

Projects

"3 Cats Pillow"



If you're an animal lover or just want to create a fun project that's sure to brighten any room's decor, you're going to love this cat themed pillow. This project uses appliques and embroidery, and would make a great gift for any feline fanatic.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Ellure Sewing and Embroidery Machine
6 Spools Madeira embroidery thread: Light Green, Dark Green, Ivory, Orange, Gold, Blue
All-purpose thread to match fabrics
Orange cotton fabric
Blue cotton fabric
Green cotton fabric
Ivory cotton fabric
Grey felt
Baby Lock Cut-Away Stabilizer
Fusible Fleece (optional)
KK2000 machine embroidery temporary spray adhesive
Eight ½" buttons (optional)
Fiber fill
Hand needle
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Instructions:

1. Cut the background rectangle pieces. Cut one 8 1/2" x 12" rectangle from the orange, green and blue fabrics.
2. Cut a piece of Fusible Fleece or Cut-Away Stabilizer to back each colored rectangle piece.
3. Cut out three grey felt cat pieces using the template below.

For Embroidery Flowers Option:

4. Cut three pieces of Cut-Away stabilizer to fit the 5" x 7" hoop.
5. Hooped the Baby Lock stabilizer and lightly spray with KK200.
6. Position one of the felt pieces onto the stabilizer in the 5" x 7" hoop.
7. Select the built-in floral design.
8. Select the layout key and the trial icon if your machine has it. The machine moves, giving a preview of the area where the design will sew. Change the position of the embroidery design as needed so it will embroider in the body area of the felt cat shape.
9. Push start, and embroider the design using Madeira thread colors selected to match the project fabrics.
10. Repeat to embroider the remaining cat shapes.

For Applique Flowers Option:

11. Cut out the flower applique shape from the orange, green and blue fabrics.
12. Arrange the flowers as desired in the body area of the felt cat shape.
13. Use a zigzag stitch and follow around the edge of the cat shape, securing it to the background fabric.
14. Stitch a button in the center of each flower.
15. Repeat to applique the remaining cat shapes.



Pillow Assembly:

16. Once the embroidery or applique is completed for all three cats.
17. Attach the embroidered felt pieces to the pillow sections.
18. Select a straight stitch, and then follow around the edge of the cat shape, securing it to the background fabric.
19. After all three sections are appliquéd, sew each section together to assemble the pillow front.
20. From the ivory fabric, cut the pillow back the same size as the pillow front.
21. Place the front to the back right sides together.
22. Stitch around the edges of the pillow, leaving a 6" opening for turning and stuffing.
23. Turn and stuff the pillow. Use the hand needle and thread to whipstitch the opening closed.



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