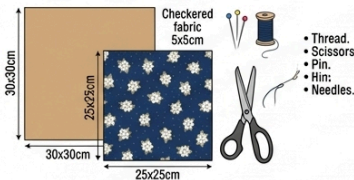


Step-by-Step Tutorial: Reversible Felt & Appliqué Cat-Shaped Mug Rug

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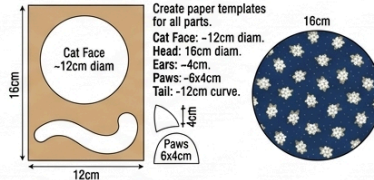
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- Gather materials.
- Tan felt for cat face, ears, paws, and tail (approx. 30cm x 30cm total).
- Dark blue floral fabric for reverse side (25cm x 25cm).
- Checkered fabric for inner ears (5cm x 5cm).
- Thread.
- Scissors.
- Pins.
- Needles.

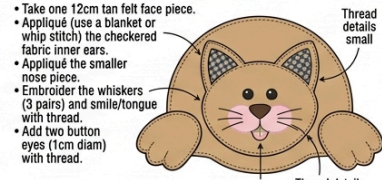
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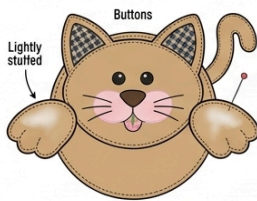
STEP 2: CUTTING PATTERNS:

- Cut out felt pieces from tan felt.
- Cut checkered fabric for inner ears.
- Cut one 16cm circle from the blue floral fabric (the back).

STEP 3: FACE APPLIQUÉ & EMBROIDERY



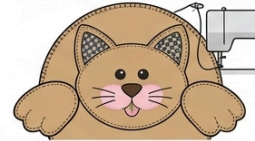
- Take one 12cm tan felt face piece.
- Appliqué (use a blanket or whip stitch) the checkered fabric inner ears.
- Appliqué the smaller nose piece.
- Embroider the whiskers (3 pairs) and smile/tongue with thread.
- Add two button eyes (1cm diam) with thread.



STEP 4: ASSEMBLY (Front)

- Take the larger 16cm tan felt head piece.
- Arrange and pin the two padded paw pieces (Step 2 parts), lightly stuffed with a small amount of polyfill) at the sides.
- Position the finished face piece centrally, slightly below the top edge.
- Position and pin the curved tail piece.
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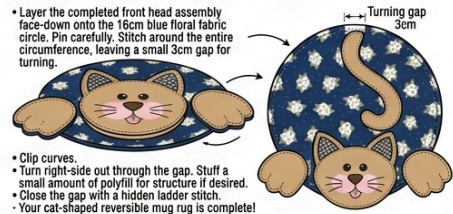
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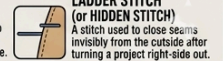
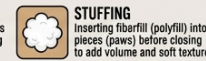
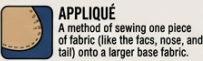
- Using matching thread, stitch the paws, tail, and face piece firmly in place onto the main head piece. You can use a blanket stitch or satin stitch on the edges for a decorative look.

STEP 6: FINAL ASSEMBLY & FINISHING (REVERSIBLE)



- Layer the completed front head assembly face-down onto the 16cm blue floral fabric circle. Pin carefully. Stitch around the entire circumference, leaving a small 3cm gap for turning.
- Clip curves.
- Turn right-side out through the gap. Stuff a small amount of polyfill for structure if desired.
- Close the gap with a hidden ladder stitch.
- Your cat-shaped reversible mug rug is complete!

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Get ready to create an adorable, cozy, and functional cat-shaped mug rug that is completely reversible! This project combines felt appliqué, simple embroidery, and basic sewing techniques—perfect for beginners and experienced crafters alike 🐱☕

🧵 Step 1: Preparation & Materials

Before starting, gather all your materials and prepare your workspace.

Materials Needed:

- Tan felt (for cat face, ears, paws, and tail) – approx. 30cm x 30cm
- Dark blue floral fabric (for the reversible backing) – 25cm x 25cm
- Checkered fabric (for inner ears) – 5cm x 5cm
- Thread (matching and contrasting colors)
- Sewing needle
- Pins
- Scissors
- Two small buttons (about 1 cm diameter)

- Optional: Polyfill stuffing (for slight dimension)

Preparation Tips:

- Iron your fabrics if needed to remove wrinkles
 - Use sharp scissors for clean edges
 - Choose thread colors that complement your fabrics for a polished look
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Step 2: Cutting Patterns

Now, create and cut all your pattern pieces.

Create Paper Templates:

Draw and cut the following shapes:

- Cat face: ~12 cm diameter circle
- Head base: 16 cm diameter circle
- Ears: ~4 cm tall triangles
- Paws: 6 cm x 4 cm ovals
- Tail: curved shape ~12 cm long

Cutting Fabric:

- Cut all cat parts (face, ears, paws, tail) from tan felt
- Cut inner ear pieces from checkered fabric
- Cut one 16 cm circle from the floral fabric (this will be the back side)

Make sure edges are smooth and symmetrical for a clean final result ✨

Step 3: Face Appliqué & Embroidery

This is where your cat starts to come to life!

Assemble the Face:

- Take the 12 cm felt circle (cat face)
- Place the checkered inner ears onto the felt ears
- Use a **whip stitch** or **blanket stitch** to attach the inner ears

Add Facial Features:

- Sew the small nose piece in the center
- Embroider:
 - Whiskers (3 lines on each side)
 - Mouth and tongue (simple curved stitches)

Eyes:

- Sew two small buttons securely for the eyes

Take your time here—this step defines the personality of your cat 🐱

Step 4: Front Assembly

Now assemble all the cat elements onto the larger head base.

Steps:

- Place the 16 cm tan felt circle (main head base) flat
- Position the completed face slightly below the top center
- Place the paws on each side of the face

Optional Stuffing:

- Lightly stuff the paws with a small amount of polyfill
- This adds a soft, dimensional effect

Attach Tail:

- Position the curved tail on one side
- Pin everything in place carefully before sewing

Make sure everything is balanced and aligned before moving on 📌

Step 5: Stitching the Front

Now secure all the pieces to the base.

Sewing:

- Using matching thread, stitch:
 - Face onto the head base
 - Paws into position
 - Tail securely

Stitch Options:

- Blanket stitch (decorative and visible)
- Satin stitch (smooth and filled look)

Work slowly and keep stitches even for a neat finish 

Step 6: Final Assembly & Finishing (Reversible)

This step brings everything together and makes your mug rug reversible!

Layering:

- Place the completed front piece **face down**
- Place the floral fabric circle on top (right side facing the felt)

Stitching:

- Pin layers together
- Sew around the entire edge
- Leave a **3 cm gap** for turning

Finishing:

- Clip curves carefully (don't cut stitches!)
- Turn the piece right-side out through the gap
- Push out edges gently for a smooth shape

Optional:

- Add a small amount of stuffing for structure

Closing:

- Use a **ladder stitch (hidden stitch)** to close the gap invisibly
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Final Result

You now have a charming, reversible cat-shaped mug rug! One side features your adorable appliqué cat, and the other shows a stylish fabric backing.