

STUFFED ANIMALS

OILCLOTH RABBIT

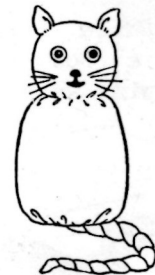
Making this oilcloth rabbit is fun, and a baby brother or sister will love such a pretty bunny. Copy the outline given you on the next page and use it for a pattern. Put the pattern down on the wrong side of a piece of oilcloth and trace around it with a crayon. Cut the rabbit out. Then turn the pattern the other side up and make another rabbit of oilcloth in the same way.

Sew a bead or button on each rabbit for an eye. Pin the rabbits together and make holes with a punch all the way

around near the edges, about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch apart. (Your Mother will be glad to mark with pencil the places where the punches should be made, and then you can make them with a nail.) If you don't have a punch and can't make even holes with a nail, the pencil marks will show you where to take stitches with your needle. Overcast with a large needle and yarn of any color, or make a plain running stitch in and out of the holes. Stuff the animal with cotton, rags, or crumpled paper before sewing it all up. See also: CHILDCRAFT, Vol. 8, pp. 244-245.

STOCKING CAT

You've heard of the calico cat, but what about the brown silk one? An old stocking will make a wonderful kitty, and it can be black or gray or brown, whichever you prefer. The top of the stocking is sewed across, and the foot is cut off. The two upper corners are tied and sewed for ears. Use dime-store cotton for stuffing the stocking head and body. (You can buy a large ten-cent roll of cotton at the embroidery counter.) Tie the stuffed cat's neck and also the bottom of the body. Wrap thread around the remainder of the stocking to make



kitty's long tail. Sew on button eyes. If the kitty needs whiskers, you can make them of thread, waxed for stiffness.

A STUFFED KITTYY

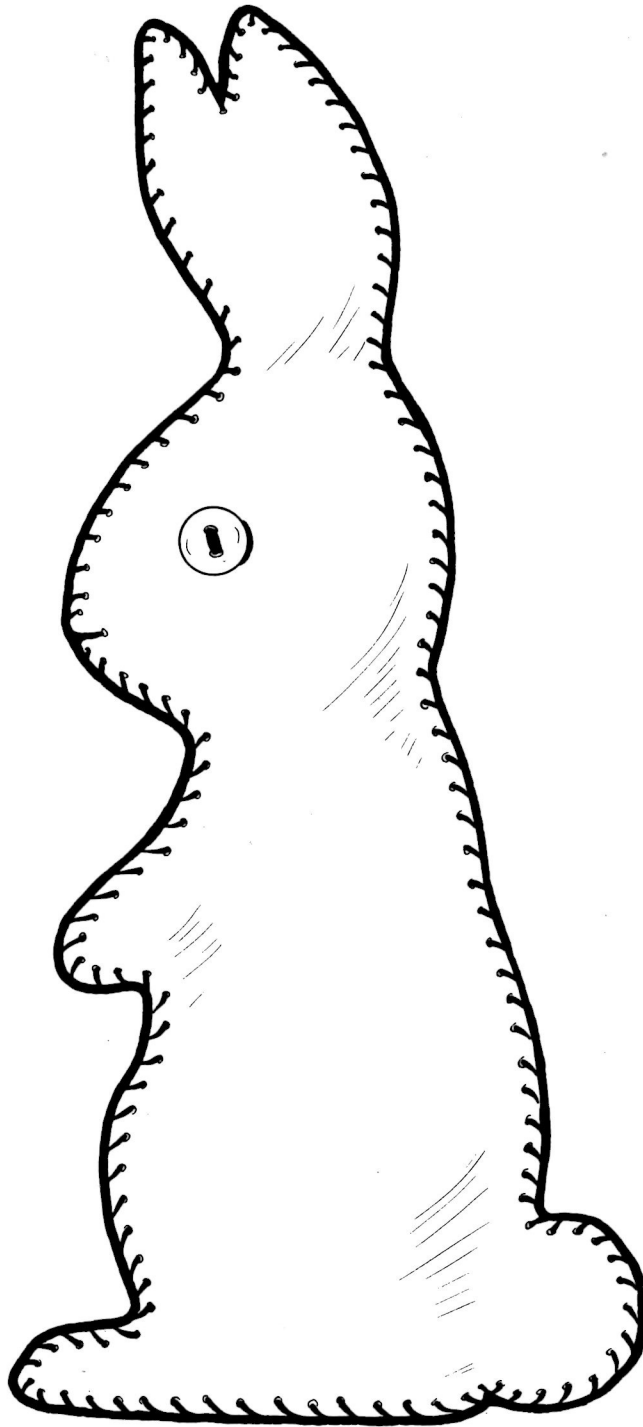
Look who's here! Kitty Black!

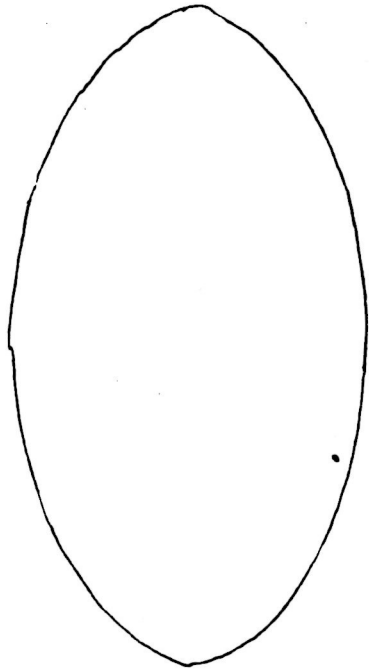
She can be made of black oilcloth with waxed-thread whiskers and eyebrows, green-button eyes, a pink-patch nose, and pink stitches for a mouth. Her legs are sewed on. Her tail is braided of three narrow strands of oilcloth, and she has a gay bow on it. The body is

made in two pieces, the front exactly like the back. The legs and features are finished before the front and back pieces are joined together with over-and-over stitch.

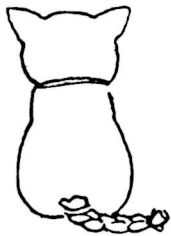
When making Kitty Black, it would be well, after you have decided upon the size, to make a pattern of your own and

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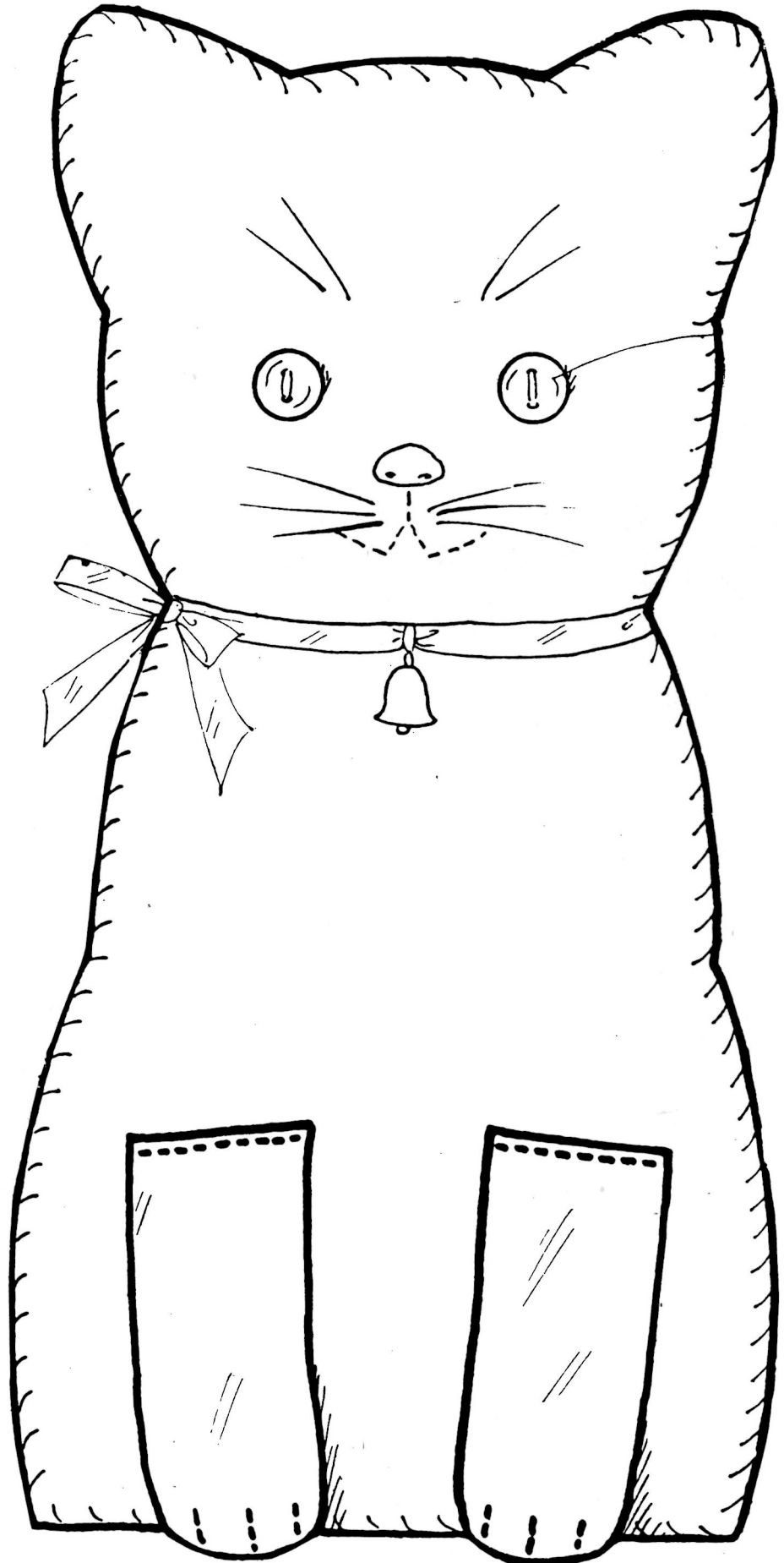
Kitty's Base



Kitty's Tail



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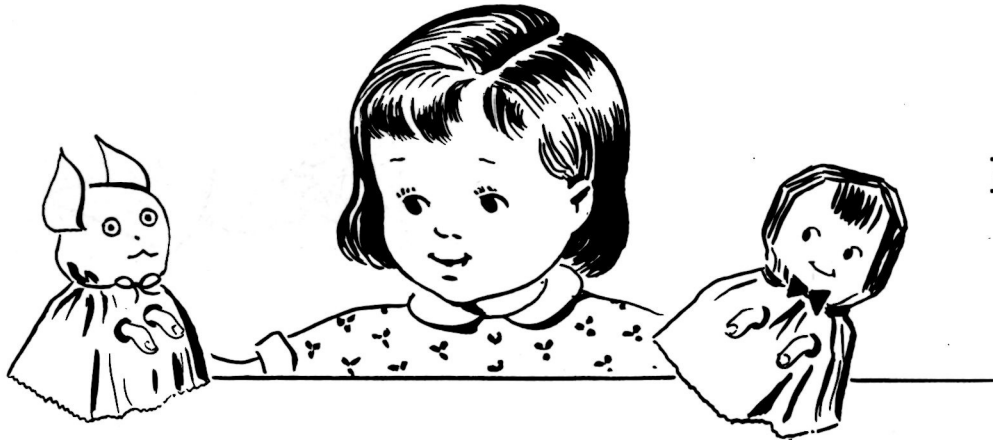


A STUFFED KITTY (contd)

allow an extra quarter of an inch around the edges of both front and back pieces. This quarter inch is to be turned in, thus giving a better-looking edge.

After joining the front and the back along all except the lower edge, stuff Kitty with cotton or rags. Then set Kitty on a piece of newspaper and make

a pattern for an oval base, upon which you will also allow one quarter inch for turning in. Sew the kitty's base to the lower edge, and Kitty is ready to play. Look at the next page for the patterns for Kitty Black. (Adapted from: Jordan, Nina R. "A Stitch or Two," Children's Activities, 2:32.)

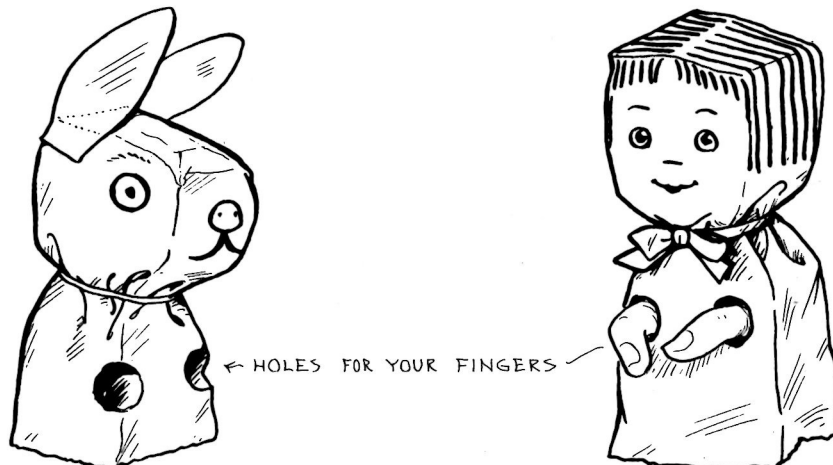


PUPPETS

HAND PUPPETS

Here is a puppet that is easy to make. These tiny hand puppets can be made from small paper bags. Holes are cut in one side, and two fingers are put through the holes and used for the arms of a

may be drawn. Hair may be drawn with crayons or made of shredded paper pasted on the head of the puppet. Here are a doll puppet and a rabbit puppet that you can make. Try to make puppets that look



doll or the forelegs of an animal. A string is tied loosely about the neck to give shape to the puppet. The head may be stuffed with paper, and the features

like other animals you know, and see how much fun it really is. Can your puppet dance and wave its hands? (Adapted from: Toys, p.74. Burbank City Schools, Calif.)