

# Wren ★ Feathers

## We Wish You a Retro Christmas - Week 1

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I assume you have basic sewing knowledge and the explanation should suffice, but if you need help please email me!

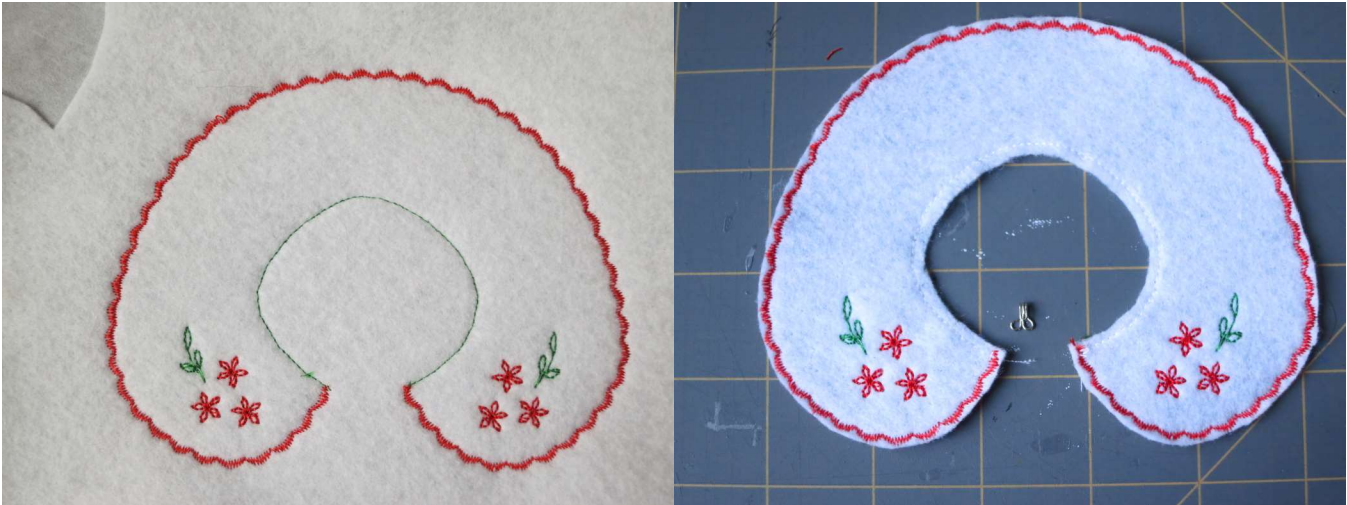


People often have nostalgia for the “good old days” which, I suspect, were in some ways better, but other ways worse. In the 1950s, yes, many women stayed at home. Before you jump to the conclusion that this meant they had more time to spend on Christmas decorating, etc. check out the BBC series “Back in Time for...” from that era, it was fascinating!

Patterns produced during that time can give us a small glimpse into life back then. [This one by Simplicity from 1956](#) is called Sock-full-of-gifts and I imagine it would have been made by a mom or maybe grandma for a little girl. So, for those of you who “don’t have time” to sew for dolls this holiday season, this series of patterns is my gift to you! They’re going to come out a couple at a time, are quick to make, and if you have a child in your life that is learning to sew, these felt items are a perfect project to do together! I would even bet that in the future, memories of sewing together with you would mean even more to that child than just opening a box of things on Christmas morning.

If you don’t celebrate Christmas, or really can’t find time to make any of these projects now, everything except the stocking is pretty non-season-specific and could be used for other times of the year. The little bonnet and bag coming next week are especially well-suited to make for other times of the year just by changing colors.

My initial thoughts about the collar were that it was kind of a silly idea, but then I realized it goes great as an accompaniment to the Rose Dress here [https://img1.etsystatic.com/169/0/7173657/il\\_570xN.1235924057\\_k067.jpg](https://img1.etsystatic.com/169/0/7173657/il_570xN.1235924057_k067.jpg)



Embroider by hand or machine, cut out, staystitch neck and attach hook and thread eye. To make this fast, just cut a border around the scallops instead of painstakingly doing each one. You could substitute rickrack too!





This apron goes great with the Chatty Cathy dresses from last year at this time.

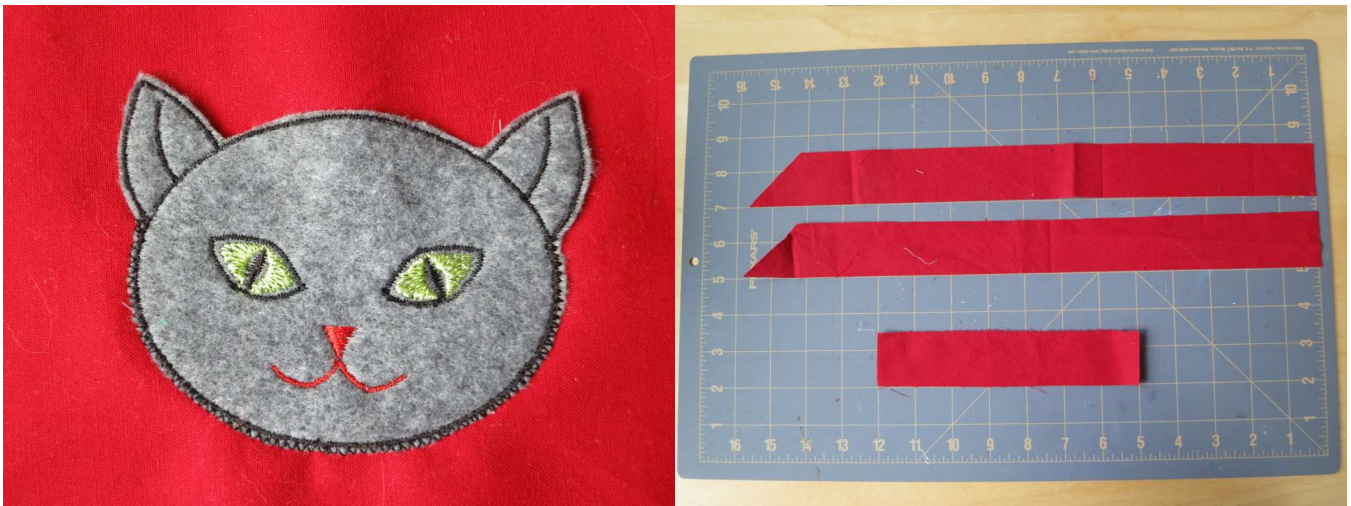
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Yes, the cat heads are large, but I wanted the pockets to be functional for a doll to put her hands in. 😊 Feel free to scale them down if you prefer.

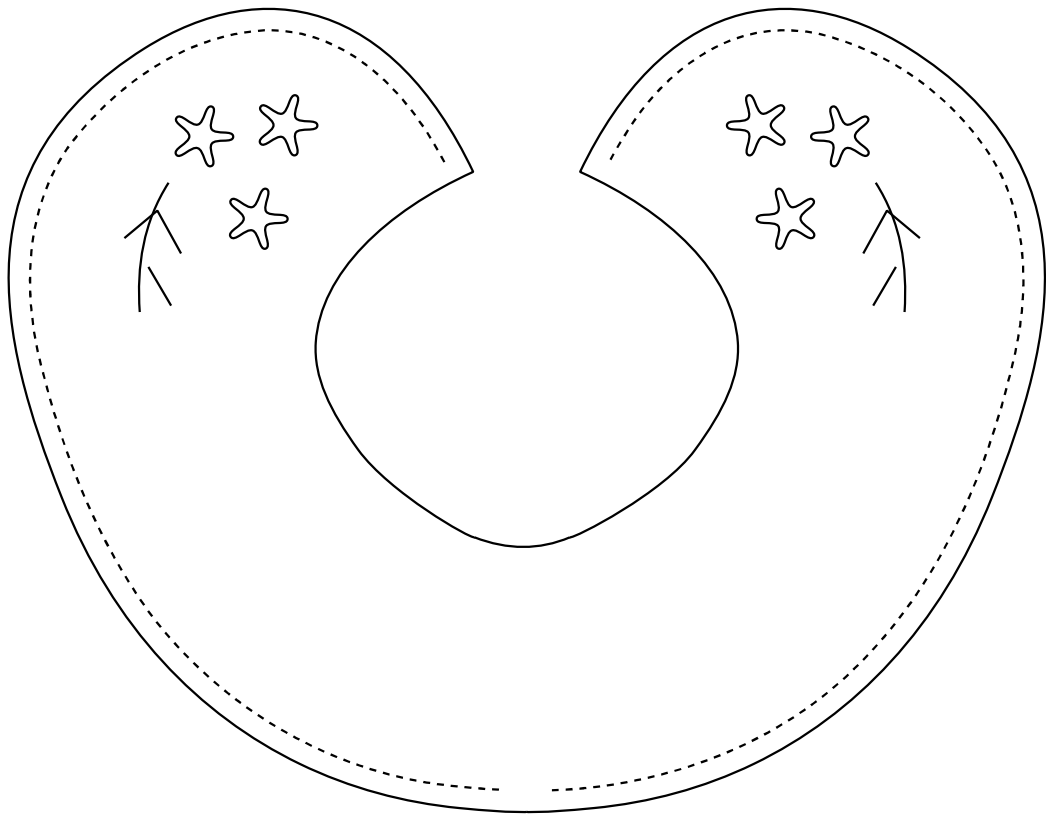
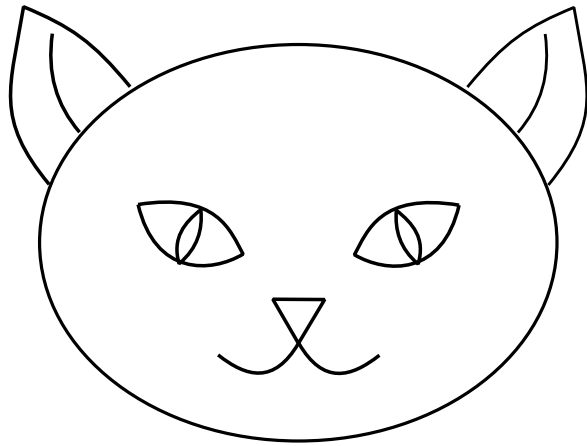
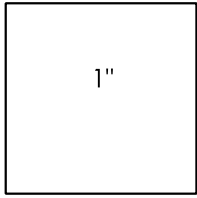
**The collar and cat are available in .pes format, but Wordpress doesn't support uploading them, so please contact me for the files if you need them!**



Apron measurements are 5"x16" after hemming, waistband is 7"x1.5" and ties are 15"x1.5".  
Complete embroidery, then zigzag cats onto apron at the bottom only with desired placement.



Gather onto waistband, attach ties.



Sew scallops using dotted line as a guide