

Cozy Kitty Microwavable Corn Bag

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Read carefully before you begin:

- **Dried field corn (not popcorn)** - is available at feed stores. Look for dried corn that has been double or triple cleaned. Before using, look through the corn and remove any debris like pebbles, bugs, bits of corn cobs, etc. Remove any dust.
- **WARNING! Microwaving** – experiment with the length of time needed to microwave your corn bag, microwaves vary. Start with one 1 minute, if not warm enough, increase the length of time in 30-second increments until you reach the desired amount of heat. **Do not overheat**, or the bag could burn your skin or the corn or the bag could catch fire. Only adults should be in charge of microwaving the bag. If you make and give these as gifts, be sure and give them this information.
- **Do not use anything to make your bag that is questionable to microwave**, such as interfacing, buttons, etc. Use only cotton fabric, thread and the corn.
- **Corn bags work great also for cold therapy treatment when frozen.**
- Not recommended for people with poor circulation or diabetes.

Supplies Needed

- Head – 1/4 yd or fat quarter (cotton fabric only) makes 2 bags. *Shown using a different fabric for the back head, same as ear fabric, optional*
- Ears & nose – fabric scraps
- Corn, grain corn only from feed store, not popcorn – approx. 2-1/2 lbs.
- Threads to match fabrics and for stitching kitty's face
- Disappearing marker
- Have on hand – scissors, iron, pins and hand sewing needle. Tweezers are helpful to turn nose

Instructions to make bag - use 1/4" seams

Cutting fabrics - follow instructions on head and ear templates to cut from fabrics. Nose – do not cut from fabrics, it will be trace and sewn on the line, this will make it easier because it's such a small piece, wait to follow instructions below before cutting any fabrics for the nose.

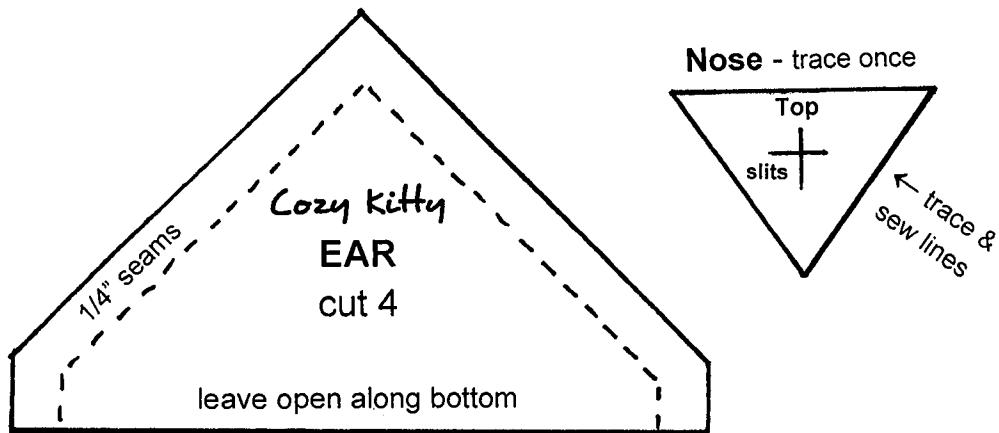
1. **On front head piece** mark dots for opening on one side only, on wrong side of fabric and placements for ears and center top and center bottom on right side of fabric.
2. **Trace facial features** onto right side of front head piece using your disappearing marker. Holding in front of a window helps. Stitch the face in anyway way you prefer, hand embroider, machine satin stitch, etc. For a free-form look I machine stitched 3 rows of straight stitching on each of the drawn lines, *see photo for ideas*. You will need to use a needle to pull the threads to the back, tying off, so leave extra length of thread for this purpose. *Continued...*

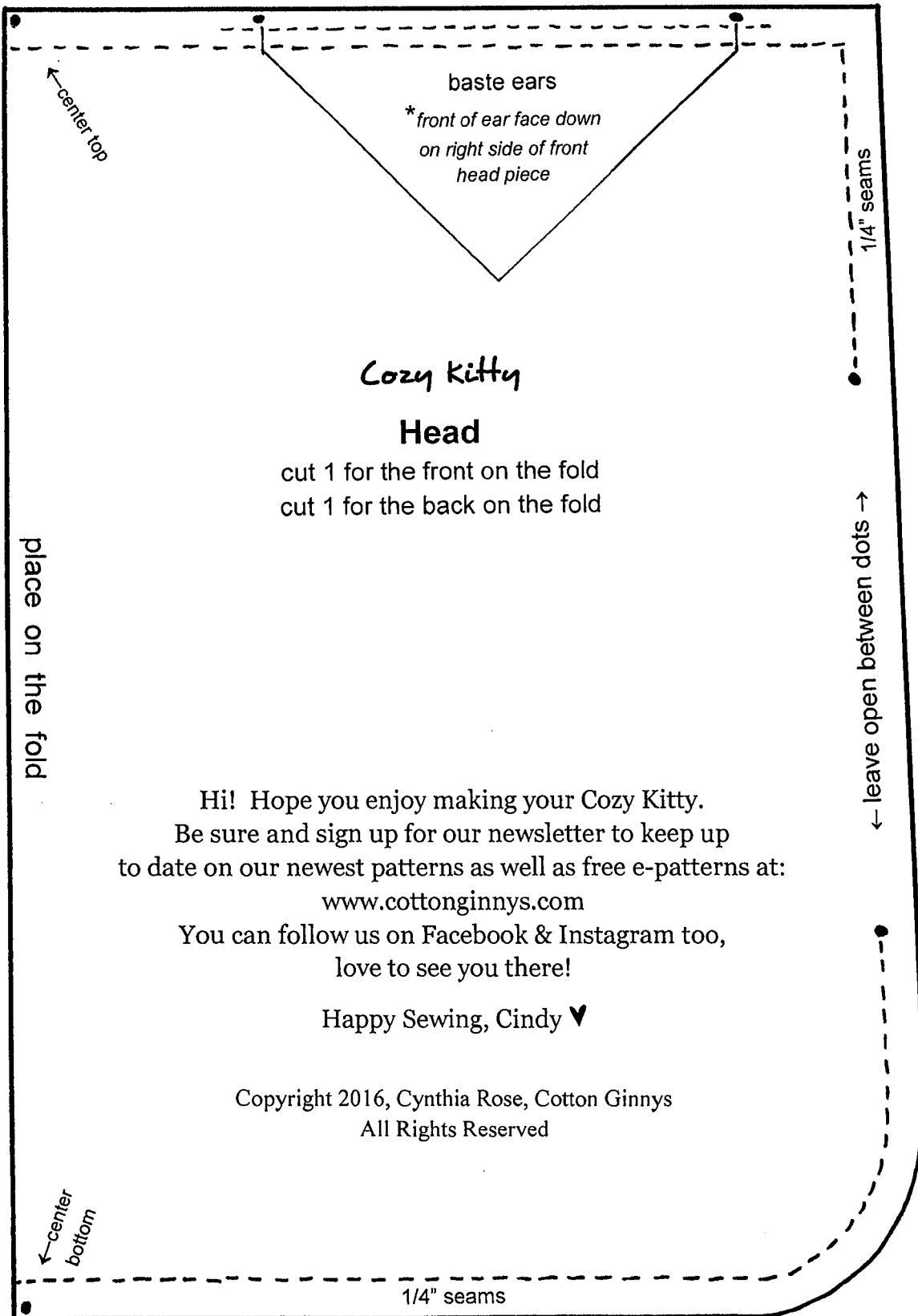
3. **Nose** – cut 2 pieces of fabric 2" x 2" or larger, this gives you more fabric to hold on to while you sew. Have right sides together, position nose template in the center. Trace directly against edges of the template. Sew directly on the lines you just traced, all the way around. Cut away excess fabric 1/8" outside of stitching. Carefully cut 2 tiny slits in the center, one layer of fabric only. To turn right side out it is helpful to use tweezers to reach in and grab a corner and pull it out of opening, repeat for remaining 2 corners. Press. Position on head and sew around close to edges.

4. **Ears** – have right sides together to sew sides, leaving open at bottom. Repeat for remaining ear pieces. Trim seams, turn and press. Position on right side of front head piece, matching up raw edges of ears with raw edges of head, front of ears facing down (*if front of ears are different than the back of ears*). Baste 1/8" from top edge.

5. **Sew front & back head pieces together** – have right sides together, matching up all sides, stitch around leaving opening between marked dots. *Tip* – I like to sew around again on top of previous stitching for added strength, *optional*. Trim seams, but do not trim along opening. Turn and then turn seam allowances inside and press.

6. **Fill with clean dried corn**, no more than 2/3 full, approximately 2-1/2 lbs. Adjust as needed, by how it feels or lays. *Tip* – I make a funnel by rolling up paper. Place pins sideways and stitch opening closed by machine or hand. Cozy up & Enjoy! ♡





←center top

↑ line up top & side of template →
to top & side of raw edges of wrong
side of front head. Pin and trace

Cozy kitty

Face Template

