Making a Felt Cat

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This project contains patterns for three sizes of cats. One cat for Florabunda or other $6\frac{1}{2}$ " to 9" (17 to 23 cm) small dolls; one cat for Kitty or other 18" (46 cm) dolls; and one cat for you.

Tools: Scissors, a needle, a pen for marking eyes, nose, and whiskers a copy of the free download "Florabunda's Tools and Tips." and a stuffing tool such as a chopstick. A thimble and needle threader are handy if you like them and tweezers or a hemostat are helpful for stuffing, if you have them.

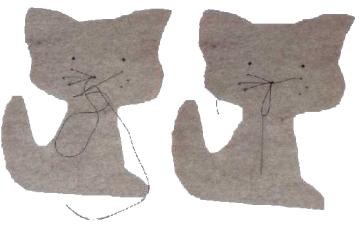


Supplies: "Cat" colored felt, matching thread, (You can use contrasting thread, if you like.) black thread for whiskers (If you make a black cat use white thread.), polyester stuffing, glue, wiggle-eyes, and a pompom for each nose-- Florabunda's cat uses 7mm wiggle eyes and a 7 mm pompom for the nose. Kitty's cat uses 10 mm eyes and 12 mm nose pompom. Your cat uses 15 mm eyes and a 19 mm pompom nose. You can experiment with different sizes eyes and nose, if you like.

How to Make a Felt Cat:

- 1. Clip out the cat pattern in the size that you want to make. Cut out two felt cats using the pattern. For Florabunda's cat, small scissors are better than dressmakers scissors.
- 2. On one cat piece, mark the eye and nose placement with a dot. Mark the end of each whisker with a dot. Make the eye dots a little larger than the nose and whisker dots. See "Florabunda's Tools and Tips" for marking tips. Mark "leave open" with two pins.
- 3. Sew the whiskers on the marked piece before sewing the two pieces together. Start at the nose dot. Make a long stitch to a whisker dot. Push the needle all the way through the felt to the back of the cat piece. Bring the needle back through the nose dot to sew the next whisker.





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Match the two cat pieces. Sew around the cat to sew the pieces together. Start at one leave open pin. Stop sewing at the other pin. Sew the bottom of the ears. The dotted lines on the pattern show you where to sew.





5. Stuff the cat through the open area.



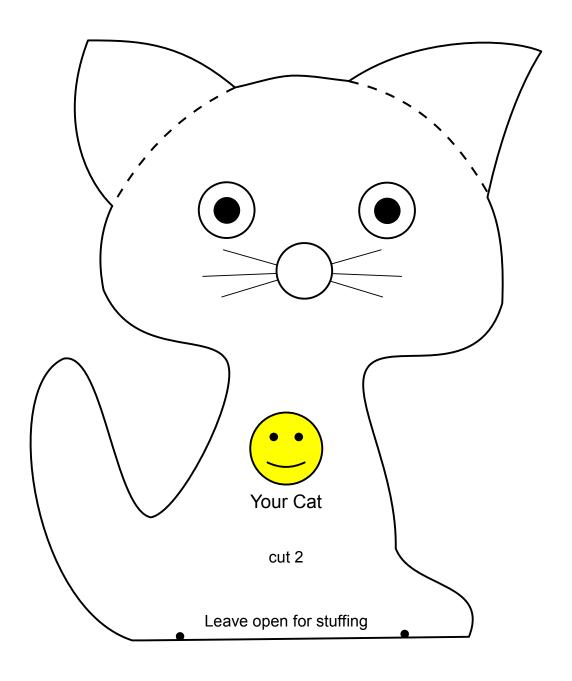
6. Sew the stuffing area closed.



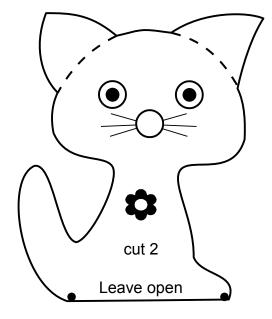
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7. Glue on the eyes and nose.





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Florabunda's Cat

