

Little Cat Potholder



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Materials

- 40cm fabric A: backing, binding and border
- Fat Eighth fabric B: solid black fabric
- Fat Eighth fabric C: solid grey fabric
- Fat Eighth fabric D: solid white fabric
- Fat Eighth fabric E: background fabric

tip: What is a Fat Eighth? It is a very useful pre-cut of fabric which you can buy quite cheaply (useful when you are building a stash) and it measures 23cm x 56cm.

- 30cm #279 80/20 cotton mix wadding

tip: If you have sewn [our oven glove](#), you can use an offcut from this.

Cutting

From fabric A:

- Backing- a square 27cm x 27cm
- Binding- 3.5cm wide x 90cm long
- Sashes- 2x 3cm wide x 20cm long (top and bottom) and 2x 3cm wide x 23cm long (left and right)

From fabric B:

- 2 squares 4cm x 4cm (eyes)
- 1 square 5cm x 5cm (nose)

From fabric C:

- 6 squares 5cm x 5cm
- 4 squares 6.5cm x 6.5cm
- 2 rectangles 4cm wide x 7cm long (eyes)
- 2 squares 4cm x 4cm (eyes)

From fabric D:

- 3 squares 5cm x 5cm
- 1 square 6.5cm x 6.5cm
- 1 square 5cm x 5cm (nose)
- 1 rectangle 3 cm x 5cm (nose)

From fabric E:

- 5 squares 5cm x 5cm
- 3 squares 6.5cm x 6.5cm

From the interfacing:

- 1 square 27cm x 27cm

Seam allowance for this project :0.5mm

Tools

• [Wonder Pins](#)
(Art No.3210)



• [Patchwork Scissors 17 cm](#)
(Art No.493)



• [Rotary Cutter \(45 mm\)](#)
(Art No. 7500)



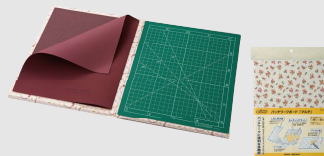
• [18mm Bias tape maker](#)
(Art No.464/18)



• [Mini iron Mini Iron II™ "The Adapter"](#)
(Art No.8003EU/8004GB/8005)




• [Patchwork Board "MULTI" mm Gauge](#) (Art No.57-872)



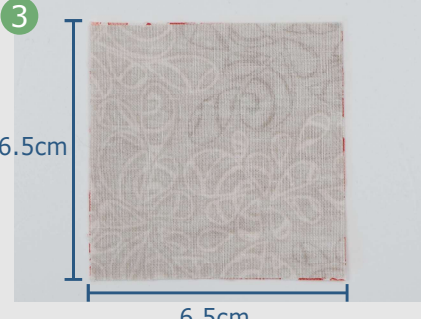
• Your normal sewing needs

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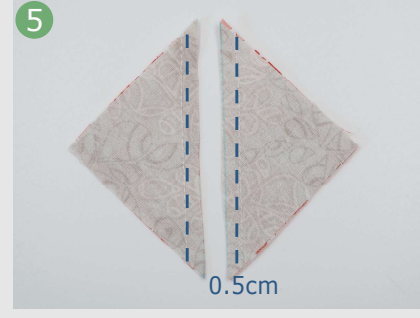
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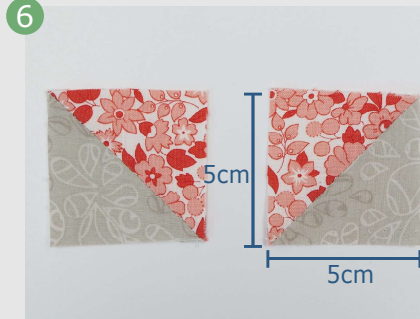
1  First make the bias binding. Place the bias cut strip into the Bias Tape Maker and get the fold right.

2  Use the mini iron and ironing board to press the binding.

3  Make the half square triangles next. For the ears, take two squares (one of fabric C and one of fabric E) which measure 6.5cm and lay them right sides together.
 tip: These form the parts of the face which have an angle such as the ears and the corners of the face.

4  Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner.

5  Sew 0.5cm either side of this line and then cut along the line.

6  Open the pieces out and press. Trim to 5cm sq.
 tip: All of the half square triangles will be the same and from here, we will look at the pattern a row at a time.

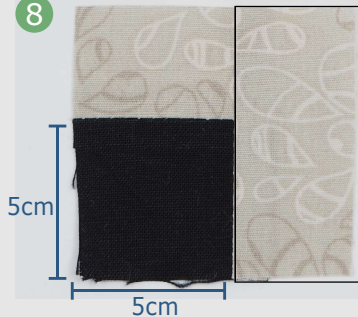
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One more thing to do is to make the eyes, take a black square and a grey (4×4cm) and sew them together. Repeat for the other two.

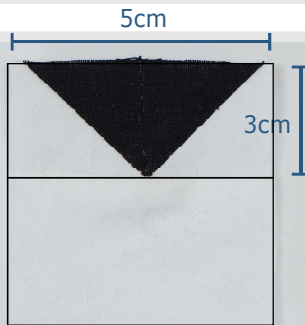
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Attach a grey rectangle to the top and then trim the piece to 5cm sq.

tip: The reason for the trimming is that it is much easier to sew slightly larger pieces and then trim them back to the size that you need. Your sewing machine will thank you too!

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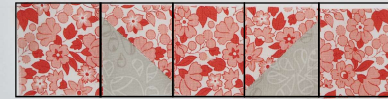


The nose is made from two half square triangles (colours B/D), sewn together and trimmed to 3cm wide x 5cm long and then with a D rectangle underneath. Trim this to 5cm x 5cm.

Making

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Row 1



Row 2



Row 3



Row 4



Row 5



Now it is time to assemble the rows.

There will be more half square triangles to build but it is easier if we do this as we need them to avoid confusion. You know how to make them now. We build the picture as follows:

-Row 1- 1x 5cm square E, 1 half square triangle ear, 1x 5cm square E, 1 ear, 1x 5cm square E.

-Row 2- 1x half square triangle E/C, 1 eye, 1x 5cm square C, 1 eye, 1x half square triangle E/C.

-Row 3- 1x 5cm square C, 1 half square triangle C/D, the nose section, 1 half square triangle C/D, 1x 5cm square C.

-Row 4- 1 half square triangle E/C, 3x 5cm squares D and one half square triangle E/C IMAGE 10d

-Row 5- 1x 5cm square E, 3x 5cm squares C, 1 5cm square E IMAGE 10e.

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Sew all of the rows together to make the cat.

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Add the sashes to the top and bottom and the sides.

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Iron the patchwork top. Lay the backing fabric face down and put the wadding on top. The patchwork to goes on top of that (right side up). Pin with Wonder Pins.

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Quilt with your favourite pattern. I love a random diagonal wave.

tip: I like to round the corners of my quilted items. It makes binding so much easier!

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Trim the pot holder to 22cm square and bind with your bias binding.

Designer' s Favourite

- [Wonder Pins \(Art No.3210\)](#)



I love the new Wonder Pins! They fill a need in my sewing toolbox and I can imagine using them a lot in the future. They are easy to put through several layers of fabric and they stay there too.