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A SEWING PATTERN BY



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If you're reading this, then you likely purchased some of my Cut & Sew Blob Kitty Plush fabric from Spoonflower. So thank you! This cute plush has a simple blob shaped body that's perfect for any animal, but the pre-printed fabric from Spoonflower has them designed just like different colors of cats! A tuxedo cat, orange tabby, gray tabby, and calico are available. The best part is all of the tiny details are printed right on the pattern so they sew up very quickly!

## DIFFICULTY:



The hardest part of this plush is lining up the bottom with the rest of the body, but the rest of the sewing is a breeze. Would be great as a first plush project for someone familiar with sewing.

## MAKES:

One plush: about 7½" long, 7" wide, and 5" tall

## SKILLS USED:

- Basting
- Darts
- Gathering stitch, gathering
- Ladder stitch
- Sewing curves



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## materials & tools:

- your pre-printed Cut & Sew Blob Kitty plush fabric from Spoonflower (at least one fat quarter)
- sewing thread to match fabrics
- poly-fil stuffing
- basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, needles, pins, seam ripper, etc.)

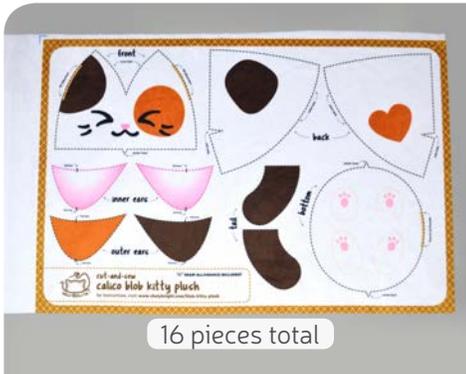


## BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Briefly read the project instructions so you know what to expect.
- Note that a ¼" seam allowance is used throughout the project -- already included in the fabric.

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16 pieces total

## 1. ASSESS YOUR FABRIC

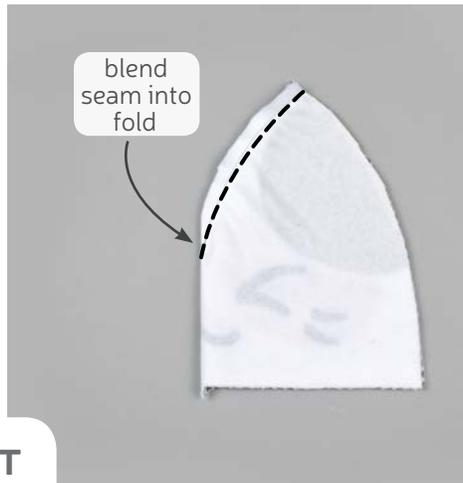


cut pieces right before you need them

- a. Grab your printed Spoon-flower cut & sew fabric. If you ordered  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd. of minky or fleece, it should include all the pieces needed (surrounded by a border). There should be 10 pieces included: **FRONT, BACK (2), EARS (4), TAIL (2), AND BOTTOM.**
- b. If you're new to sewing, you might want to wait until the applicable step before cutting your fabric so you can refer to the notes and labels. Once you need a piece, cut it out along the dotted lines outside the shape.



fold along point of dart



blend seam into fold



## 2. SEW THE FRONT DART

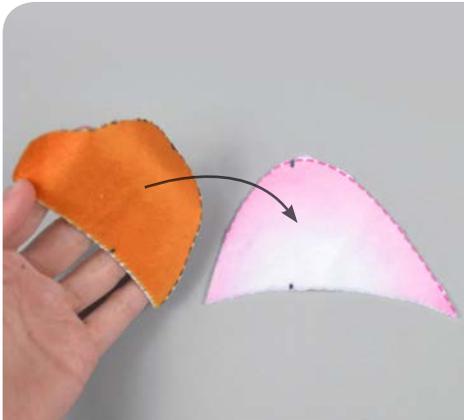
- a. Cut out your **FRONT** piece. Locate the open wedge found at the top of the **FRONT** piece -- this is a dart. To sew it, start by folding the front piece in half along the point of the dart and match up the slanted lines that make the wedge shape.
- b. Sew the dart by starting at the opening and moving down to the point. When sewing the point, try to blend the seam in with the fold so it makes a smooth transition and a rounder finished plush.
- c. Once complete, the dart should blend nicely into the rest of the plush.

### darts:

A wedge-shaped gap found in a pattern. When sewn in fabric, it creates a tuck in the fabric and develops a 3D shape. The diagonal sides of the wedge are the **LEGS**; these are matched up and sewn to the **POINT** of the dart.

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### 3. SEW THE EARS

- Cut out your **EAR** pieces. Take two of them; one in the fabric from the main body (the outer ear) and one pink one (the inner ear). Align them with right sides facing and raw edges matching up.
- Sew them together along the long curved edge. Leave the short straight-ish edge free for turning right side out.
- Turn the ear right side out. Repeat with the remaining two ear pieces for two complete ears total.



### basting:

A form of temporary sewing meant to hold pieces in place. A long stitch length is often used for this reason. The finished result is not meant to be seen and sometimes is even removed later (depending on your project).

- Note the fold points found on the printed fabric for the **EARS**. Use these as a guide to fold the ear with inner fabrics facing. Pin the ear together.
- Baste the ear along the bottom edge to hold the fold in place. Repeat with the remaining ear so you have a mirrored pair.
- Locate the colored **ear placement bands** found on the **FRONT** piece. Place the open end of the ear within these placement bands. Be sure that the fold is pointing toward the middle of the front. Pin the ears in place.
- Baste the ears to the front within the seam allowances to hold them in place for future steps.

### 4. BASTE THE EARS



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## 5. SEW THE BACK DART

- Cut out your **BACK** pieces. Locate the dart found on the bottom flat edge of the **BACK**. Fold the back piece along the point of the dart to bring the dart edges together.
- Sew the dart by starting at the opening and working down to the point. Try to blend the stitching into the fold of the fabric for a rounder finished dart.
- Repeat for the other back piece for a finished pair.



## 6. SEW THE BACK PIECES

- Take both of your **BACK** pieces and align them with right sides facing and raw edges matching up.
- Sew the pieces together along the edge with the most curve, as shown in the photo. This forms the back of the plush.
- Open up the pieces.

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- Grab your **FRONT** piece from before. Take the edge of the **BACK** piece without the darts and align it over the curved edge of the front. The back seam should line up with the dart on the front. Pin the layers in place.
- Sew the back to the front along this edge.

## 7. SEW THE BACK TO THE FRONT



- Cut out your **BOTTOM** piece. Locate the **placement notches** on the fabric. Line up the **front notch** on the **BOTTOM** with the **center notch** on the **FRONT** piece. Line up the **back notch** on the **BOTTOM** with the seam on the **BACK** pieces. Pin the fabrics together.
- Before sewing, also note the **opening for turning** colored band on the **BOTTOM** piece. Sew around the perimeter of the bottom, but skip over that area.

## 8. SEW THE BODY TO THE BOTTOM



- Turn the plush right side out through the opening you left before. Stuff it firmly with stuffing. Start with the stuffing in the front near the face until it's full, then work your way toward the back.
- Thread a hand sewing needle with matching thread and knot the end. Insert the needle into the opening of the plush near one end. Bring the needle out so the knot is now hidden within the plush.

## 9. STUFF THE PLUSH

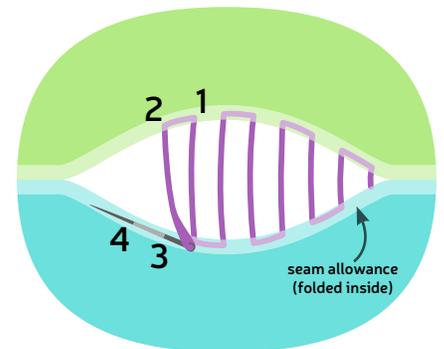
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## 10. STITCH THE PLUSH CLOSED

- Continue from here doing a ladder stitch. Take a 1/8" stitch into the fold of one side of the opening, then go across and take another. Keep going down the opening until you reach the end.
- When you're finished, stitch a knot into the end of the seam. Then insert the needle near the finished knot and out of the plush about 1-2" away.
- Pull the thread through and hold it taut while snipping the thread. The excess thread should sink back inside the plush -- all hidden!

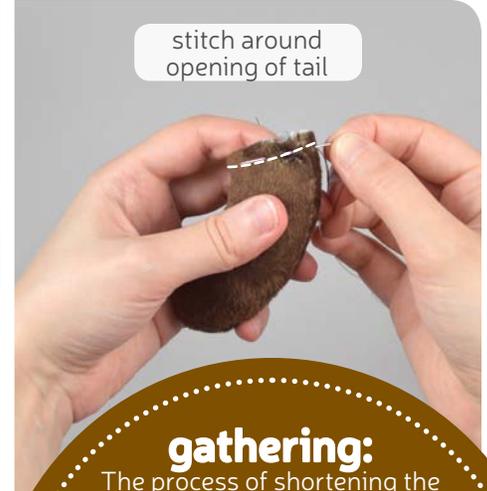


## 11. SEW THE TAIL

- Cut out your **TAIL** pieces. Align them with right sides facing and raw edges matching up.
- Sew them together along the long curved edge, leaving the short straight edge free for turning right side out.

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## 12. TURN AND STUFF THE TAIL

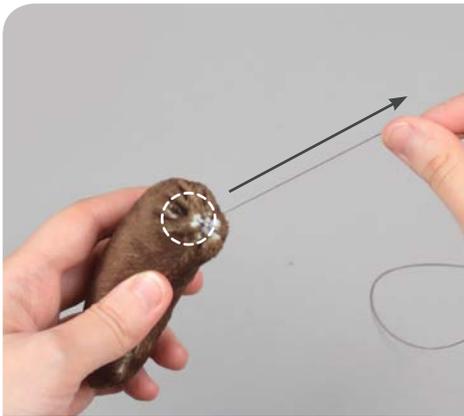
- Turn the tail right side out.
- Stuff the tail lightly with stuffing; enough so it takes shape.
- Thread a hand sewing needle with thread and knot the end. Sew a long gathering stitch around the opening of the tail, about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the edge.

### gathering:

The process of shortening the length of a piece of fabric by sewing long stitches through it. When the thread is pulled, it forms small folds that ruffle the fabric.

### gathering stitch:

A long version of the running stitch, which is a stitch done by weaving the needle in and out of a length of fabric going along a line. The long stitches (about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " -  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long) gather the fabric when pulled later.



## 13. ATTACH THE TAIL



- Once finished, pull at the thread to gather the fabric and cinch up the opening. Sew a few knots at this opening to hold it closed. If you have a lot of thread left, consider leaving it attached for adding to the back.
- Align the tail along the back bottom of the kitty so far. Make sure it's centered along the body, about 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the bottom seam. Also be sure the tip of the tail is pointing up.
- Stitch the tail in place along the base of the tail with a ladder stitch similar to back in step 10.

**congrats!**  
this completes  
your plush! Now  
give it a big  
hug!

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