

Highland Cow Supply List and Info: (Reads best from your computer)

Prerequisite: This Highland Cow class does not teach one how to sew. Knowing how to sew and use one's sewing machines are prerequisites.

Pattern: Funky Friends Factory - Harmony the Highland Cow (Check the quilt shop - Quilter's Quarters - first for the pattern. Leslie has ordered more.)

Fake fur and/or cotton fabric: I highly recommend using fake fur for the main body, neck, tummy, and face. The cotton fabrics make for a cute cow, but the fake fur turns out absolutely adorable and not much harder to use than cotton. See the attached pics for ideas, and go with your favorite look, or be creative and come up with something original. Leslie has ordered some fake fur for the quilt shop. Even if you use the fake fur for the main body, etc you will still need some cotton fabric for the horns, nose, ears, tail, legs, hooves, and hoof pads. Look at the attached pics to see if you want all the minor parts to use the same cotton fabric or a combination of different fabrics. **Get $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of fur (or cotton) for the main body, tummy, legs, face, and neck.** Don't forget - some templates ask you for reverse pieces too. Also, if using fur, cut it so the direction of the fur goes downward.

Horns, Ears, Tail, Nose, Snout, Hooves, Hoof pads: If you want all these minor pieces to be the same fabric, I would **get $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of a cotton and maybe add a FQ or two** if you want to alter the fabrics on some of them. (Horns: I recommend cutting the fabric for the horns a little wider than the pattern calls for because these horns are very difficult to turn out. Look at the attached pics to help you decide which of these minor body pieces you want to use coordinating fabric for and which ones you want to use a contrasting fabric for. Your highland cow – your design decisions. Btw, I used a fake leather for the hoof pads, and that turned out super cute too.

Interfacing: If using cotton fabric for your highland cow, I highly recommend lining the backs of your fabrics with Pellon sf101. With it, your fabric will be easier to work with AND produce a more attractive stuffed animal. You need **1 and $\frac{1}{4}$ yards if you're using all cottons and no fur.** You do not need the interfacing on the backs of the fake fur or other thick fabrics like denim or leather.

Forelock (the long hair at the top of the forehead): The pattern calls for felt, which is cute, but I used fake fur, which looks more realistic. If you choose the felt, Hobby Lobby sells two thicknesses of it. One standard piece of 8"x12" (over near the scrapbooking papers) is plenty unless you want to double it with 2 colors for a two-toned forelock effect. If you like the fake fur idea for the forelock, I found a small piece of it on an aisle at HL around the doll

accessories somewhat near the scrapbooking area. I think it was around \$3-\$4, or you could just use more of the body fur. See attached pics for ideas.

Eyes: 15mm recommended (The quilt shop currently has some 18mm eyes to choose from.)

Flowers: The pattern calls for using felt, but I used tiny fake flowers bought at Hobby Lobby during their every other week fake flowers sale. I will bring what I have leftover for everyone to use (see attached pic); however, you will need to bring your own preference of sturdy adhesive, similar to epoxy glue. If you use felt, choose your favorite colors and bring an adhesive glue as well.

Other accessory ideas: A small bell on a ribbon, a tartan sash, a bow for the head, a friend put fake eyelashes on her cow, etc. Be creative and have fun with it. Google Highland cow images for more ideas.

Stuffing: I recommend 16 ounces of PolyFil (more or less depending on how firm you want your highland cow to be)

What to bring to class:

Working sewing machine, foot pedal, power cord, user manual in case of a crisis

Your homework pieces that have been cut out and labeled

Size 14 needles

Skinny turning tool

Normal sewing notions: Small Scissors, Seam ripper, lots of stick pins, clips, thread, bobbin, etc.

1/4" sewing foot (recommended but not required)

16 ounces of PolyFil and a chop stick type item to help you stuff

Felt (if using it) and good adhesive - not Elmer's school glue

Fake flowers (if using them) and epoxy type glue

Extra Pellon sf101 in case you need to redo something

Extra fabrics and fake furs (in case you need to redo something)

15mm eyes

Lunch or snack (The shop has a refrigerator and a microwave.)

Hand sewing needle and matching thread to sew up the hole after stuffing your highland cow

Accessories: ribbon, bell, bow, tartan sash, etc. All optional.

HOMEWORK:

It will take us all day to assemble, stuff, sew up, and accessorize your highland cow; therefore, I highly recommend bringing all your pieces ready to assemble the day we meet. To complete this task, make templates from the paper pattern (use cardstock, vinyl, plastic, etc.), iron the Pellon sf101 onto the backs of your cotton fabrics, trace the templates onto the Pellon/fabric, label the lettering, and cut out. A couple pieces are required to be taped together; see my attached picture and notes on your paper pattern pieces. My goal is for everyone to leave with a completed highland cow at the end of the class, and this becomes

more doable if the pieces are cut out and labeled in advance. Btw, Cut out templates on the draw line.

If you don't have a go-to template making plan, I suggest going to Dollar Tree and getting a package of vinyl/plastic cutting boards from the kitchen section. The flat packaging comes with 2 pieces of vinyl/plastic in it. It's transparent, great for marking it with a sharpie, then cutting out, and then placing on the back of your fabric to mark the shape to cut out.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions. My cell number is [832-567-8637](tel:832-567-8637). If you want to call, just text me first to let me know so I will answer your call and not think it is spam. My email is Trina.walkingonsunshine@gmail.com.

I will send out an email a couple weeks before the class. Looking forward to seeing you!
Trina Powers







