

# LAZY MAY

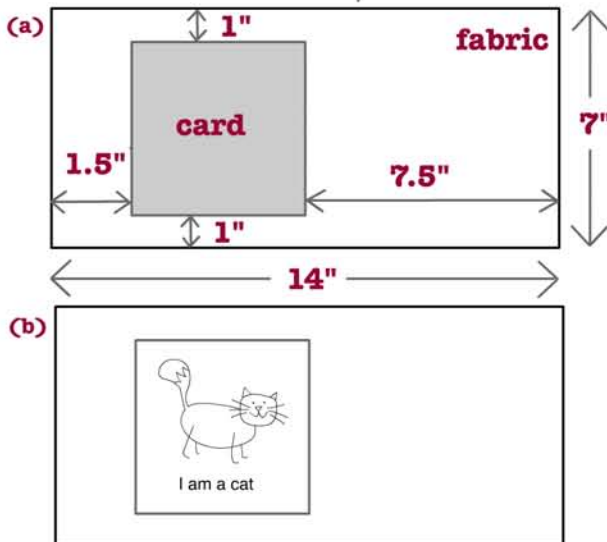
## simple cat rag book

this tutorial will show you how to make a cute rag book using Lazy May 'That cat' patterns

### To make one you will need

1 yard (1 metre) of heavy linen  
 1 yard (1 metre) of interfacing  
 1 square of card cut to 5" by 5"  
 embroidery thread in orange, blue, white, pink, black, green, red, yellow

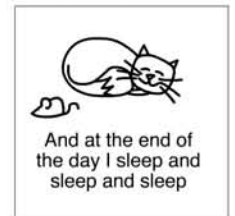
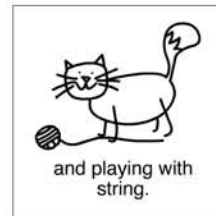
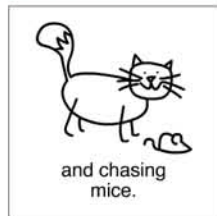
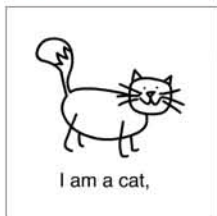
12" gingham ribbon  
 needle, pins  
 scissors, pencil, ruler  
 Lazy May 'That cat' patterns and rag book text patterns



**1.** First cut the fabric for the pages of your book, place the card on your fabric as shown (a) and draw around it with a pencil. Cut a 14" by 7" rectangle around your pencil square leaving the gaps shown in (a). Mark and cut six pieces.

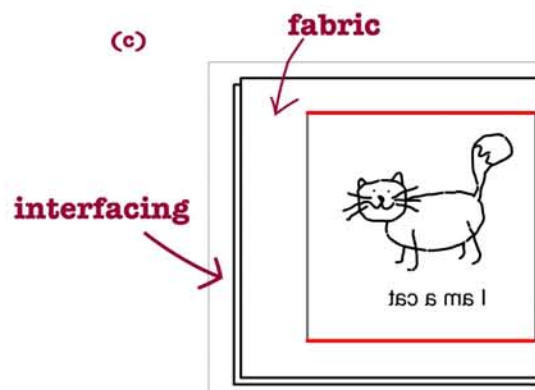
**2.** Transfer your cat patterns to the centre of each rectangle (b). See the 'how 2' page for info on transferring iron-on and PDF patterns to fabric. Use the drawings of the 6 book pages below to match the patterns and text.

**3.** Now embroider over the transferred lines. I used 6 strands of thread and a split stitch for the outline of the cat, 3 strands for the cats features and 1 for its whiskars. For the lettering I used 6 strands of thread and a small back stitch.



**4.** When you have stitched all your pages take your pencil and pierce a small hole through each corner of the square you drew earlier. Then turn your fabric over and use a ruler and pencil join up the holes to make a square on the reverse of the fabric

**5.** Cut 6 squares of interfacing measuring 7" by 7". Fold your linen along the right hand pencil line and place it on top of the interfacing with the wrong side of your embroidery facing you, as shown (c)



**6.** Now stitch the 3 layers of fabric together along the pencil lines that I have highlighted in red in illustration (c), use 2 strands of thread that matches your fabric and a small tight back stitch. Make sure this stitching is very secure

**7.** Trim away any excess fabric above the top line of stitches and below the bottom line, leave about 1/4 inch.

**8.** Now turn the pocket you have made inside out. Well done this is one complete page, repeat the steps to make the other 5 pages.

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9. Now you should have 6 beautiful pages, use a pin to pop out the corners of each one and press with a hot iron.

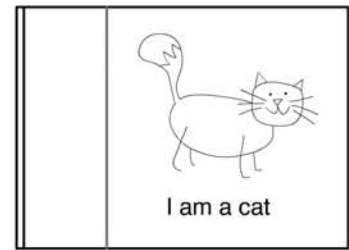
10. Organise the pages into the order shown on the previous page. You should still be able to see one of your pencil lines shown in (d) as a grey line.

11. Lay page 1 of top of page 2 and line them up using this pencil line, pin them in position and sew both pages together along this line using a thread that matches your fabric and a small tight back stitch. Repeat this step with pages 3 and 4, and then 5 and 6.

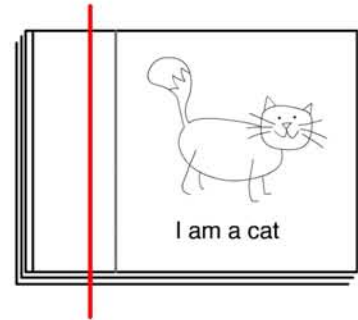
12. Now stack your three pairs in order, again matching them up using the pencil line. Pin and then sew all three pairs securely together using the line as a guide.

13. Trim off any excess fabric along the red line shown in (e)

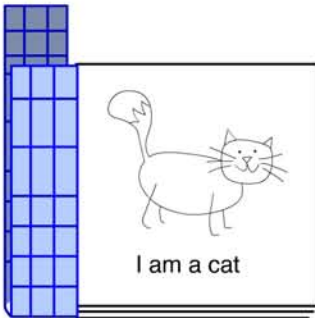
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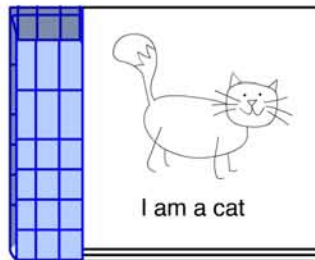
(e)



(f)



(g)



14. To complete the book pin the right hand edge of your ribbon to the stitching you have used to secure the pages in place. Wrap the ribbon right around the book, pinning it all the way (f). Fold the end of the ribbon over on itself to make a neat edge and then pin it down to cover the start of the ribbon (g).

15. Neatly stitch the ribbon to your book using a single strand of matching thread. Stitch along the folded ribbon to secure it. And lastly sew the open edges of the ribbon together.

**That's it all done!!!**

