

Pretty Kitty

Big Kitty approx. 13 inches tall, little kitties approx. 6.

You Will Be A Needin':

Material for body
Warm 'n' Natural batting
Stuffing
Two (2) black 3/8 inch shank buttons
Embroidery Floss: Burgundy, black, natural
Kitty litter
Doll needle (3 or 5 inches)
Three inch wide lace (for bow)
Hot glue gun and glue sticks
Barnyard red acrylic paint
Medium stencil brush
Two sandwich Zip-Lock bags
Popsicle Sticks
Natural cotton yarn
Twine
Three medium rusty bells

For Staining:

Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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Little kitties approximately 6 inches tall when finished.

Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

NOTE 1: Stain all material, lace, ribbon, etc. before beginning. Follow the recipe and instructions given at the end of this pattern.

NOTE 2: There is only one pattern for both the large and small kitties as they are created using the same pattern.

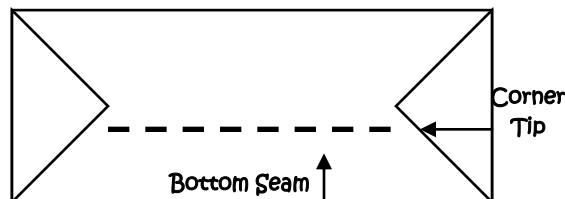
Begin:

1. Print and cut out the body and head patterns.
2. Head: Trace head pattern on the wrong side of double material. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On back of head, about 1 inch up from sewn lines, cut a small opening for turning. Turn.
3. Body: Trace body pattern on wrong side of double material. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Turn.
4. Stuff head firmly; leave opening open.

Body:

1. Stuff body firmly.
2. Fill two (2) sandwich Zip Lock bags with kitty litter (or rice, beans, etc.). Stuff body until almost full. Turn body upside down and place the two kitty litter bags inside.
3. Close body with a box bottom as such:

Make box bottom: To create the box bottom so that she will sit nicely, turn corner edges of bottom in towards each other, about an inch. The bottom will look something like below - hand sew these edges down lining up the corner tips with the bottom seam.



Attaching Head to Body:

1. Fill the "tab" at top of body full until firm.
2. Clip a small hole in the "tab" at the top of the body. Fill with some hot glue and insert half of a popsicle stick. Quickly place some hot glue in the hole used for turning at the back of the head and insert the other portion of the popsicle stick as well as pushing the "tab" into the body. Hold for a few seconds.

Face:

1. Print and cut out "face" template. Trace on double Warm 'n' Natural; cut out.
2. Center this on the head and sew in place with matching embroidery thread.
3. Thread a doll needle with a double strand of black embroidery floss and going in from the neck (this will be covered with the bow), go up and sew on the eyes. Go on up and embroider the eyebrows with 1/2 inch straight backstitches.
4. Thread a doll needle with all six strands of burgundy embroidery floss and, looking at the pattern and the picture, embroider the nose with satin stitch.
5. Thread a doll needle with a double strand of black embroidery floss and, going in from the neck as this will be covered with her bow, go up and embroider the line from her nose to her mouth, a simple straight backstitch 1-1/4 inches long and then embroider the mouth with two simple 1/2 inch backstitches.
6. Dip a medium stencil brush lightly into the barnyard red paint and pounce off most of the paint onto paper towels. Swirl on her cheeks.
7. Print and cut out the Warm 'n' Natural ear templates. Trace this on double Warm 'n' Natural and cut out. Sew one to each ear.

Tail:

1. Print & cut out the tail pattern. Trace on double material; do NOT cut out.
2. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Turn.
3. Stuff very firmly and glue to back of kitty. I also placed a dot of glue on the end of the tail and glued it to the side of Kitty's face...you also may wish to do this if you notice the tail drooping.
4. Pom-pom for tip of tail. Wrap natural yarn around your 3 fingers approx. 30 times. Cut yarn. Cut another piece of yarn approx 12 inches long and wrap this around the center of the yarn ball you just made. Clip loops and trim. You can sew, tie, or glue this to the tail.

Finish:

1. Tie lace in a bow around neck of big kitty.
2. Tie a rusty bell to the neck of all 3 little kitties with a piece of twine. If you don't have bells that are rusty, use the rusting recipe below.

Staining Recipe and Instructions:

Supplies Needed:

- Instant coffee
- Vanilla extract
- Fragrance oil (optional, Cinnabun is one of my favorites)
- Old cookie sheet
- Small spray bottle or sponge brush
- Funnel (if using a spray bottle)

Wax paper or parchment paper

Rags (this is messy)

Mix Stain:

1. Mix together in glass jar with lid - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vanilla extract. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
2. Pour stain into spray bottle or apply with sponge brush.
3. Spray the item you are staining front and back thoroughly or apply stain with sponge brush. Be sure to cover item completely with stain.

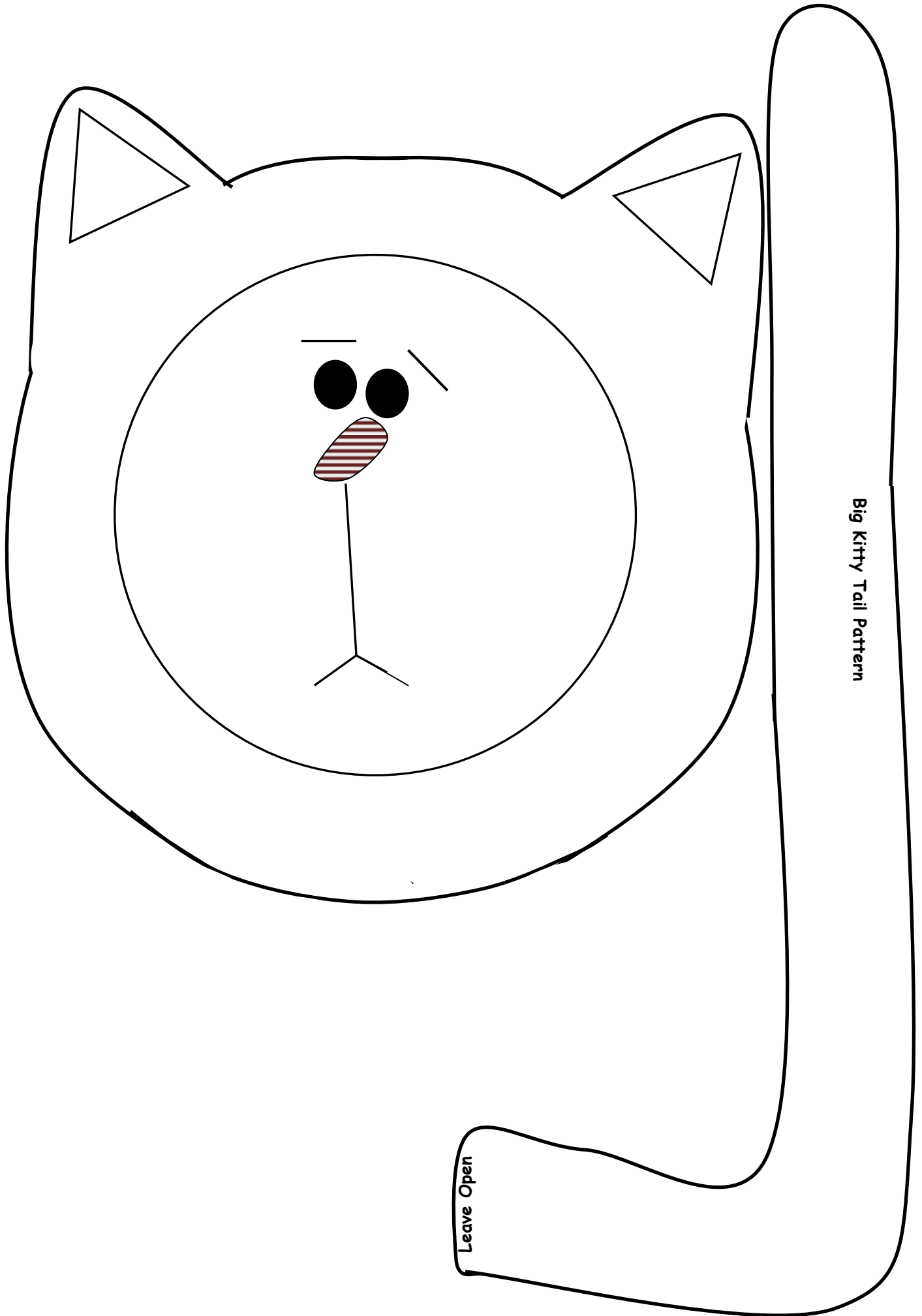
To Dry:

1. Lay on an old cookie sheet lined with wax paper or parchment paper. Bake in oven at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. If you need to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments. NEVER LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED. THIS CAN CATCH ON FIRE. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY. WATCH CLOSELY.
2. Attach a piece of thread to one end of your item to be stained and hang up (hours or overnight depending on the item) to dry. Be sure to hang where possible drippings from your stain mix will not cause damage. (I hang mine in my garage.)
3. Throw in the dryer. This method is great for small items. NOTE: Be sure to clean your dryer thoroughly before attempting to dry clean clothes in it again.

You're done with Pretty Kitties. I hope you enjoyed making them as much as I enjoyed designing them. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

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Big Kitty Tail Pattern

Leave Open

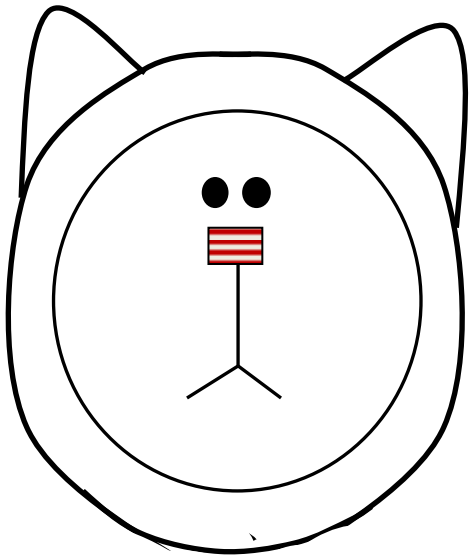


"Tab"

Insert in back
of head

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Big Kitty Body Pattern

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Little Kitty Body Pattern

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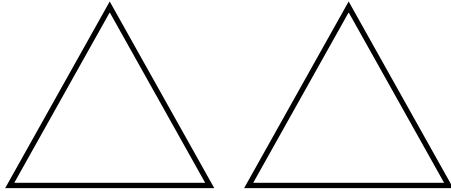
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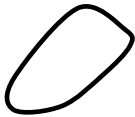
Little Kitty Tail Pattern

Big Kitty Facial Templates

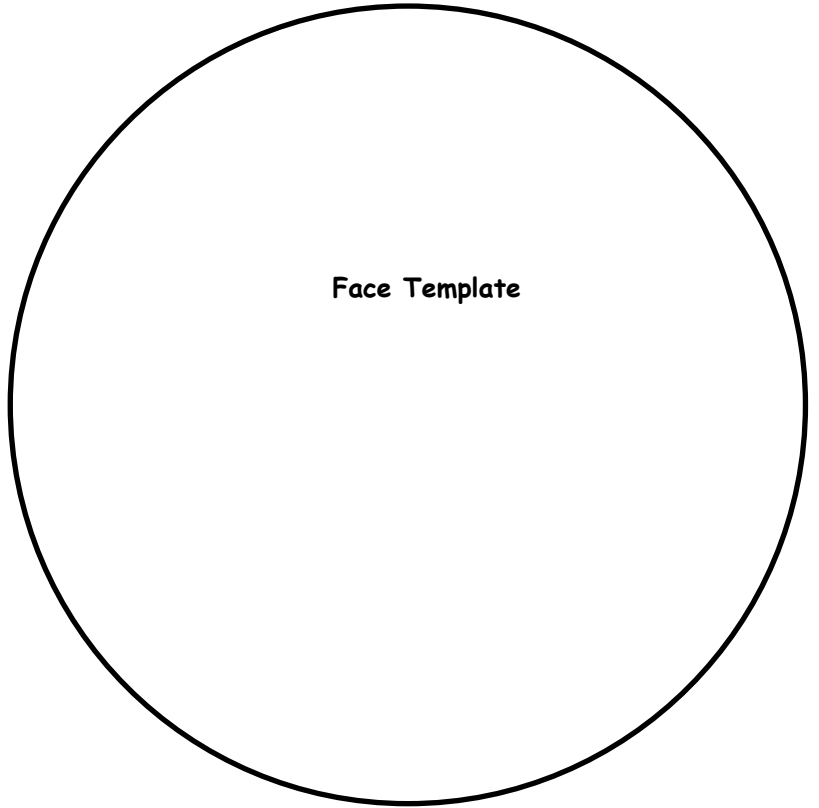
Warm 'n' Natural
Ear Templates



Nose Template



Face Template



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