

Pussy Cat Stitchery



This cute pussy cat stitchery has been made into a small wall quilt but it would look just as good in a pillow, framed or even in a bag. The stitched area measures 23x23cm and has been stitched onto tea-dyed calico. Beads have been included in the crown to add some interest.

To Make this Stitchery as a Small Quilt You Will Need:

2 pieces of 14x14in tea-dyed calico, DMC threads 310black 975brown 902wine, 7 gold seed beads, 6 brown seed beads, 10x14in complimentary cotton print, 6x15in dark brown homespun, 14x14in wadding, sewing machine threads, lead pencil, fade-away pen, ruler and general sewing tools.

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Finished size: 14-inch square

Read all instructions first.

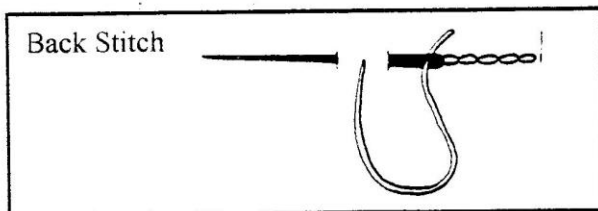
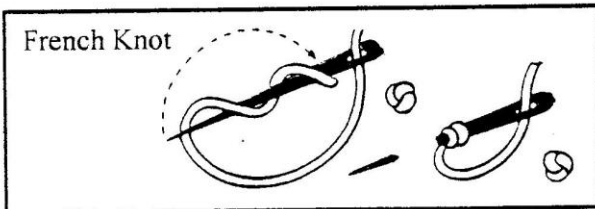
$\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams used throughout.

Tea-dye Calico

Steep 15 teabags in one litre of hot water. Allow to cool, stirring occasionally. Wash the calico to remove the sizing and while still wet, place into the tea dye. If you would like a splotchy affect, do not remove the teabags and stir only a few times. If you would prefer a more uniform dye over the fabric, remove the teabags and stir around often. Allow to soak for about one hour. Then rinse in cold water and hang to dry. When the fabric is not yet dry but just damp; press dry with an iron set on *cotton*.

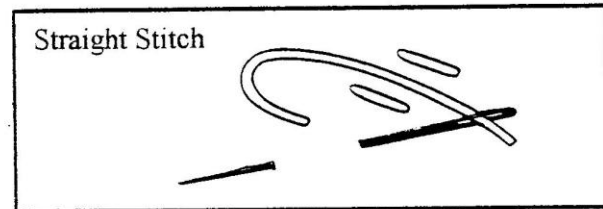
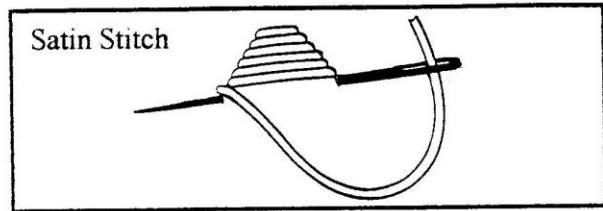
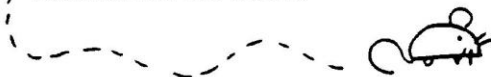
1. Transfer the pattern onto the center of one of the pieces of calico. Use a light box or tape the pattern and fabric to a window. Carefully trace using a sharp 4B lead pencil.

2. Embroider the words using 3 strands of the black (310) DMC thread. Each dot on the pattern represents a French Knot. The letters are completed in Back Stitch:



3. The cat is embroidered in the brown (975) DMC thread. Again, using 3 strands and a Back Stitch.

4. Use 3 strands of the black (310) DMC thread to embroider French Knots for the eyes, Satin Stitch for the nose, Back Stitch for the mouth and whiskers and then nine Single long Straight Stitches for the claws.



5. The crown is embroidered in Back Stitch using 3 strands of the wine (902) DMC thread.

6. Use a single strand of the wine DMC thread to attach the beads. A beading needle may be necessary for these small beads. Sew a gold bead to the top of each of the peaks on the crown. The lower band of the crown has a brown seed bead sewn on at each mark.

7. Press all the fabric pieces. Gently press the back of the embroidery.

8. Trim the embroidered fabric to a $10\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ inch square with the design centered.

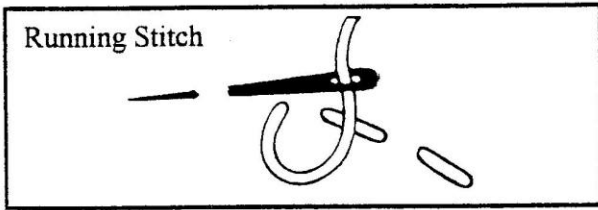
9. Cut the Cotton Print into four rectangles. Two measuring $2\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ inches and two measuring $2\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ inches.

10. With right sides together and using a quarter inch seam allowance; sew each of the $10\frac{1}{2}$ inch printed fabric rectangles to the left and right sides of the embroidered square. Press the edges on the back to the darker, printed fabric side.

11. Sew the 14 inch printed fabric rectangles to the top and bottom in the same way.

12. Using the fade-away pen, draw four lines to border the inner embroidery square. Use a ruler and measure in $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the seam of the calico and the printed fabric all the way around.

13. Using 3 strands of the brown (975) DMC thread, sew a running stitch along the four lines. When completed, rub a damp cotton tip over the stitching to erase the fade away pen line.

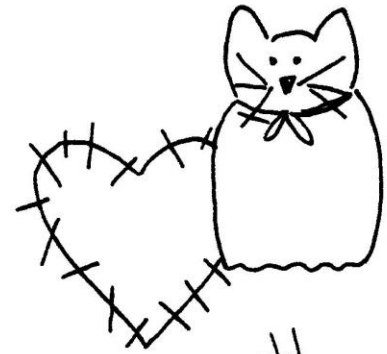


Quilting

Sandwich together the 14 inch square backing fabric (the other piece of tea-dyed calico), the wool batting and the finished quilt top. Baste or pin these three layers together. Using the invisible thread, quilt in the ditch along the straight edge of the inner square – where the embroidered fabric meets the printed.

Binding

Cut the brown homespun into four $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch binding strips. With the wrong sides together, press these strips in half lengthwise. Use a quarter inch seam allowance and sew a binding strip to the left and right sides of the quilt, through all three layers. Trim any excess binding overhanging the top or bottom. Press the binding outwards. Sew the other two binding strips to the top and bottom in the same manner. Again, press the binding outwards. Fold the binding to the back of the quilt and neatly stitch in place.



Other Ideas

- ♡ This mini quilt Stitchery would also look good as a cushion cover.
- ♡ Frame the finished piece with or without the printed fabric border in a rustic fence-paling frame.
- ♡ Embroider the pattern onto a jacket or bunny rug or even a bag.



Sign and date your finished quilt.

♥ Pussy cat Stitchery

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