Kool Kats Kwilt
by Patti Carey

Finished size 73" x 89"

"Cottons that feel like silk"
Pieced from Northcott’s whimsical Kool Kats collection, this twin-sized quilt is sure to delight cat lovers everywhere. The tessellating cats pattern is adapted from one designed by Becky Anderson and first published in the January ’95 issue of Quiltmaker’s magazine. Make yours in regular cotton, as shown, or choose cuddly flannel. Both fabrics are available in red/yellow/lime and pink/blue/yellow.

**Finished Quilt Size:** 73” x 89”

**Number of Blocks and Finished Size:** 10 snail’s trail blocks and 38 cat blocks, all 8”

**Fabric requirements:**

A fat 1/4 each of 13 co-ordinating prints: from each fat 1/4, cut the following pieces according to Diagram 1:

- #2146-54 tossed cats on yellow
- #2149-54 yellow stitches
- #2149-67 teal stitches
- #2149-71 green stitches
- #2150-24 red stripe
- #2150-67 teal stripe
- #2151-24 red daisy
- #2151-54 yellow daisy
- #2151-71 green daisy
- #2152-24 mini patch
- #2153-54 yellow hearts
- #2153-71 green hearts
- #1488-39 orange texture

1) three 5½” x 8½” pieces (for cat body)
2) three 4½” x 2½” pieces
3) six 1½” squares
4) two 4½” squares, cut once diagonally (for snail trail)
5) two 3½” squares, cut once diagonally (for snail trail)
6) two 2½” squares, cut once diagonally (for snail trail)
7) two 2¼” squares, cut once diagonally (for snail trail)
8) four 1½” squares, for snail trail

- #1453-99 black texture → cut 6 strips 1½” x width of fabric. Join end-to-end and cut into 2 strip 64½” long and 2 strips 50½” long.

- #2147-67 cat stripe → the repeat of this fabric is approximately 11½”. Cut 9 strips x WOF, all with the same repeat.

- #1453-99 black texture → cut 9 strips 2½” x WOF and join end-to-end. Press in half lengthwise and set aside for binding.

- #2147-67 cat stripe → cut 5 strips 4½” x WOF. Cut into thirty-nine 3½” pieces (9) and thirty-nine 1½” pieces (10).

3yds(2.8m)

**Backing:** 5½yds (4.8m)

**Batting:** a piece 76”x92”

→ cut into 2 93” pieces and join selvedge-to-selvedge

**Piecing the Blocks:**

Following Diagram 2 and using pieces 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 & 11, make 3 each of the 13 different cat bodies. For the cat ears, lay a #3 on each end of a #10, right sides together. Sew diagonally from corner to corner and trim off corner. For the cat body, lay a #11 on upper left corner of a #1. Sew from corner to corner and trim off excess. Press seam allowances toward cat fabric. Assemble the bodies as shown in Diagram 3.

Following the quilt photo, make 10 Snail’s Trail blocks using pieces 8, 7, 6, 5 & 4, and using Diagram 4 as a guide.

**Assembling the Quilt:**

Closely following the photo, lay out the cat body blocks in the directions shown in the photo. You will have one extra. Insert the appropriate Snail’s Trail blocks to make each cat’s tail. Sew the blocks together in rows, then sew the rows together. Add the 64½” black strips to the sides, then the 50½” strips to the top and bottom. Add the top, bottom and side stripe borders, mitering the corners. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Baste and quilt as desired (perhaps outlining the cats). Trim edges and bind with the reserved black fabric. Label the back with your name and date (use the extra cat block). Enjoy your new purr-fect quilt!