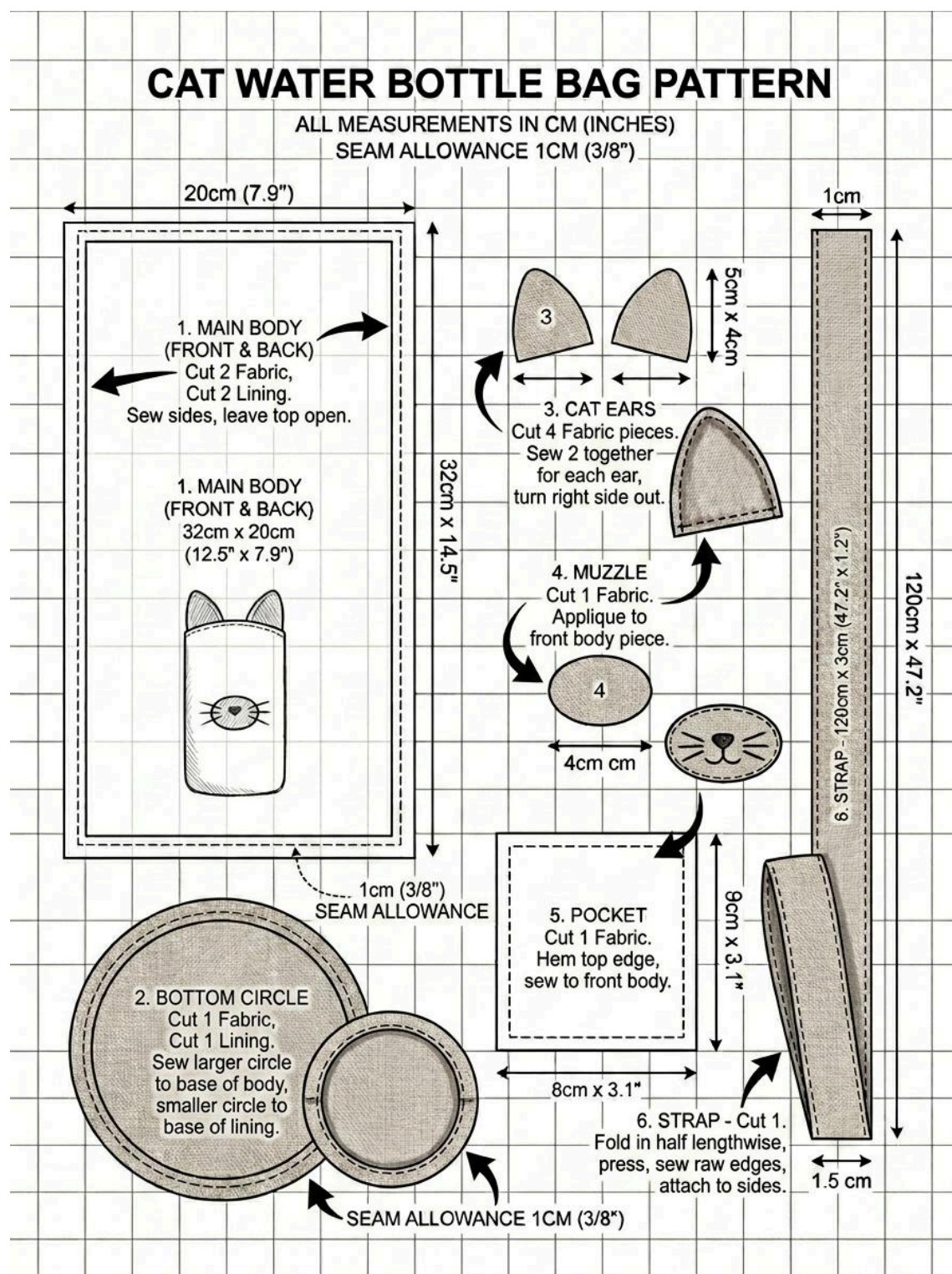


🐱 DIY Cat Water Bottle Bag – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial

Create an adorable cat-themed water bottle bag with cute ears, a front pocket, and an adjustable shoulder strap. This beginner-friendly sewing project is both practical and fun, making it perfect for everyday use, festivals, walks, school, travel, or as a handmade gift.

This tutorial is based exactly on the pattern shown in the diagram, including all dimensions, seam allowances, and piece quantities.



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Finished Size (Approximate):

- Height: 12.5" (32 cm)
- Width: 7.9" (20 cm)
- Circular base diameter: 4.3" (11 cm)

Seam Allowance Included:

- 3/8" (1 cm) on all pieces



Materials and Supplies

Before you begin, gather the following:

Fabric

- Exterior fabric (canvas, cotton canvas, denim, twill, or similar)
- Lining fabric (cotton works well)

Optional Materials

- Fusible interfacing for added structure
- Fusible fleece for extra padding
- Decorative labels or patches
- Embroidery thread for facial details

Hardware

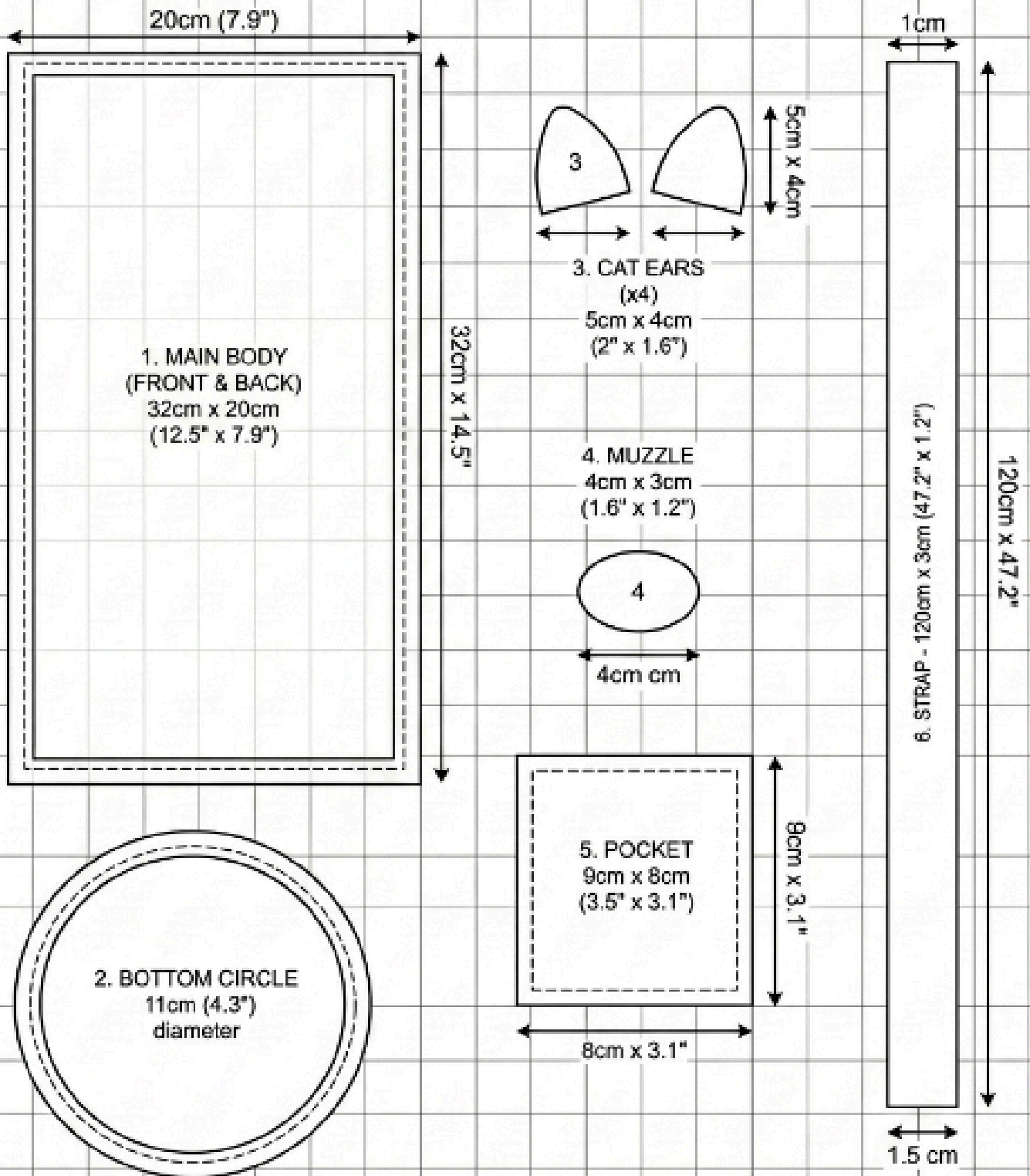
- 2 D-rings (optional)
- 1 slider adjuster (optional)
- Swivel hooks (optional)

Sewing Tools

- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Fabric clips or pins
- Measuring tape
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Iron and ironing board
- Hand sewing needle

CAT WATER BOTTLE BAG PATTERN

ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CM (INCHES)
SEAM ALLOWANCE 1CM (3/8")



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Pattern Pieces

Cut the following pieces exactly as shown in the pattern.

Piece 1 – Main Body (Cut 2)

Cut:

- 2 exterior fabric pieces
- 2 lining fabric pieces
- Optional: 2 interfacing pieces

Size:

32 cm × 20 cm
(12.5" × 7.9")

These pieces form the front and back of the bag.

Piece 2 – Bottom Circle (Cut 2)

Cut:

- 1 exterior fabric circle
- 1 lining fabric circle
- Optional: 1 interfacing circle

Diameter:

11 cm
(4.3")

This creates the base of the bag.

Piece 3 – Cat Ears (Cut 4)

Cut:

- 4 exterior fabric pieces

Size:

5 cm × 4 cm
(2" × 1.6")

You will sew these together to create two finished ears.

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Piece 4 – Muzzle (Cut 1)

Cut:

- 1 exterior fabric piece

Size:

4 cm × 3 cm
(1.6" × 1.2")

This decorative oval becomes the cat's muzzle.

Piece 5 – Front Pocket (Cut 1)

Cut:

- 1 exterior fabric piece

Size:

9 cm × 8 cm
(3.5" × 3.1")

This small pocket is attached to the front of the bag.

Piece 6 – Strap (Cut 1)

Cut:

- 1 strip

Size:

120 cm × 3 cm
(47.2" × 1.2")

Finished strap width:

Approximately **1.5 cm (5/8")**



Preparing the Fabric

Wash and dry your fabric before cutting if shrinkage is possible.

Press all fabric pieces flat with an iron.

If using interfacing:

- Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of all exterior pieces.

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- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Allow pieces to cool completely before sewing.

Sew the Cat Ears

Take the four ear pieces.

Place two ear pieces right sides together.

Sew around the curved edges using a 3/8" (1 cm) seam allowance.

Leave the bottom edge open.

Trim the seam allowance slightly around the curves.

Turn right side out.

Use a blunt tool to gently shape the points.

Press flat.

Repeat for the second ear.

You should now have:

- 2 finished cat ears

Prepare the Muzzle Decoration

Place the oval muzzle piece on the right side of one exterior main body panel.

Position it approximately:

- Centered horizontally
- About 4–5 inches (10–13 cm) down from the top edge

Fold the raw edge under slightly.

Topstitch around the entire oval.

Optional details:

- Embroider a small nose
- Add whiskers
- Add a mouth
- Use fabric paint or embroidery for eyes

This panel will become the front of the bag.

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Prepare the Front Pocket

Take the pocket piece.

Fold the top edge to the wrong side about 1/4" (6 mm).

Press.

Fold again another 1/4" (6 mm).

Topstitch along the folded edge.

Position the pocket on the lower center of the front panel.

Leave enough space between the pocket and the bottom edge so it does not interfere with attaching the circular base.

Pin or clip in place.

Sew along:

- Left side
- Bottom
- Right side

Leave the top open.

Backstitch at the beginning and end.

Your front panel now includes the decorative muzzle and pocket.

Attach the Cat Ears

Place both ears along the top edge of the front exterior panel.

Position them symmetrically.

The open edges of the ears should align with the top raw edge of the panel.

The ears should point downward toward the center of the bag.

Baste them in place using a temporary stitch within the seam allowance.

The ears will flip upward after assembly.

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Sew the Exterior Body

Place the front and back exterior body panels right sides together.

Ensure the ears are sandwiched between the layers at the top.

Sew the two side seams.

Do not sew the top edge.

Press seams open.

You now have a fabric tube.



Attach the Exterior Bottom Circle

Mark four reference points:

On the Circular Base

- Top
- Bottom
- Left
- Right

On the Body Tube

- Front center
- Back center
- Two side seams

Match the markings.

Pin or clip carefully.

Sew the circular base to the bottom opening.

Go slowly around the curve.

If necessary:

- Use many clips
- Sew with the circle facing upward
- Adjust fabric gradually

Clip small notches into the seam allowance around the curve.

Do not cut through the stitching.

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Turn right side out.

Press carefully.

The exterior shell is now complete.



Sew the Lining

Take the two lining body pieces.

Place them right sides together.

Sew both side seams.

Leave the top open.

Create another tube.

Attach the lining circle to the bottom exactly as you did for the exterior.

Important:

Leave a turning opening approximately 4–5 inches (10–13 cm) long in one lining side seam.

This opening will be used later to turn the bag right side out.



Make the Strap

Take the strap piece.

Fold it in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.

Press.

Open it.

Fold each long edge toward the center crease.

Press again.

Fold in half once more.

The raw edges should now be enclosed.

Topstitch along both long edges.

This creates a strong finished strap approximately 1.5 cm (5/8") wide.



Optional Adjustable Strap Method

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If using hardware:

Thread one end through a slider adjuster.

Attach D-rings to the sides of the bag.

Finish according to your preferred adjustable strap configuration.

If you prefer a fixed strap, continue with the next step.

Attach the Strap to the Bag

Place the strap ends on opposite sides of the exterior bag.

Position them evenly below the top edge.

Make sure the strap is not twisted.

Baste the strap ends to the bag within the seam allowance.

Join the Exterior and Lining

Turn the exterior bag right side out.

Leave the lining inside out.

Insert the exterior bag into the lining.

Right sides should now be facing each other.

Match:

- Side seams
- Top edges

Pin around the entire top opening.

Sew completely around the top edge using a 3/8" (1 cm) seam allowance.

Backstitch securely where the strap ends are located.

Turn the Bag Right Side Out

Reach through the opening left in the lining.

Carefully pull the entire bag through.

Continue until everything is right side out.

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Push the lining into the exterior bag.

Shape the top edge neatly.

Press thoroughly.

Close the Lining Opening

Fold the raw edges of the lining opening inward.

Press.

Close using either:

- Hand ladder stitch (invisible finish)
- Machine topstitch

Push the lining fully inside the bag.

Topstitch the Upper Edge

Topstitch around the entire top opening.

Sew approximately 1/8" (3 mm) from the edge.

Benefits:

- Creates a professional finish
- Helps lining stay in place
- Adds durability

Final Finishing

Give the entire bag a final press.

Check:

- Pocket security
- Strap attachment
- Ear positioning
- Base stitching
- Lining seams

Trim any loose threads.

Your cat water bottle bag is now complete.

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Optional Customization Ideas

Make your bag unique with:

- Embroidered eyes
- Pink inner ears
- Bow tie applique
- Quilted exterior
- Contrast lining
- Personalized name label
- Magnetic pocket closure
- Zippered top opening
- Adjustable crossbody strap
- Faux leather accents

Finished Project

You now have a cute and functional cat-themed water bottle bag featuring:

- ✓ Circular bottle-friendly base
- ✓ Front storage pocket
- ✓ Decorative cat ears
- ✓ Comfortable shoulder strap
- ✓ Fully lined interior
- ✓ Beginner-friendly construction

Perfect for carrying a water bottle, small umbrella, snacks, phone, keys, or other daily essentials while showing off an adorable handmade cat design. 🐾💕