

SUPPLIES:

- 3/4 Yard Homespun Fabric for Pillow, Front and Back
- Fat Quarter of Beige Wool Felt for Cat's Body
- Scraps of Wool Felt for Calico Markings on Kitty and Penny
- Rug Circles
- 1 Skein Black Perle Cotton Thread
- 3/4 Yard Warm 'N Natural for Pillow Lining
- Polyester Stuffing
- 1 Pkg. Jumbo Black Rick Rack
- Freezer Paper
- White Tacky Glue
- Sharp Scissors
- Sewing Machine and Thread
- Embroidery Needle
- 2 Buttons for Cat's Eyes



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Prim Kitty Pillow Wool Felt Applique

Prim Kitty Pillow Directions:

{ Felting your Wool is a matter of personal preference for this project. If you want your finished Kitty Pillow to have a more fluffy prim appearance, then you should felt your Wool. Be aware, though, that the felting process results in fabric shrinkage as it tightens the fibers to give your wool more texture. I have done this pillow both with and without felting my wool, and they looked fine both ways. }

1.) Felting Wool (*Optional*) - Take your Wool Felt pieces and place them in a basin of hot water without any detergent to get them thoroughly wet. Each color should be done separately as darker colors, in particular, will tend to run. Remove the Wool from the water and squeeze out the excess water gently without wringing the fabric. Place the Wool in a hot clothes dryer until almost dry, and then remove and allow to finish air drying. Again, darker colors should be dried separately.

2.) You may want to tape the two pattern sheets of the Cat's Body together at the dotted line to help with your pattern transfer. Begin by tracing the pattern pieces for the Cat's Body, Calico Markings, and Penny Rug Circles on the matte side of a piece of Freezer Paper. Place your pattern pieces on the appropriate color of Wool with the shiny side down on your fabric (*the drawn pattern will be facing you*), and lightly iron the pieces down until they stick. You may want to use a pressing cloth while doing your ironing as Wool Felt is easily burnt by a hot iron, and it makes a terrible mess on your iron's soleplate that you really don't want to have to clean - trust me - been there, done that!

Cat's Body - Sandstone Felt

Calico Markings - Black, Pumpkin, Red, and Dark Brown Felt

Penny Circles - Large Circle Black, Medium Circle Red, Small Circle Pumpkin Felt

3.) Next, cut out your pieces on the drawn line, which will also be your stitching line. You will also cut out the heart piece from the center of the kitty's body. You may want to make a small inside cut a short way from the outside line of the heart and then do the outline cut.

4.) Cut 2 pieces from your Homespun Fabric, measuring 11" X 17" each, and then also cut out 2 pieces from the Warm 'N Natural Batting also measuring 11" X 17" each.

5) Begin assembling your pillow, by lightly gluing down the Cat's body and the Calico markings in the center of your 11" X 17" pillow panel. Using any white tacky glue that you have available, just place a few small dots on the backs of the felt pieces, trying to stay away from the edges of the pieces. You don't want to have

the added stress of trying to stitch through these fabric layers and also pushing through glue!

6.) Before you begin stitching, place one of your 11" X 17" pieces of Warm 'N Natural Batting behind your pillow top. You can baste the pieces together or just pin them in a few strategic areas so that the batting won't shift while you're stitching the pillow top.

7.) Using the Black Perle Cotton Thread, Buttonhole Stitch all of the Calico Pieces to the Kitty on the inside edges first, and then use your thread to stitch completely around the outside of the Cat's Body, catching the Calico Markings edges with the edge of the Kitty. Then, Button Hole stitch the inside edges of the Heart. Finally, freehand the Cat's mouth and nose markings with a back stitch, and attach two buttons for the Cat's eyes.

8.) Turn over the pillow top, and using your scissors cut a small slit in the Warm 'N Natural in the center of the heart, just big enough for you to be able to insert a small amount of stuffing to make the Kitty's Heart three dimensional on the pillow. After stuffing, use your sewing thread to whipstitch the opening in the Warm 'N Natural closed so that the stuffing will remain secure.

9.) Next, position your Wool Felt Circles so that they will look like they are hanging down from the Cat's tail. Freehand with a back stitch a hanging thread from the Cat's Tail down to the Penny Circles. Buttonhole Stitch around the edges of all three pennies, thereby attaching them together like a sandwich, and finish off by stitching a large " X " through the center of the smallest penny.

10.) Now that your pillow top is constructed, take your Jumbo Rick Rack and measure out four pieces, one for each side of the pillow, making sure that the Rick Rack pieces overlap each other at the corners. You can baste these pieces down before sewing them on your sewing machine, or just pin and sew as I do. You want to sew them about a half inch in from the edge of your homespun fabric pillow top. You will be sewing them right to the top of your pillow front. First, sew a Rick Rack strip to the bottom edge, followed by the top edge, then one side, and finally the other side.

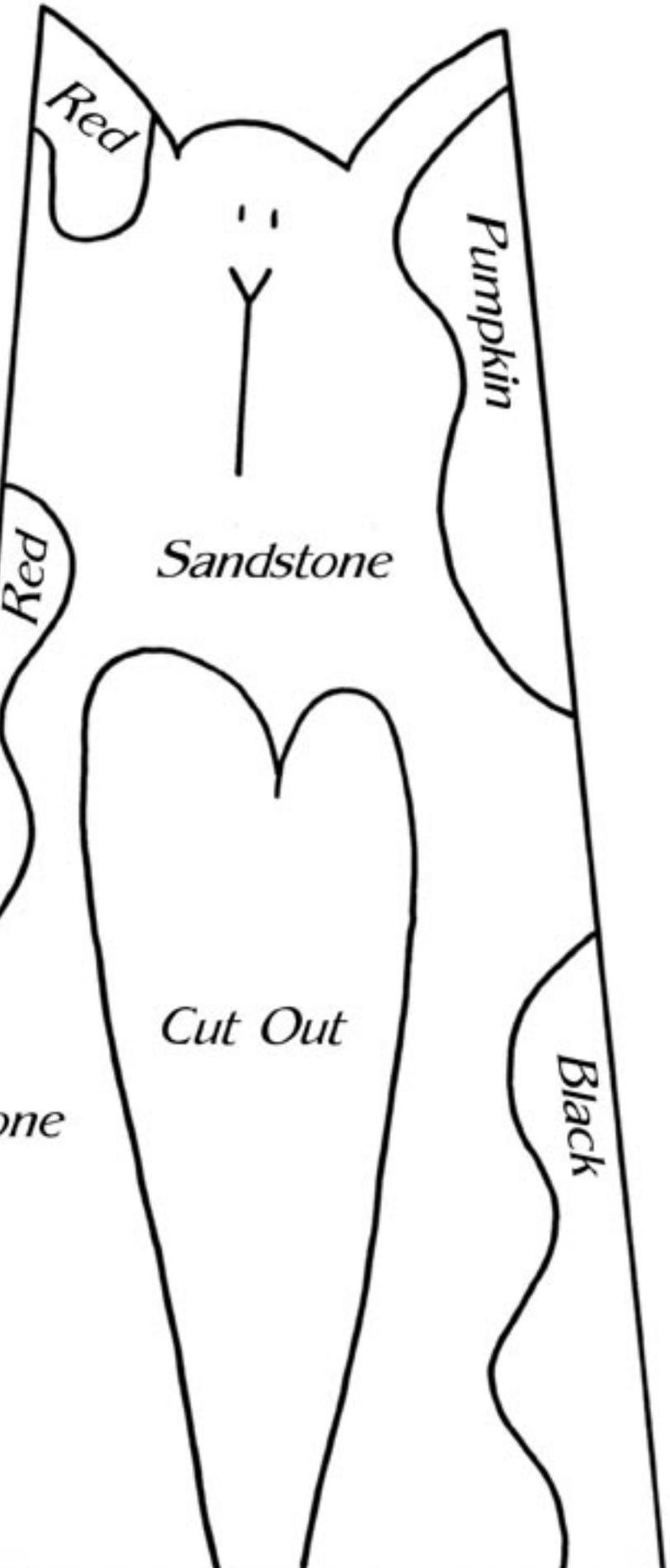
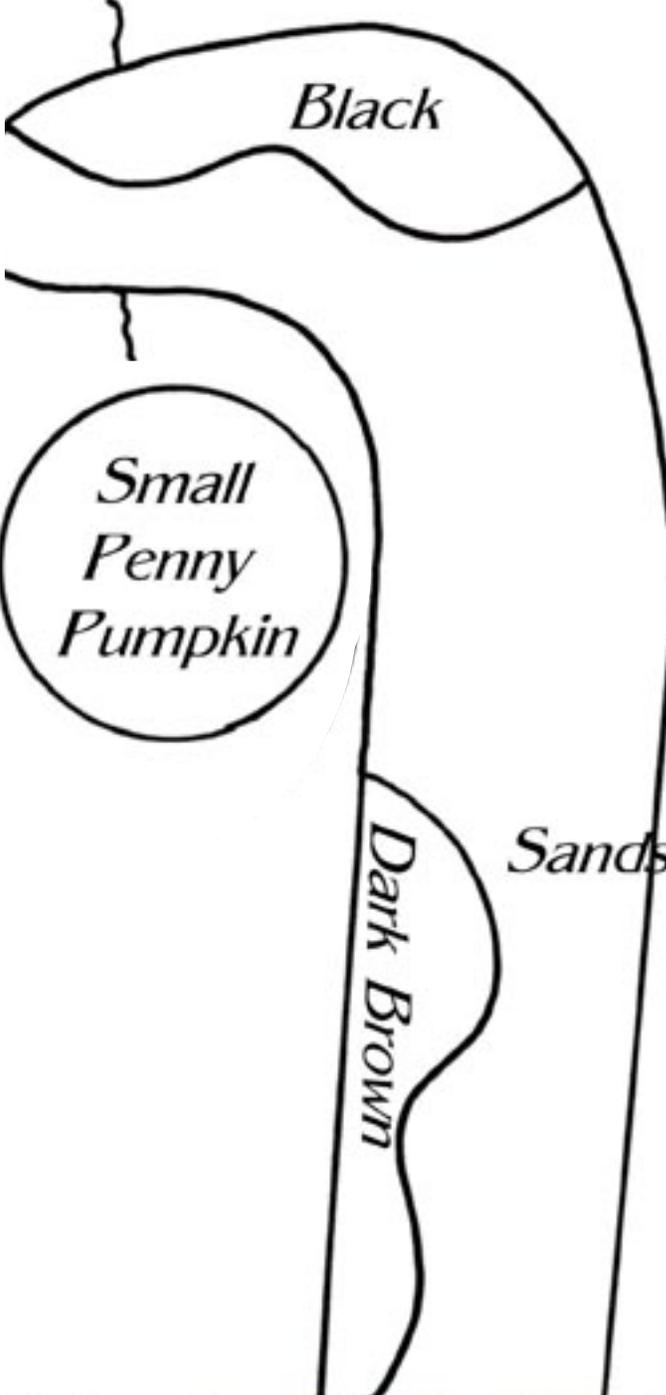
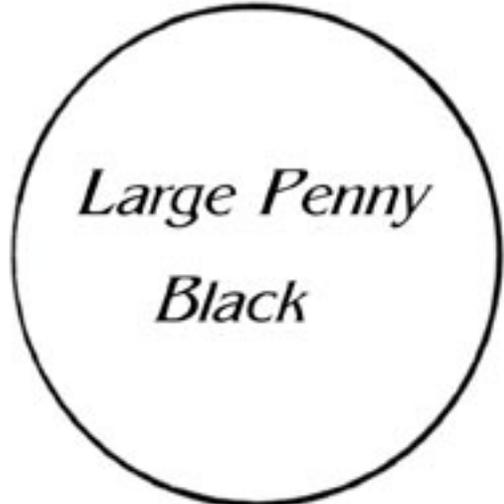
11.) Next, you will be constructing a pillow sandwich. First, place the second piece of 11" X 17" batting down on your table, top that with your pillow backing which is the unsewn piece of 11" X 17" Homespun. To finish the sandwich, place your finished pillow top with the Kitty side down and the batting piece attached to it facing up toward you. Baste or pin all the pieces of your Pillow Sandwich together. Starting at about the center bottom of your pillow, begin stitching your sandwich together with your sewing machine right on the stitching line that is already there

from sewing on your Rick Rack. If you can stay as close as possible to that line, when you turn your pillow out for stuffing, your Rick Rack trim will be positioned perfectly around the edges of your pillow. You may want to reinforce the corners of your pillow as you are sewing by doing a few back stitchings there. Stitch all the way around the outside edges of your pillow, but stop about four inches from you began stitching at the bottom edge, so that you will have an opening for turning your pillow and for stuffing it.

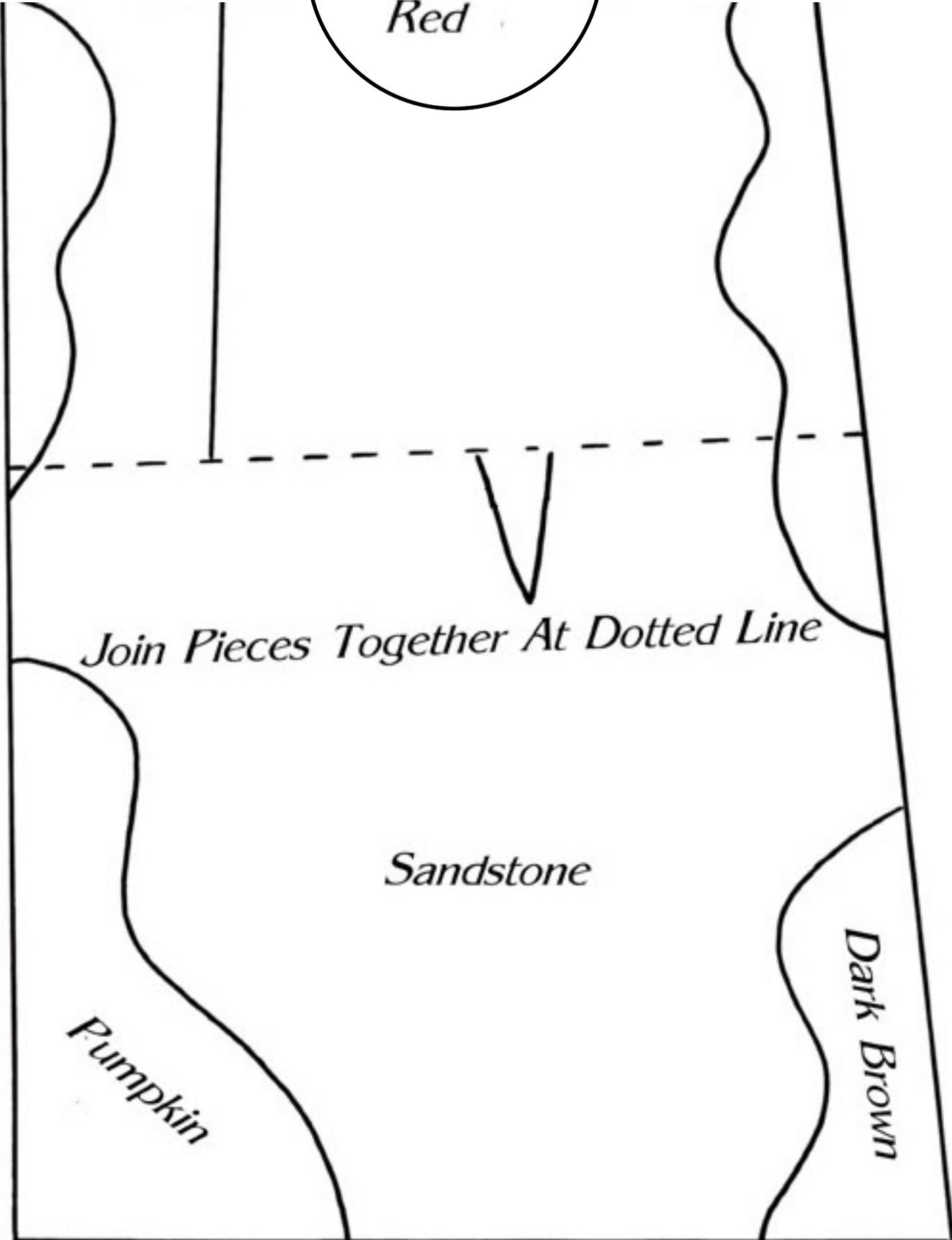
12.) Before turning your pillow, use scissors to trim the corners of your pillow by making a diagonal cut at each corner to reduce the amount of fabric there so that you will have nicely defined corners on your finished pillow.

14.) Turn your pillow to the right side through the opening that you left at the bottom edge of the pillow, and stuff your pillow, paying particular attention to the corners so that they are stuffed firmly. Your last finishing touch is to take a length of sewing thread and use a whipstitch to close the opening where you just did your stuffing.

15.) Now, take a look at your new pillow, appreciate all your hard work, and then do what every kitty does - lay your head down on your pillow and take a nap! You deserve it!!!! Enjoy!!!!



*Medium
Penny
Red*



Join Pieces Together At Dotted Line

Sandstone

Pumpkin

Dark Brown