SEW • APPLIQUÉ • ORGANIZE

Cat Pocket Pillow

A dimensional, illustrated guide to the two-cat design.



A cheerful home for your remotes

Create an ivory pillow with a lemon-yellow cat, a dusty-rose cat, contrasting belly appliqués and a matching yellow lower band. Each cat is a separate lined pocket with an open top.

Finished size: approximately 43 × 43 cm (16.9 × 16.9 in). Level: confident beginner. Construction: appliqué and lined pockets on a sewn pillow; optional light quilting.

Pattern note: the supplied references disagree on several sizes. This guide uses 45 cm pillow cut squares and the 14 × 28 cm / 13 × 27 cm cat outlines. It reconstructs the visible design; the original pattern and a sewn test sample are not available.

Materials & cutting

Use centimeters for accuracy; inch conversions are approximate.

Gather 0.6 m of 110 cm-wide ivory cotton or linen blend; a 45 × 60 cm yellow cotton piece; 20 × 35 cm pink cotton; 15 × 15 cm purple cotton or felt; and 35 × 40 cm lightweight lining. Add matching sewing thread, black embroidery floss, light fusible web for cotton appliqués, washable marker, ruler, paper, pins, scissors and a machine needle suitable for the fabric.

For filling, have approximately 300–500 g polyester fiberfill and adjust firmness to taste. Optional: a 47 × 47 cm piece each of thin batting and muslin for a quilted front. Use embroidered eyes, or four securely sewn 1 cm buttons for an adult-use pillow.

PIECE	CUT SIZE (CM)	QUANTITY
Ivory front and back	45 × 45	2 total
Left cat: yellow + lining	14 wide × 28 tall	1 of each
Right cat: pink + lining	13 wide × 27 tall	1 of each
Left belly: purple	10 wide × 11 tall	1
Right belly: yellow	9 wide × 10 tall	1
Noses: felt / fused cotton	3 wide × 2.5 tall	2 triangles
Yellow lower band	45 × 12	1

Seam allowances are already included: 1 cm on the pillow; 6 mm on the cat outlines. Belly and nose dimensions are finished raw-edge appliqué sizes: do not add a seam allowance. Prewash, dry and press cotton before cutting.

This version has a stuffed, hand-closed back. The extra 45 × 8 cm and narrow strips shown on the supplied overview are not needed. Do not combine those strips with this cutting list.

SEE MORE FREE PATTERN
BY CLICKING HERE.

Draft the cat shapes

The final overview is a reference sheet, not a full-size cutting template.

Draw a 14 × 28 cm rectangle on paper for the yellow cat. Use its lower-left corner as (0, 0); x measures right and y measures upward. Mark these outer cutting-line points, in centimeters, and join them in order:

(0,0) → (14,0) → (13.2,28) → (9.7,23.5) → (4.3,23.5) → (0.8,28) → (0,0). Soften the ear tips and bottom corners slightly. Keep the central forehead almost flat. These coordinates reproduce the tall, tapered silhouette.

For the pink cat, draw a 13 × 27 cm rectangle. Join (0,0) → (13,0) → (12.2,27) → (9,22.8) → (4,22.8) → (0.8,27) → (0,0). Smooth the same corners. Mark a grainline parallel to the center of each cat.

Draw a stitching line 6 mm inside each cat outline. Mark a 5 cm turning gap at the center of the bottom edge. Cut one outer and one lining from each template. After turning, the cats measure approximately 12.8 × 26.8 cm and 11.8 × 25.8 cm.



Belly shapes: draw a 10 × 11 cm rectangle; replace its top 5 cm with a semicircle of radius 5 cm, leaving straight sides below. For the smaller belly, use a 9 × 10 cm rectangle and a 4.5 cm radius. Keep both bottom edges straight.

Before cutting fabric: test the paper shapes against the pillow square and your remotes. The lined openings are narrow; enlarge the cat width before cutting if the intended item will not fit comfortably. Copy any width change to its lining.

Faces & belly appliqués

Decorate the outer fabric only, before adding the lining.



1. Position the bellies. Center the purple dome on the yellow cat and the yellow dome on the pink cat. Place each belly bottom 1.5 cm above the raw cat bottom. Keep the appliqué clear of the 6 mm outer seam.

2. Secure the fabric. For cotton, apply lightweight fusible web according to its instructions, protect the iron and fuse without stretching. Sew around every belly edge with a narrow zigzag or blanket stitch. Felt can be pinned and stitched without fusible web.

3. Mark the faces. Place two eyes about 3 cm below the dipped forehead edge, centered as a pair about 3 cm apart. Place the nose centrally below them, point downward. Draw a short vertical mouth stem and two curved smiles; add three whiskers on each cheek.

4. Stitch the details. Use two or three strands of black floss and backstitch for whiskers and mouth. Satin-stitch the eyes or attach the four buttons. Appliqué each nose with small close stitches. Knot all thread ends on the reverse.

Keep the face entirely below the top seam and above the belly. Check both cats together for balanced expressions. If children may use the pillow, embroider all facial details and omit buttons.

Line & turn each cat

The lining gives a neat, durable edge around the ears and opening.



5. Pair the layers. Put a decorated cat and its matching lining right sides together. Match the ears, sides and bottom; pin. Sew 6 mm from the raw edge around the whole shape, leaving the marked 5 cm bottom gap. Backstitch at both ends.

6. Clip carefully. Trim the ear-tip seam allowances to about 3 mm without cutting stitches. Clip inward corners at the forehead so they can spread when turned. Make tiny notches in curved areas and reduce bulk at the bottom corners.

7. Turn and press. Turn through the bottom gap. Ease the ears out with a blunt point turner; do not force scissors into them. Roll the seams so the lining stays just behind the outer edge. Press and fold the gap edges inward by 6 mm.

8. Finish the opening edge. Topstitch 2–3 mm from the finished top contour, from one outer ear tip over the dipped forehead to the other ear tip. This joins outer fabric to lining only. Slipstitch the bottom turning gap closed. Repeat for the second cat.

The pocket forms later, between the lined cat and the pillow front. Do not sew across the forehead or ears when attaching the cat to the pillow, or the opening will be sealed.

Attach cats & lower band

Measure placements from the raw edges of the 45 cm front square.



9. Prepare the base. Optional quilting: layer ivory front, thin batting and muslin; baste and quilt a 5 cm grid. Quilt before attaching pockets, then trim back to exactly 45 × 45 cm. For the smoother reference look, use the front square without batting.

10. Position both cats. Set the finished cat bottoms 5 cm above the front raw bottom. Set the yellow cat left edge 7 cm from the raw left side; set the pink cat left edge 25 cm from the raw left side. Keep them upright and pin flat.

11. Make functional pockets. Stitch 2–3 mm from each finished side and bottom edge, starting just below one outer ear tip, down that side, across the bottom and up the other side. Leave the entire top contour free from the base. Backstitch at the two top attachment points. Test each pocket with a remote.

12. Fold the band. Fold the 45 × 12 cm yellow strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, to make a 45 × 6 cm band. Press. Topstitch 3 mm below the fold. Place it across the front with both raw long edges aligned to the pillow raw bottom; its fold sits 6 cm above that edge.

13. Baste in place. Baste the band sides and bottom 5 mm from the raw edges. Leave its folded top open. It covers the lowest 1 cm of each cat. The pillow seam will enclose the raw edges; the visible band will be about 5 cm tall. Do not stitch its top across the cat pockets.

Sew, fill & enjoy

Check the pocket openings before closing the pillow.



14. Join the pillow. Place front and back right sides together, matching all four sides. Pin securely through the band at the bottom. Sew with a 1 cm seam, leaving a 14–16 cm turning opening centered on the bottom. Backstitch at the gap ends.

15. Turn and fill. Trim corner seam allowances diagonally, keeping clear of the stitches. Turn through the opening. Gently shape the corners and press the outer seams. Add small handfuls of fiberfill, filling corners first. Keep the pillow softly firm so the pockets remain easy to use.

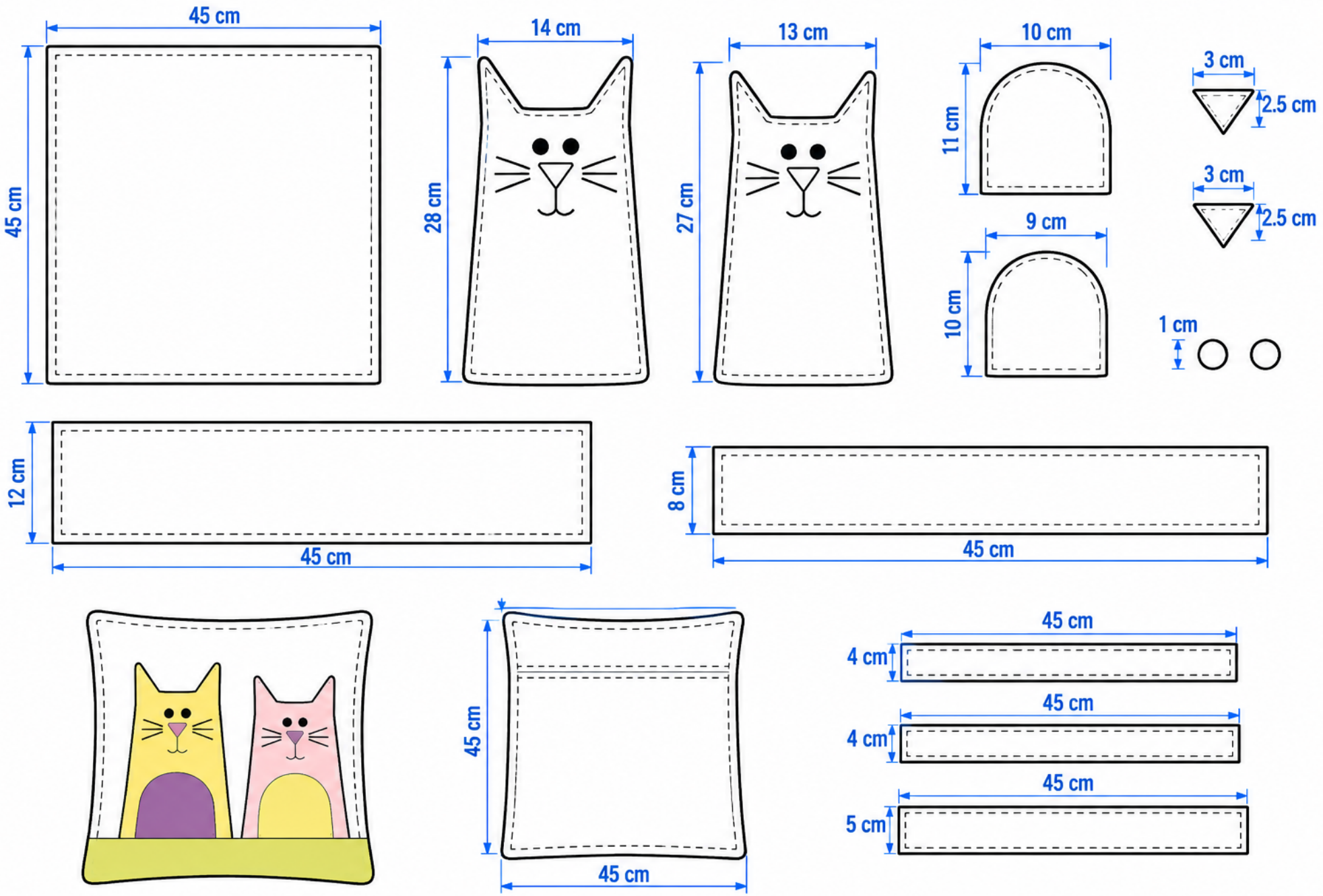
16. Close neatly. Turn the opening allowances inward by 1 cm, keeping the band aligned with the lower edge. Close with small ladder stitches, alternating between the two folded edges. Knot and bury the thread end inside.

Final inspection. Both cat tops must lift away from the base. The sides and bottoms must be secure, ears neat, and embroidery ends hidden. Remove every pin. Put one remote in each pocket and check that the pillow does not tip forward.

Care and adjustments. Remove remotes before cleaning. Follow the most restrictive fabric, filling and fusible care instructions; spot-clean when uncertain and dry completely. If a pocket puckers, unpick the attachment and resew without stretching. If an opening is tight, widen the paper pattern before making a replacement cat.

Printing the final page: it contains only the supplied pattern overview plus the requested footer. Print in landscape as a measurement reference. Its pieces use different drawing scales, so a single enlargement cannot make them all full size. Draft using page 3 and cut rectangles from the measurements on page 2.

SEE MORE FREE PATTERN
BY CLICKING HERE.



AFP Created by AllFree Patterns

SEE MORE FREE PATTERN
BY CLICKING HERE.