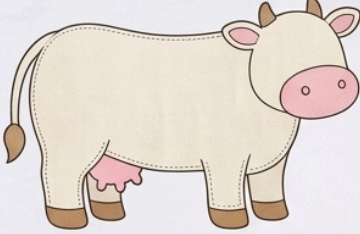



Crafting a Scalloped Patchwork Appliqué Cow

CRAFTING A SCALLOPED PATCHWORK APPLIQUÉ COW: A Step-by-Step Guide



BEFORE & AFTER
From Concept to Cute!




12 cm




20 cm



KEY SEWING & QUILT METHODS (USA Techniques)




MACHINE APPLIQUÉ: Blanket Stitch for textured edges.



RAW EDGE FUSIBLE: Clean, quick application with adhesive web.



SHAPED SCALLOP BINDING: Individual edge finishing for each scale.




FREE-MOTION QUILTING: Stippling for background texture.

Step 1: DESIGN & MEASUREMENT



Create a 25cm W x 18cm H template. Mark 3cm x 2cm grid for scalloped scales. Head section: 12cm W. All elements shown in CM.

Step 2: FABRIC PREPARATION




Prepare 15 different fabric scraps (e.g., Pink Gingham, Blue Polka-Dot, Floral chintz). Apply standard (non-sew-in) Fusible Web to reverse of all fabrics.

Step 3: CREATE BODY SCALES



Cut 60 individual scalloped pieces (3.2cm wide, 2.2cm high) using a scallop template. Leave a 2mm edge for stitching.

Step 4: LAYERING & FUSING



Arrange scales in overlapping rows on cow base. Overlap should be 1cm. Use grid lines from Step 1. Press to fuse temporarily.

5. MACHINE APPLIQUÉ & DETAILS



Select Blanket Stitch or Satin Stitch. Go slowly! Stitch around *each* individual scale. Hand-sew fabric flowers (1.5cm) and eyes (3mm beads or embroidery).

Step 6: QUILTING & FINISHING



Optional: Layers with batting and backing. Use Free-Motion Stippling on the *background* white fabric. Trim and hem (2cm seam) the white fabric into a finished rectangle.

This detailed tutorial will guide you through the entire process of creating a beautiful scalloped patchwork appliqué cow, from the initial design to the final quilted piece. Follow each step carefully, and you'll be able to recreate this charming project with confidence—even as a beginner.

Step 1: Design & Measurement

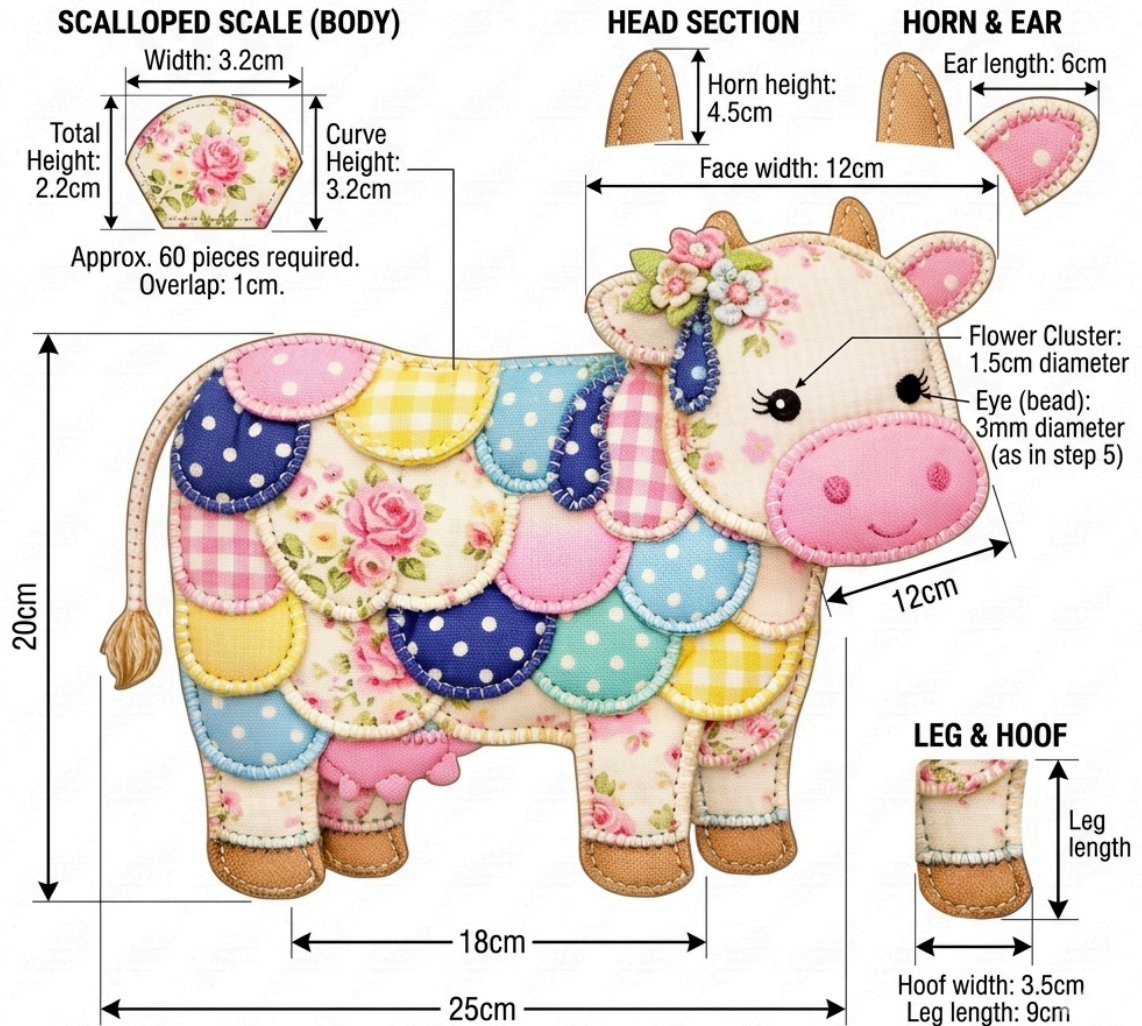
Start by preparing your base template.

Draw or print a cow silhouette measuring **25 cm wide and 18 cm high**. This will be your main working template. Make sure the proportions are balanced, with the head section approximately **12 cm wide**.

Next, lightly draw a grid over the cow's body area where the scallops will go. Each grid section should measure **3 cm wide by 2 cm high**. This grid will help guide the placement of your scalloped fabric pieces later.

Ensure all measurements are accurate and consistent, as this will affect the final alignment of your patchwork.

VACA APPLIQUÉ: DETAILED MEASUREMENT DIAGRAM





Step 2: Fabric Preparation

Choose **at least 15 different fabric scraps** to create a colorful patchwork effect. Ideal fabric types include:

- Gingham
- Polka dots
- Floral prints
- Soft cotton blends

Cut your fabrics into manageable pieces slightly larger than your scallop template.

Apply **fusible web (non-sew adhesive)** to the back of each fabric piece. Follow the manufacturer's instructions:

1. Place the rough (adhesive) side of the fusible web onto the back of the fabric.
2. Use a dry iron (no steam) to press it firmly.
3. Allow it to cool before handling.

This step prepares your fabric for easy positioning and temporary bonding.



Step 3: Create Body Scales (Scallops)

Now you will create the scalloped pieces that form the cow's body.

Using a scallop template:

- Width: **3.2 cm**
- Height: **2.2 cm**

Trace the scallop shape onto the paper backing of your fused fabric pieces.

Cut out **60 individual scallops** carefully. Precision matters here—clean edges will make your final piece look polished.

Important: Leave about **2 mm margin** around each piece if needed for stitching tolerance.

Organize your scallops by color and pattern to make the next step easier.

Step 4: Layering & Fusing

Place your cow base fabric (background) on a flat surface.

Begin arranging the scallops onto the cow's body:

- Start from the **bottom row** and work your way upward.
- Each scallop should overlap the one below it by approximately **1 cm**.
- Follow the grid lines you created earlier to maintain alignment.

Once you are satisfied with the layout:

1. Gently press the pieces with an iron to **temporarily fuse them in place**.
2. Do not overheat—just enough to hold them steady for sewing.

Take your time here—this step defines the overall look of your project.

Step 5: Machine Appliqué & Details

Now it's time to secure everything permanently.

Using your sewing machine, choose one of the following stitches:

- **Blanket stitch** (for a decorative, textured edge)
- **Satin stitch** (for a smooth, dense finish)

Carefully stitch around **each individual scallop**:

- Go slowly to maintain control
- Keep stitches consistent in width and spacing

Next, work on the cow's details:

- Stitch or appliqué the **head, legs, ears, and tail**
- Add the face features using embroidery or stitching

For embellishments:

- Add small **fabric flowers (~1.5 cm)** by hand-sewing
- Use **3 mm beads or embroidery** for the eyes

This step brings your cow to life—focus on neat, precise stitching.

Step 6: Quilting & Finishing

To complete your piece, you can turn it into a quilted panel.

Optional layering:

1. Place a layer of **batting** behind your appliqué
2. Add a **backing fabric**

Quilting technique:

- Use **free-motion stippling** on the background area (the space around the cow)
- This creates a soft, textured effect and secures the layers

Finally:

- Trim your piece into a neat rectangle
- Leave a **2 cm seam allowance**
- Fold and hem the edges for a clean finish

Press the final piece gently to smooth everything out.

Final Result

You now have a beautifully detailed scalloped patchwork appliqué cow! This piece can be used as:

- A quilt block
- Wall decoration
- Pillow cover
- Nursery art

Take pride in your work—each scallop and stitch adds personality and charm to your handmade creation 🧡