

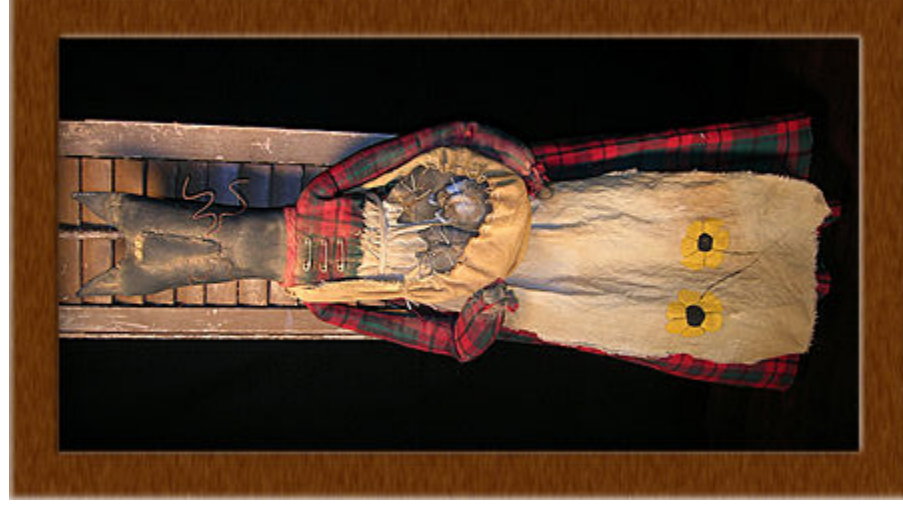
## MATERIALS FOR:

# “KITTY O’LEARY”

- 1/2 YARD MUSLIN
- 1/2 YARD FABRIC FOR DRESS
- OSNABURG FABRIC FOR APRON & NOSE
- IVORY CROCHET THREAD
- BLACK CRAFT PAINT
- POLY-FIL
- WHITE CRAFT PAINT
- YELLOW CRAFT PAINT
- 16”X4” STRIP OF FABRIC FOR KITTEN CARRIER
- TWO SMALL IVORY COLORED BUTTONS FOR EYES
- 22 GAUGE RUSTY WIRE FOR WHISKERS
- INSTANT COFFEE
- VANILLA EXTRACT
- GROUND CINNAMON
- RUSTY SAFETY PINS



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## KITTY O’LEARY

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FINISHED DOLL IS APPROXIMATELY 18” TALL



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## ***INSTRUCTIONS FOR: KITTY O'LEARY***

*Cut out pattern pieces and make templates out of card stock. Use pen, pencil, chalk or whatever works best for you to trace the patterns onto your material.*

***Body:*** Trace the body and arms onto a double layer of muslin. Sew on the traced line. Cut pieces out leaving a ¼" margin. Turn the pieces right side out and stuff with poly-fil. Make a running stitch at the bottom of the body once you are finished stuffing it. Make a running stitch across the bottom of the ear; pull slightly; and then make a small "x" in the center of each ear.

***Face:*** For the nose cut a piece of osnaburg fabric into a large upside down triangle (refer to pattern) fold the edges inside. Using crochet thread, stitch it on the face around the edge making the top the last place you stitch. Stuff a small amount of poly-fil into the nose to give it height. Make uneven and small looping stitches around the nose. At the tip of the nose, using your crochet thread, make an upside down "Y" for the mouth (refer to pattern). When this is completed, paint the entire body black. Paint the arms black as well. Sew two ¼" ivory buttons on above the nose (refer to picture) for the eyes. The whiskers are 22-gauge rusty wire that is inserted under the nose and comes out the other side. Push a little extra wire into the head and bend it inside the head to prevent the whiskers from coming out. With fine-grain sandpaper, sand the edge and front of the face and arms. This ages her a bit.

***Dress and Apron:*** Following the directions on the pattern, cut the fabric for the bodice and the skirt and sew the sides of the bodice together and turn right side out. Make a small cut in the top of the bodice for the neckline. Sew the sides of the skirt together and turn right side out. Using the crochet thread run a gathering stitching across the top of the skirt. Putting right sides together, pin the skirt to the bodice with the skirt seam centered in the back. Machine stitch the skirt and bodice together. Make a gathering stitch around the top of the dress and slip it on over the head. Pull the thread tightly around the neck of the doll and tie it off (refer to the picture). Add a piece of trim to the neck by sewing it on. For buttons use three rusty safety pins on the front.

Cut a piece of osnaburg or muslin 7" wide and 16" long for the apron. Cut a piece of the same fabric for the apron 1 ½" wide and 20" long for the apron sash. On the bottom of the apron draw with a pencil a floral design and paint it using craft paints (pictured is two sunflowers). When your design is dry gather the top of the apron and pin into place on the front of Kitty. Stitch into place and then use the sash to tie it tightly on.

***Arms and Sleeves:*** Stuff the sleeve with a small amount of poly-fil to make it appear to have an arm in it. Insert the small arm you have into the sleeve and gather the sleeve around the wrist area of the arm, using a gathering stitch. To keep the arm in place run the thread through the arm a few times before tying it off.

***Apron:*** Cut a piece of fabric 10” wide and 16” long. Use a solid homespun fabric, or osnaburg. Gather the 10” end and pin it to the front of the dress. The apron should be pinned just under each arm then sewn onto the dress. As you sew the apron on, gather the dress under it as you sew. Refer to the picture for details and placement.

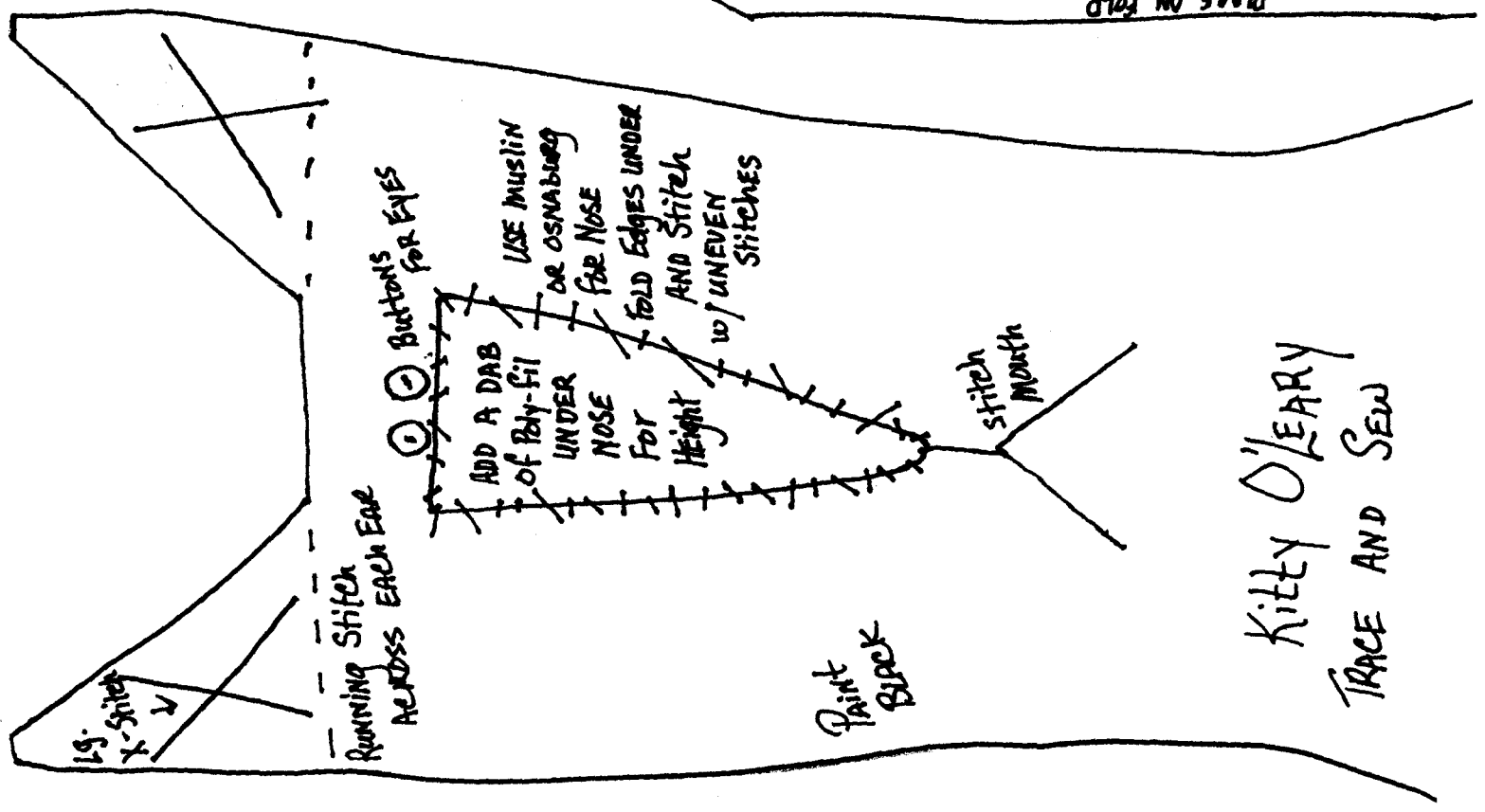
***Pouch and Kittens:*** Trace the kittens onto doubled muslin and sew on the traced line leaving the bottom open for stuffing. Once stuffed stitch the bottom closed.

Refer to the pattern for the placement of the nose and eyes on the kittens.. The nose is pinched and stitched. This is just a series of stitches going back and forth under the muslin, pulling up the poly-fil as you pull the needle through. Make sure you pull the thread tightly after each stitch and round it off at the bottom. The mouth is an upside down “V” using the same thread as for the nose. Paint all the kittens black once the faces are done. To make one a bit different, dry brush some white across the lower part of the face (dry brushing is adding a small amount of paint to your brush and brushing most of the paint out on paper then apply to face). Once the paint dries, make whiskers with thread and the eyes with black thread knots.

The pouch is a piece of fabric 4” wide. Measure around the area you want to place the pouch and cut the fabric the length you want. Make a 4” pocket in the center for the kittens and tie thread around each side to make the 4” pocket (refer to picture). Trim two parts that go around her down to 2” in width and sew them together in the back of Kitty. Leave the edges raw but make a running stitch along the edge of the pocket on both sides and pull a little bit to make the pocket more secure. Place the finished kittens inside and stitch them in place by running the stitch into the body of Kitty. Stitch each arm to the place pictured

***Finishing Touches:*** Make 1 part of instant coffee with three parts warm water. Mix thoroughly and then paint it onto Miss Kitty. Cover her body, dress, apron and pouch entirely then hang her up to dry. This helps to age her. Once she is dry rub ground cinnamon into all her nooks and crannies and all the kittens. Make a loop on her back for hanging.

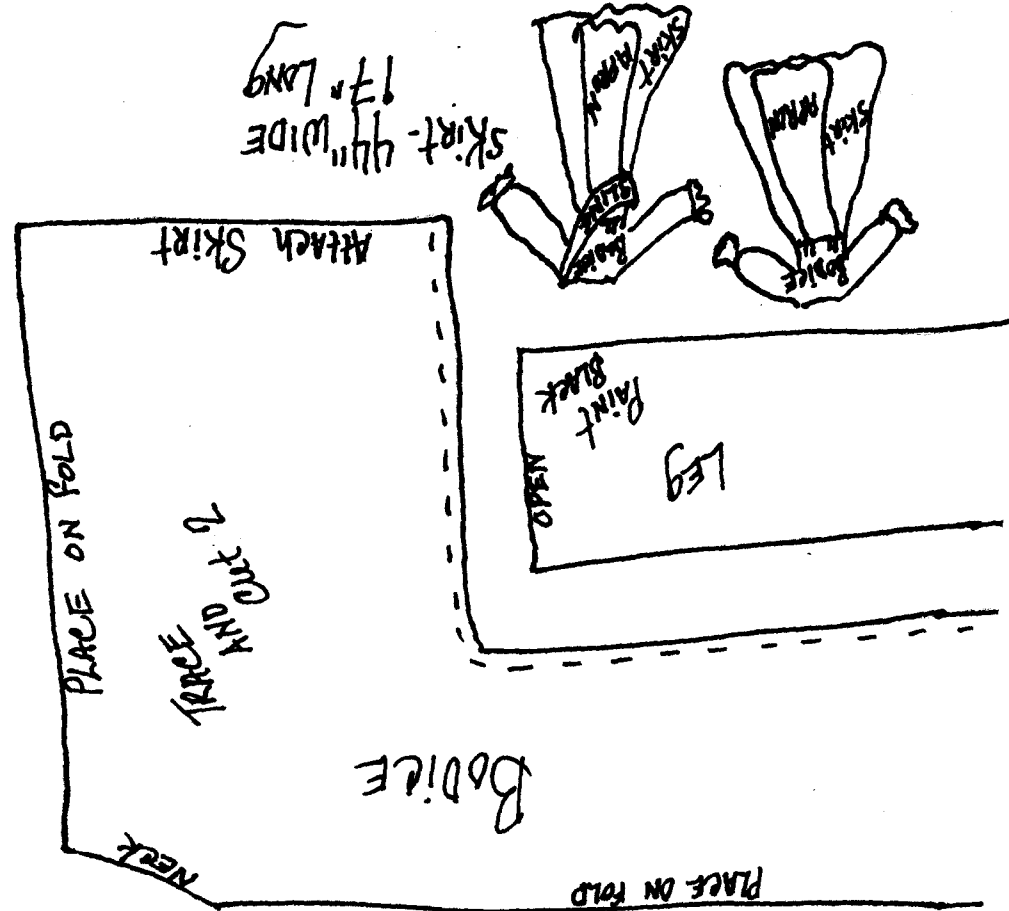




KILLY O'LEARY  
TRACE AND SEW

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MAKE TEMPLATES  
BEFORE TRACING



BODICE

PLACE ON FOLD

TRACE AND CUT 2

NECK

Attach Skirt

SKIRT - 4 1/2" WIDE  
17" LONG

Paint  
BLACK

LEG

NECK

PLACE ON FOLD