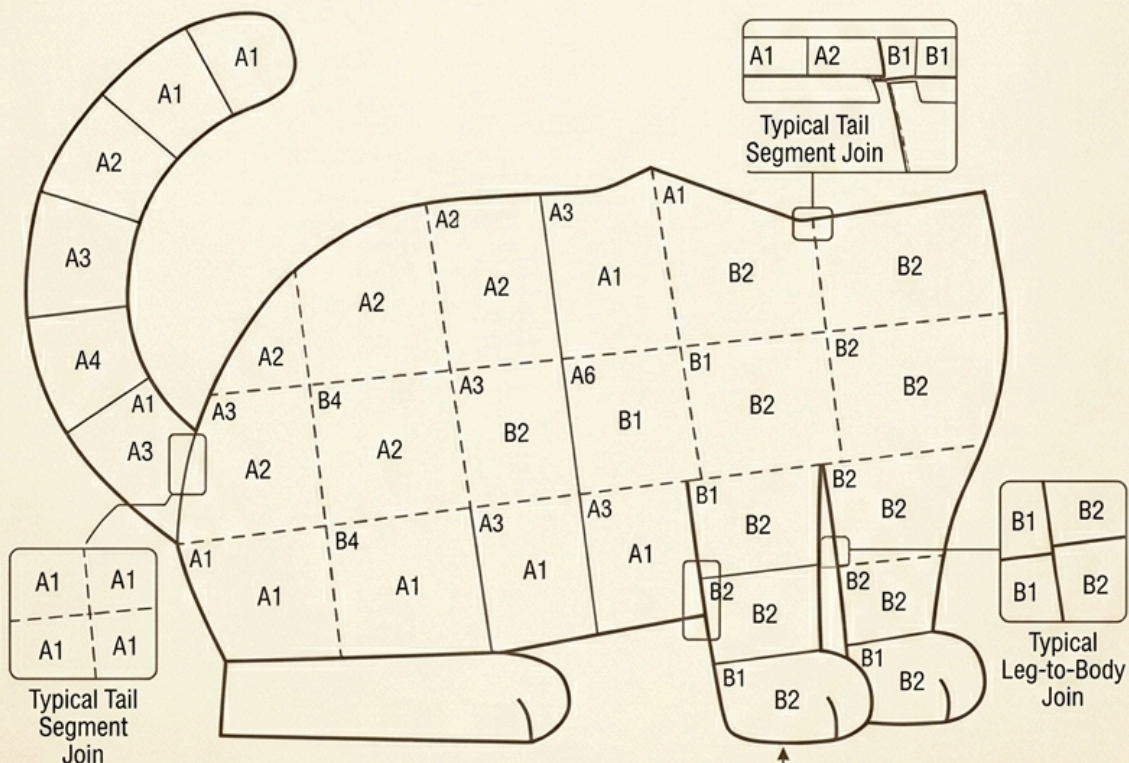
1. **Backing fabric** (bottom layer, right side facing down)
2. **Batting** (middle layer for softness)
3. **Patchwork top (cat shape)** (right side facing up)

Smooth out all layers to remove wrinkles.



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GRID SPACING:
1 grid unit = 100 base units

ASSEMBLE BY FOLLOWING
NUMERICAL GRID ORDER

Next, begin quilting:

- Use **free-motion quilting (FMQ)** to stitch around each patchwork square
- Quilt along the seams or create decorative patterns inside each square
- Follow the outline of the cat shape with stitching

Finally, add an **echo quilt line** around the outer edge of the cat (about $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the edge) to define the shape clearly

✨ Step 6: Finished Artwork

To finish your quilt:

- Trim any excess batting and backing fabric
- Bind the edges using bias binding or a simple folded edge finish
- Give everything a final press with your iron

Your patchwork cat should now measure approximately:

- **Body length:** ~20 inches (500 mm)
- **Height:** ~15 inches (380 mm)
- **Tail height:** ~20 inches (500 mm)

You now have a fully finished patchwork cat quilt 🐱💕



Final Tips

- Use cotton fabric for easier sewing and durability
- Always press seams as you go for a professional finish
- Take your time aligning pieces—accuracy makes a big difference
- Practice free-motion quilting on scrap fabric before starting