

## **Paper Pieced Tesselcats** (credit: [quilterscache.com/mhohn](http://quilterscache.com/mhohn))

All seams 1/4 inch - Short stitch length (1.2 or 1.4)

Pieces 1, 3, and 5 are BLACK

Pieces 2, 4, 5 and 6 are PRINT (cat 1) and matching SOLID (cat 2)  
(OR you can make 1, 3, and 5 the color of the opposite cat and it looks like the other cat's tail.)

Center rectangle pieces 1 and 2 are PRINT and SOLID

FABRIC for cat 1 PRINT (Repeat for cat 2 matching solid.)

Three 2"x 2" Black squares (or cat 2 solid)

Two 2"x 2" Print squares (ears)

Two 4"x 9" Print rectangles (body)

Cuts are generous.

Hint: if you try to sneak in a small piece of fabric for the small areas you may lose a seam allowance.

Assembly cat body pieces with ears: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Triangles 1 and 2

1. Triangle 1: Place one black square WS of fabric to unprinted side of pattern covering triangle 1. Check coverage. Pin.
2. Fold on paper line 1-2. Trim fabric to 1/4" from paper fold. Open paper
3. Align print square edge to trimmed black edge RS together. Check for coverage over Triangle 2. Pin.
4. Flip paper to printed side and stitch on 1-2 line. Open. Press.
5. Fold paper on line 2-3. Trim fabric to 1/4 " from paper fold. Open paper.
6. Align black square for Triangle 3 on trimmed edge RS together. Check coverage. Pin.
7. Flip to printed paper side. Stitch on line 2-3. Open Press.
8. Continue process for remaining pieces. (fold paper, trim to 1/4", align next piece to trimmed edge, check, pin, flip, stitch, open, press )
9. Final 4x9 rectangle align to trimmed ear assembly. Check that it is straight. Sew in place.

Assembly center rectangle pieces 1,2 (one print and one solid)

(The trim to 1/4" step is different for these pieces.)

1. Place one 4x9 rectangle WS of fabric to unprinted side of pattern covering the rectangle.
2. Place the second 4x9 rectangle RS together at a 90° angle to the first rectangle making a L shape with the two pieces.
3. Match the long sides of the second rectangle with the "align" lines on the pattern.
4. Pin exactly on the diagonal stitch line. Fold the fabric up on the pinned line to check that the paper pattern is covered by fabric. Adjust if necessary.
5. Flip and stitch on the diagonal printed line. Open. Press.
6. Only then fold paper on diagonal line and trim seam to 1/4". Save the trimmings.

When all 3 patterns are completed, trim edges to 1/4" and stitch together.

Leave pins through paper and fabric on the long rectangles while stitching. Remove paper.

Trimmings and swatches: pin to back of the completed block so the winner can choose to use in a pieced border if desired.



