



# Maneki Neko

## THE LUCKY CAT PAPER DOLL

I referred to this font by Matthew Welch to write my text . It is available as a free download on his website: <http://www.squaregear.net/fonts/>

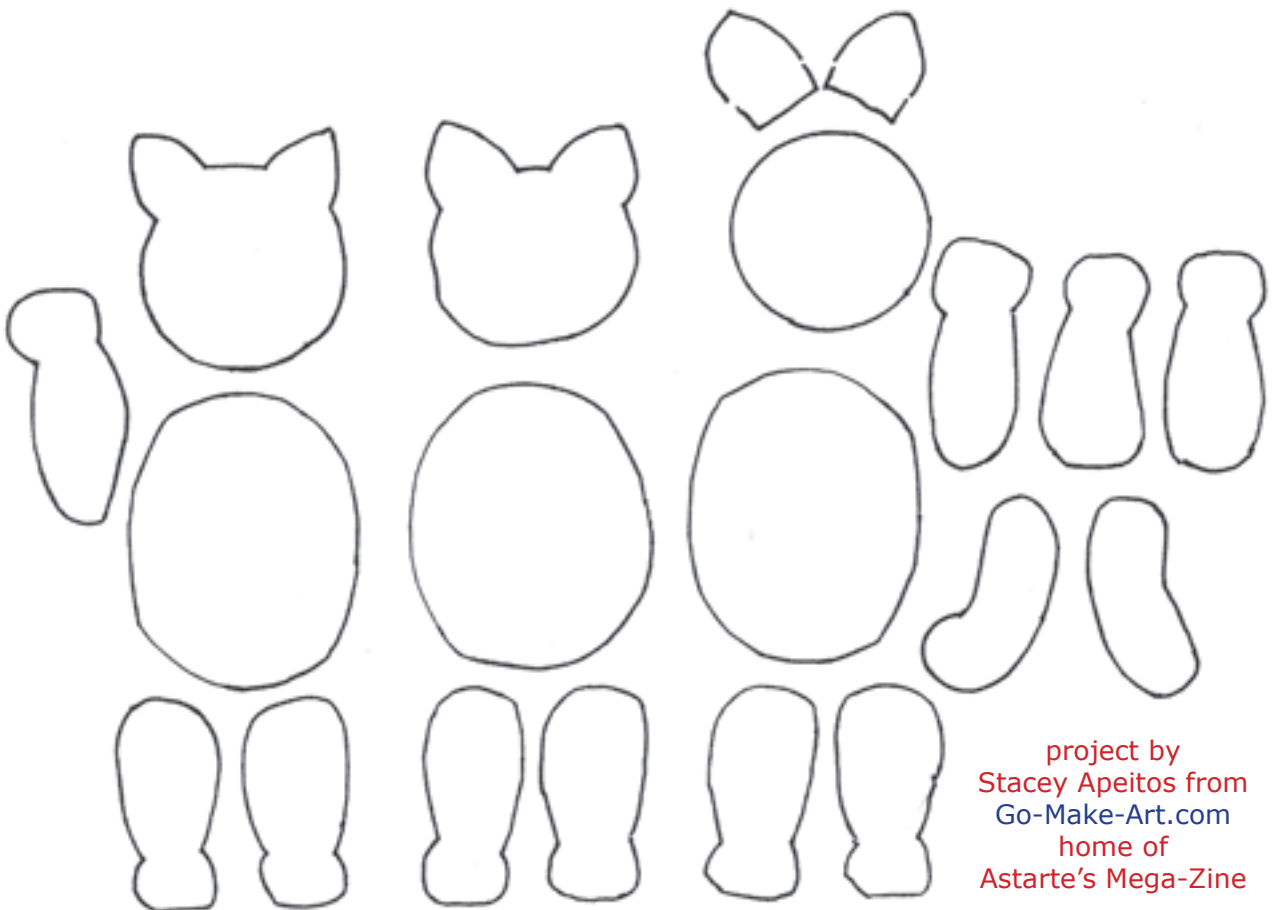
Japanese write vertically so try stacking your letters on top of one another.

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Maneki Neko is a Japanese talisman attracting good luck. It sits on shop counters, beckoning or welcoming-in the customers. This project evolved because I wanted to be a lucky cat myself. I hope you enjoy it. - Stacey

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print this sheet onto lightweight cardstock and cut out the pieces below. Run a black marker along the edge of each cut-out piece to give it definition. Glue the pieces together to make a cat to your liking. I used tacky glue applied with a toothpick. Use pens and/or colored pencils to add a face, body markings and text. You can cut out a little plaque for the cat to hold from colored cardstock. I used a 1" circle punch to cut out my face and glued the ears behind. If you don't have a punch, just cut out the circle below and trace around it on a photo. Use a permanent pen to draw on whiskers.



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