

PURRRFECT

stitching

MATERIALS & TOOLS:

- 65x94cm Duck Egg Blue felt for background
- 65x94cm medium-weight fusible interfacing
- 25cm bonding web
- 30x25cm bright pink felt (cat)
- 8x8cm orange felt (flower outer)
- 3x3cm yellow (flower inner) and black felt (eyes and nose)
- rickrack
- 1 skein black & bright orange cotton hand-embroidery thread
- air-erasable marker or pencil
- hand-embroidery needle
- template downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk

CUTTING:

For the sewing machine cover, cut:

- Template 1 & 3 – cut two pieces
- Template 2 – cut one piece
- Fuse the interfacing to the reverse of each piece

NOTES:

Seam allowance of 5mm is included except where otherwise stated

FINISHED SIZE:

40x30x17cm

HOW TO MAKE:

1 Make a 2cm hem at the lower edge of the front, back and side panels (three) at the wider edge.

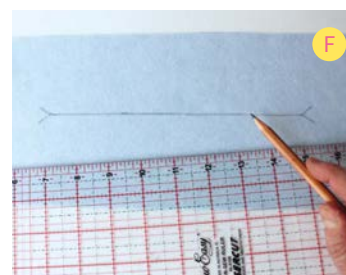
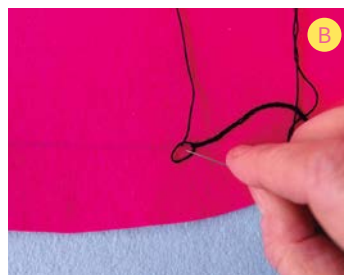
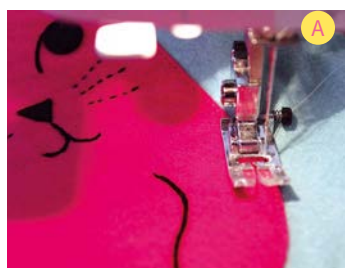
APPLIQUÉ

2 Trace the appliqué templates onto bonding web then fuse to their respective coloured felt.

3 Cut out the shapes and arrange in position on the front felt piece. Fix in place with a hot iron (it's advisable to cover the pieces with a

Who doesn't need a cat permanently curled up in their sewing room? With this machine cover you will always have a feline friend to keep you company

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lightweight fabric cloth to avoid the felt melting or the pieces shifting as you fuse them).

4 Machine-sew around the cat in matching thread close to the edge. (See Pic A.)

5 Hand-stitch the eyes and nose and, using a chain stitch,

sew on the cat's eyelids and mouth. Sew the whiskers as shown on the diagram using a running stitch. You can reduce the thickness of the thread by pulling out two strands one at a time. (See pics B to D.)

6 Mark out the tail and paw with the marking pen and stitch the line with a hand-sewn chain stitch.

7 Hand-stitch the outer rim of the inner flower, stem and down the centre of each leaf with a running stitch.



Fiona says...

This machine cover was inspired by my own cat Mabelline and her cheeky personality. I love the pop of bright colours together



Top tip

The thread should be no longer than your forearm – any longer and you'll get tangled up!

8 Sew the rickrack across the front lower edge to cover the hemline stitching. (See Pic E.)

ASSEMBLY

9 Draw a line along the centre of the top panel with an invisible fabric marker as shown on the template. (See Pic F.) Cut along this line to make

the opening in the top panel (two) for the handle.

10 Using the orange embroidery thread and needle hand stitch a blanket stitch around the cut opening in the top panel. (See Pic G.)

11 Pin the side panels to top edge at short sides RST. Sew a 1cm seam. Press seam open.

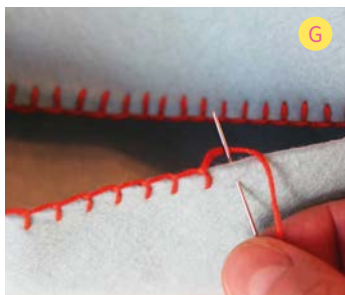
12 Mark the centre points of each panel and the top using pins. (See Pic H.)

13 Pin front panel at three un-hemmed sides to top and side panel RST, matching the pin points, then working around the sides.

14 Tack-stitch then sew a 5mm seam all around. Press the seams open.

15 Pin the back panel to the other side of the side and top panel and sew as before. Press seams open. (See Pic I.)

16 As felt doesn't fray, there's no need to neaten the raw edges! Simply turn RS out.



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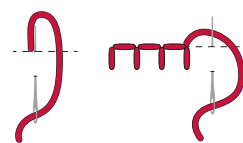
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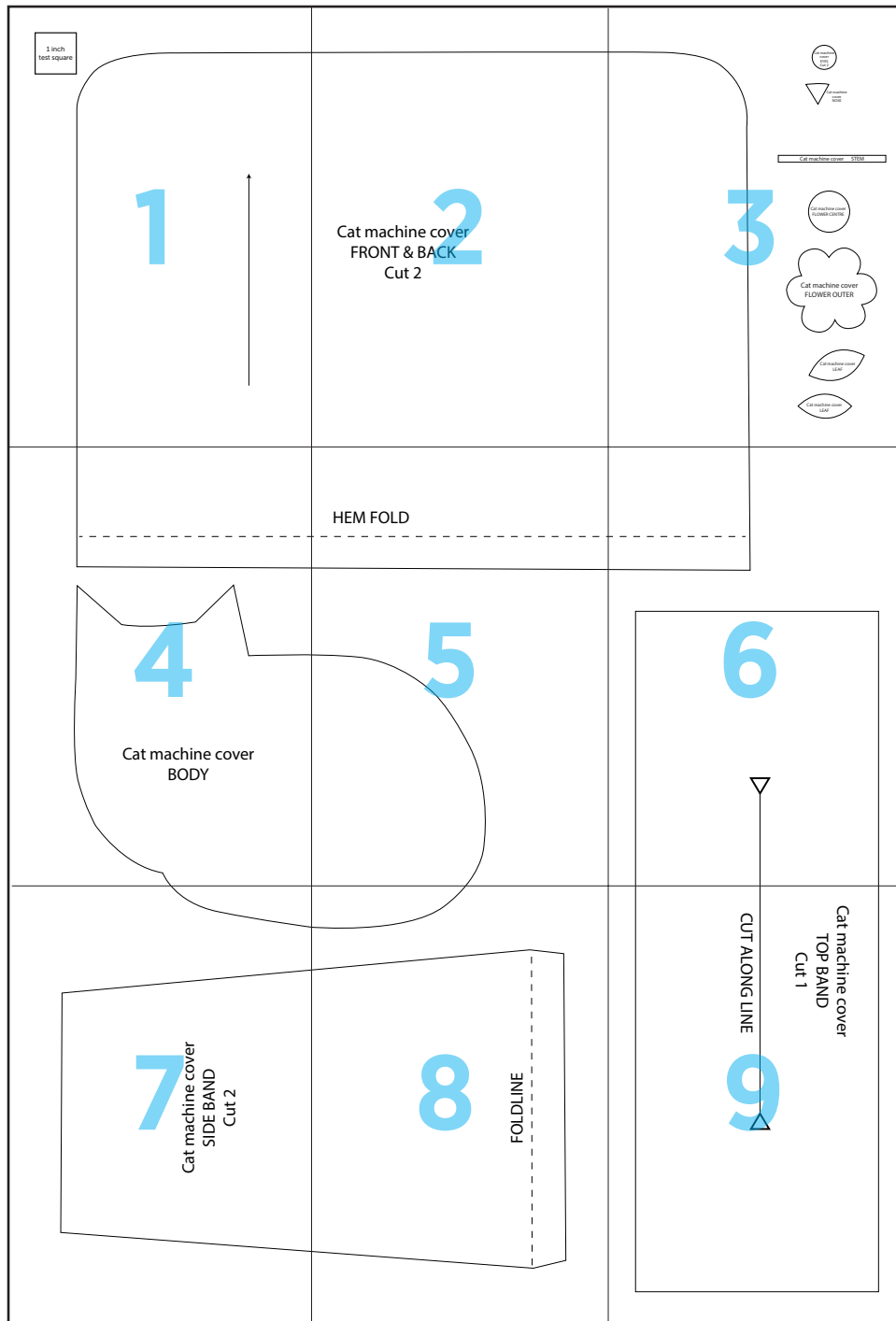
Blanket STITCH

Here's an easy method to sew a neat knot at the end of your work



- 1 Work from left to right.
- 2 Bring needle up at 1, down at 2 and up at 3, keeping the thread looped under the needle.
- 3 Pull the thread through and shape the stitch as desired.
- 4 Repeat multiple stitches until complete.
- 5 For an even line of stitching keep the height of the stitches even throughout.

Cat machine cover



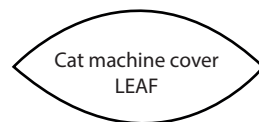
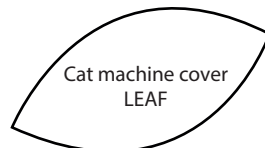
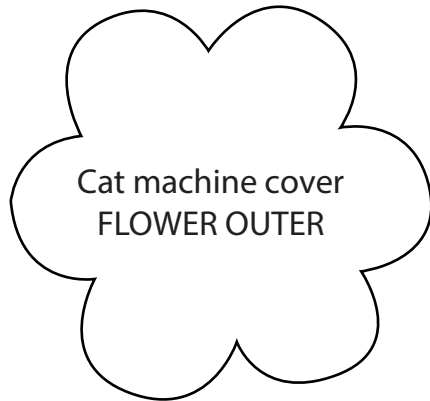
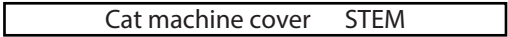
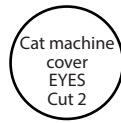
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1 inch
test square

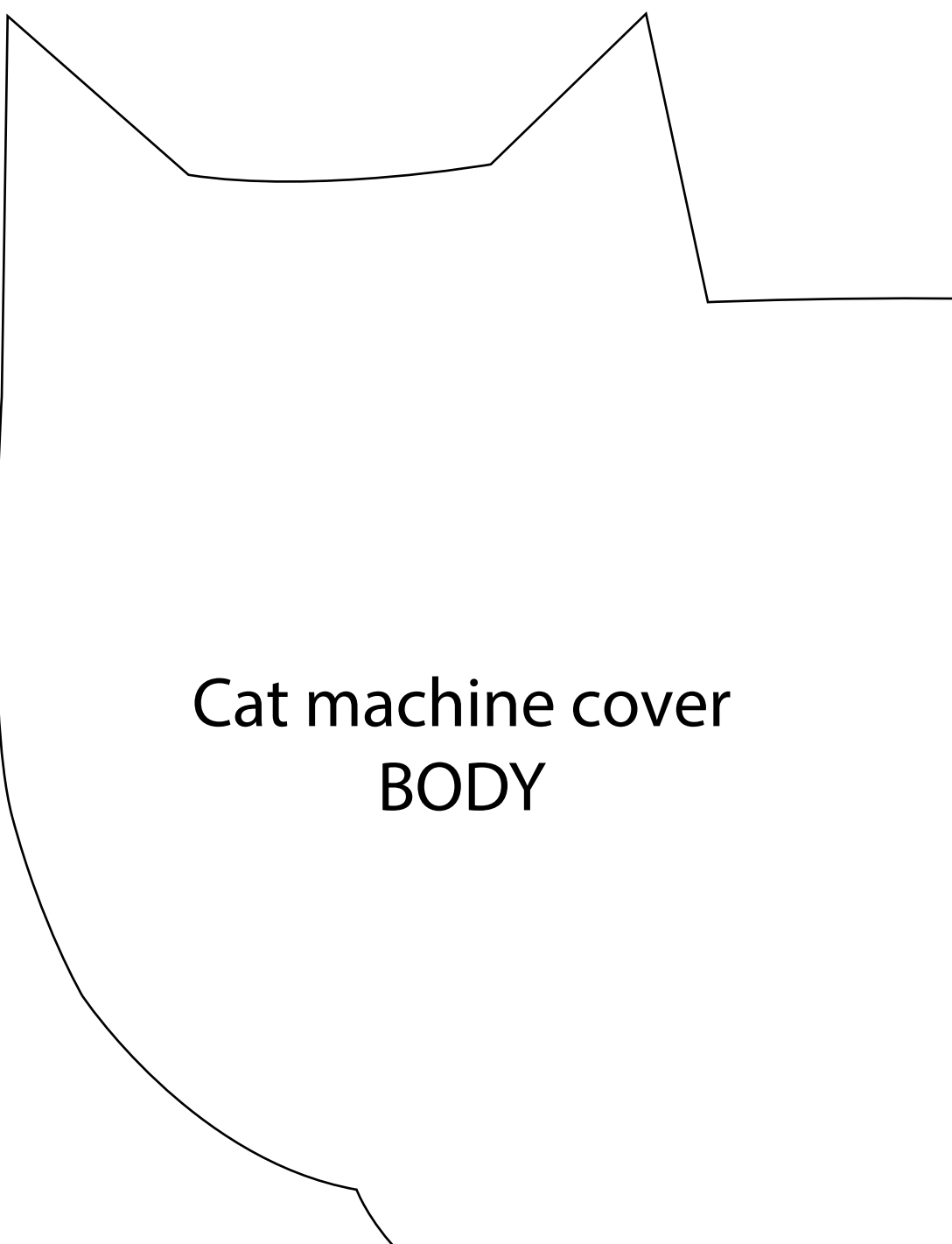
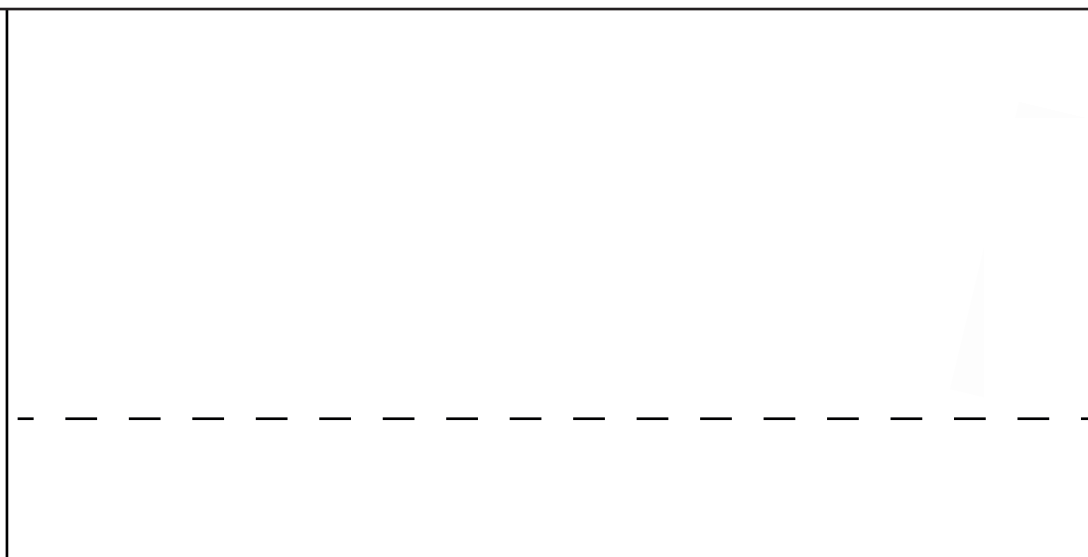




Cat machine cover
FRONT & BACK
Cut 2



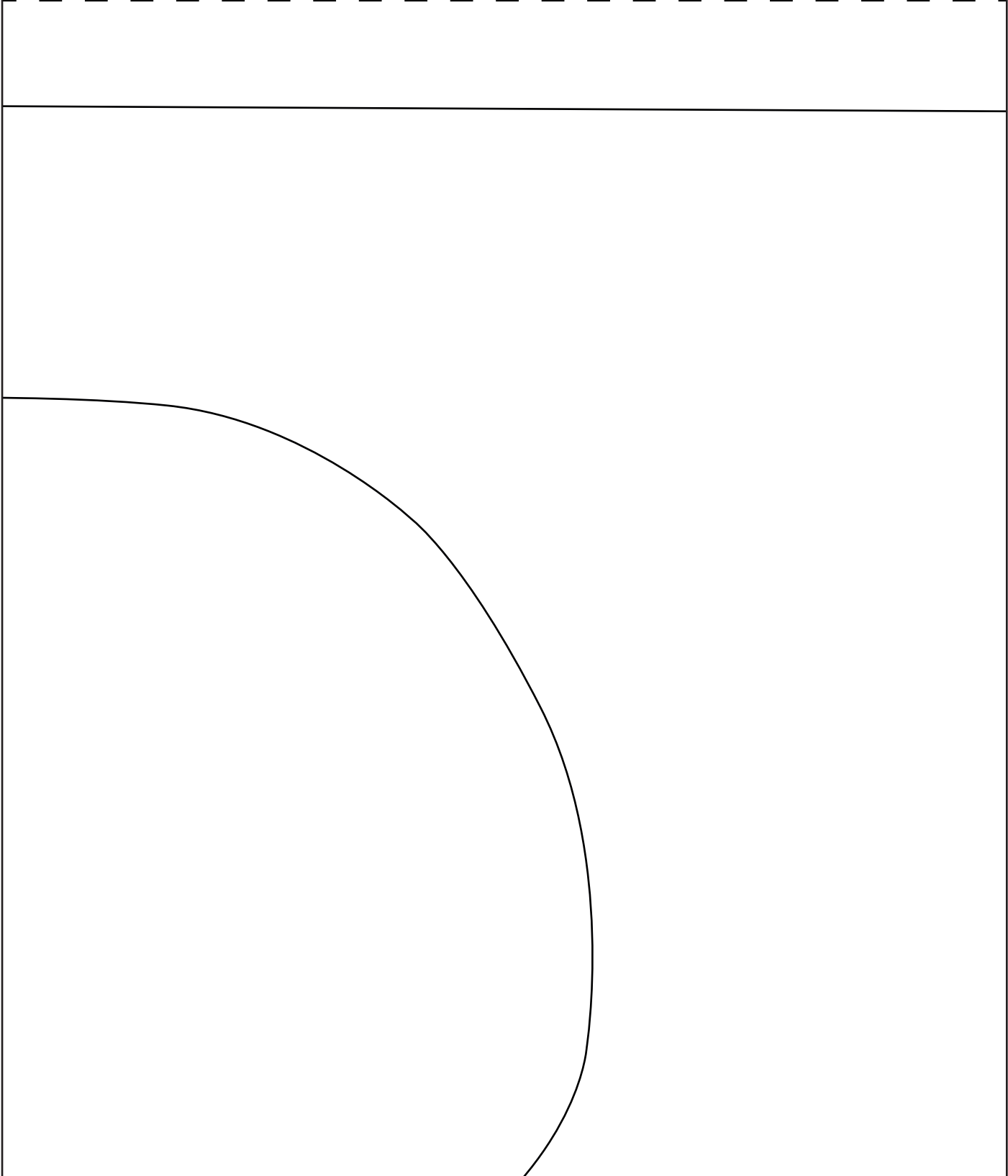
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Cat machine cover
BODY

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HEM FOLD



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Cat machine cover
SIDE BAND
Cut 2





FOLDLINE



Cat machine cover
TOP BAND
Cut 1

CUT ALONG LINE



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