

Teddy Bear tutorial and pattern

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Intro: Teddy Bear tutorial and pattern

With this pattern and tutorial you can make teddy bears out of pretty much any kind of fabric. For mine I used fleece because I wanted it to be very soft but you can use the normal animal fur fabric if you want.

The pattern I made comes with letters that indicate how to assemble but just in case I also added steps and tips.

MATERIALS:

- 1 yard of fabric for the body (I used cream color fleece)
- 1/2 yard of fabric for the color details (I used light brown)
- 1 set of animal eyes 18mm
- small piece of felt for the nose
- Stuff material (I used polyester filling)
- Sewing machine
- [Pattern](#)

Hope you enjoy and make your own teddy bear =)



Step 1: Template

The first thing is to download the pattern, print it and cut each piece.

Then you need to trace all of your pieces on the fabric.

For all of those that say you need 2, 1 reverse; after tracing the front, turn the pattern and trace the second piece.

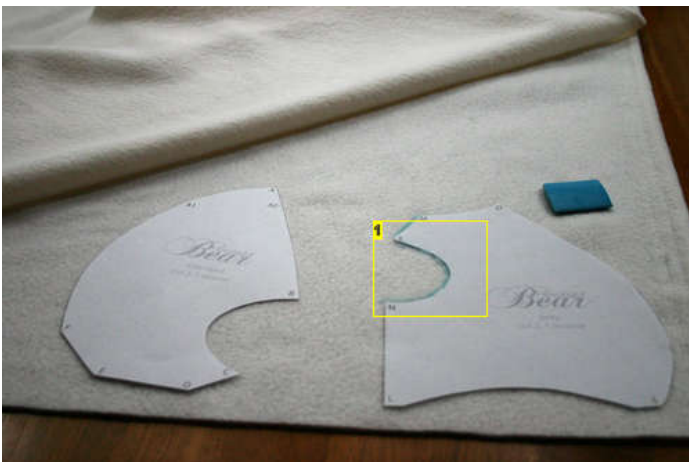


Image Notes

1. Trace on the fabric and cut leaving about 1/2 an inch to sew on that same line

Step 2: Sewing the head

I recommend to start with the ears, once you have them done attach them to the front and side part of the face.

Repeat the step and make sure the color of the ears is on the inside part.

After attaching the back, proceed to sew the mouth, first to the head piece and after that sew the front.

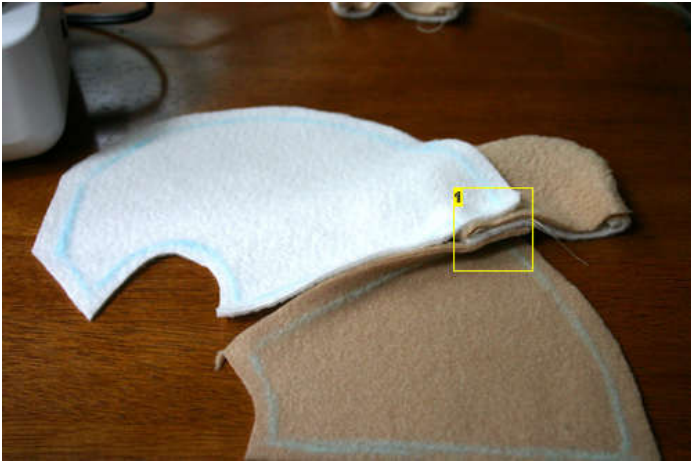


Image Notes

1. make sure you have all pieces in the right order

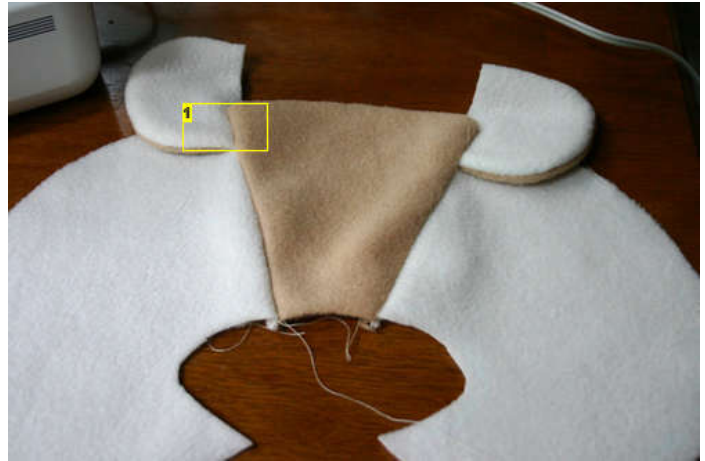


Image Notes

1. The white (in my case) has to be on the top.



Image Notes

1. You have to sew the mouth to the face before closing it.

Step 3: Sewing the body

Cut the pieces and start with the front, just like the first picture.

Sew the arms before attaching to the front body, pin the parts to make sure everything fits properly.

For the feet repeat the process and pin all the pieces together before sewing, sometimes it can be an overflow of fabric in this area depending on the kind of fabric you are using.

Make sure you assemble the tail and place it before closing the back.

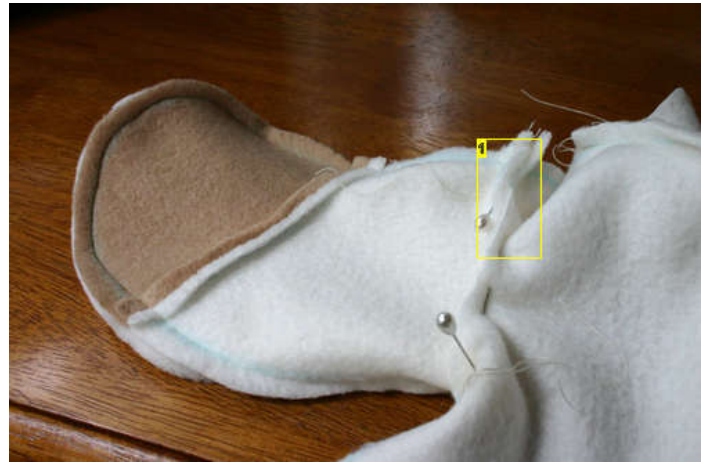


Image Notes
1. pin first

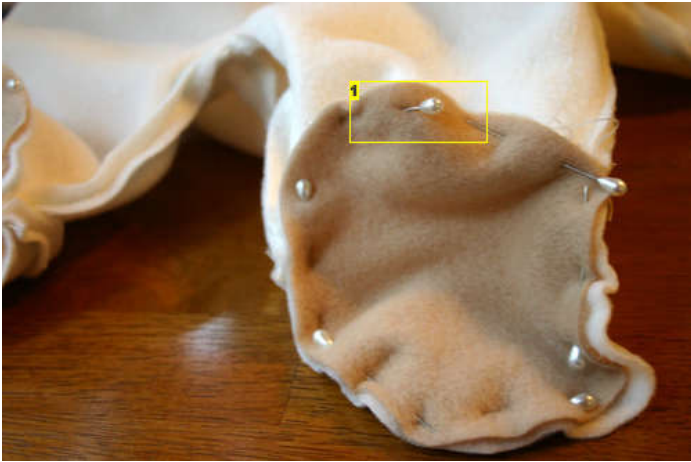


Image Notes
1. pin the feet before sewing to make sure everything fits properly

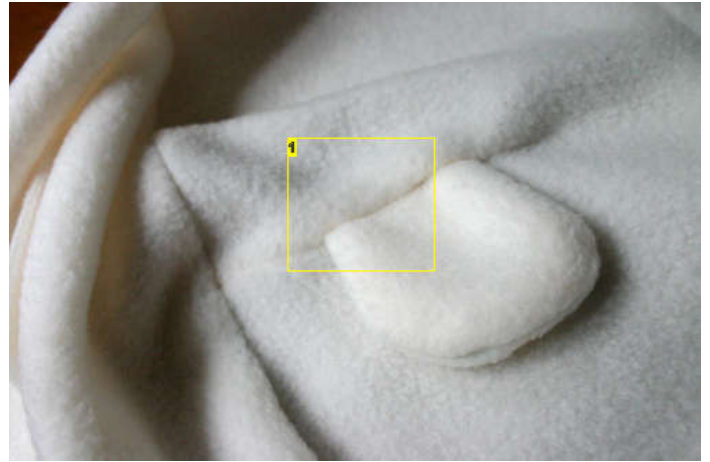


Image Notes
1. Make sure you assemble the tail and place it before closing the back.

Step 4: Stuff the body and get the face done

Stuff the body and set it to a side so you can finish the face.

Proceed to attach the eyes, and pin the mouth to stitch it together.

I Fold the very bottom of the mouth to shape a lip and then make two stitches on each side (Same place the pin is)

After that mark his nose with a stitch from the lips to the nose, this is how the back looks like after being done.

For mine I used a piece of felt to shape the nose, sew all the way around and your Teddy Bear's face is done.

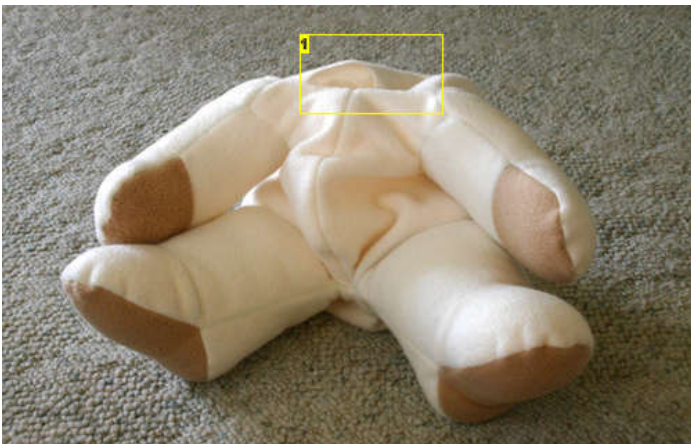


Image Notes
1. Fill the body of your teddy bear

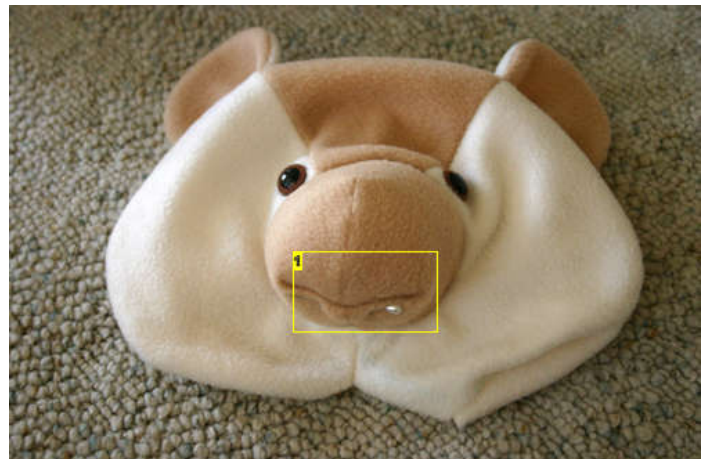


Image Notes
1. Pin the mouth

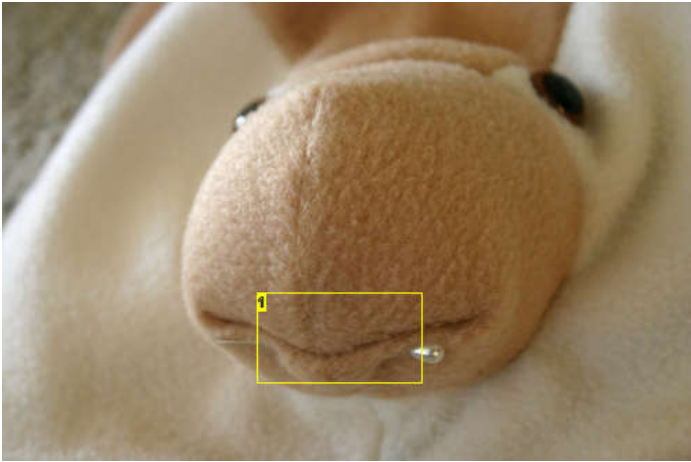


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1. mark where you will stitch to hold and then mark the nose

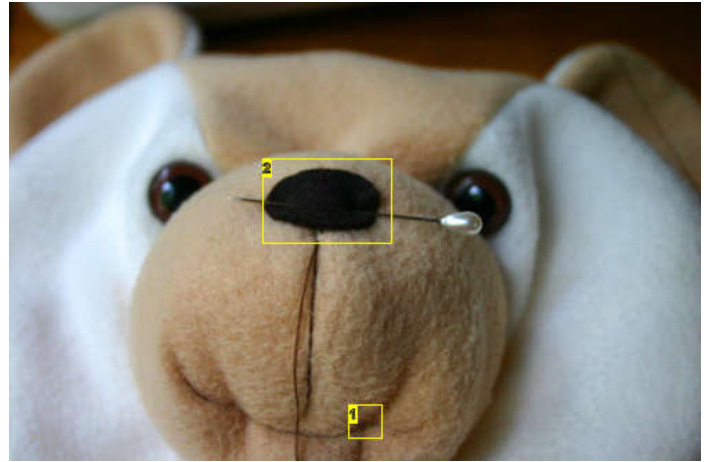


Image Notes

1. stitch on each side to shape the mouth
2. hold the felt nose and sew around

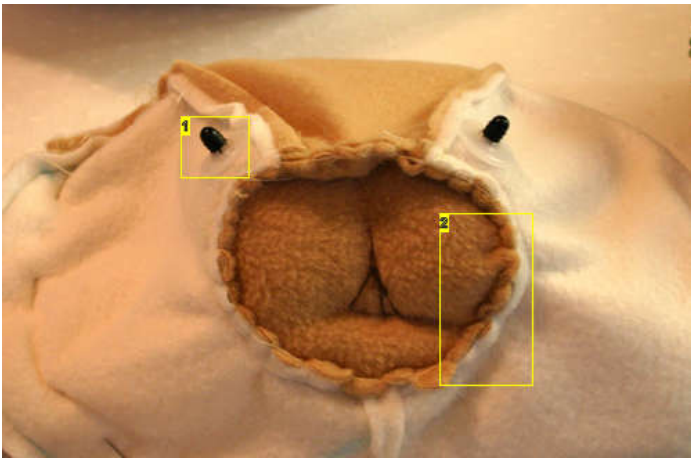


Image Notes

1. secure eyes on the inside
2. close the mouth on the inside so it will hold the shape better

Step 5: Sew together

Stuff the head and sew it to the body of your teddy bear and you're DONE! You can add a bow, tie or just anything to make it even more pretty!

Hope you enjoy this project!

Let me know if you make it!

(Remember to download the pattern go [HERE](#))

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Related Instructables



How to make a teddy bear out of shirts by thedragonmaster



Sew Warm and Comfy Teddy Bear Slippers by ChrysN



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Teddy Bear Speaker by constructor of the odd

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jumpforlife says:

How do you sew the head to the body while keeping it neat?

Mar 10, 2011. 11:15 AM [REPLY](#)



CraftBear says:

I love it and really want to make it for a friend of mine! Do you think any material wouldn't work... I was thinking of possibly attempting a fake fur... Also I can't download the template at the moment... It comes up with a server error or something =S Your blog is awesome though! x

Feb 14, 2011. 3:41 PM [REPLY](#)



CraftBear says:

I have given up with the fur idea, think I will stick to fleece =D

Feb 15, 2011. 2:42 AM [REPLY](#)



tiff9605 says:

Hi,
I am making this now...so far have bought all materials, cut all pattern pieces, and starting tracing onto fabric. One question - besides guessing/looking at photo - how do I know which pieces are which color (main or accent color)?

Sep 18, 2010. 8:15 PM [REPLY](#)

And any guess as to the overall size of this bear? It's starting to look quite a bit bigger than I thought! lol.

Thanks.



scoochmaroo says:

When do we get more?? :D

Sep 7, 2010. 4:53 PM [REPLY](#)



lexy pal says:

gorgeous and thanks for pattern link :) definitely be making this! x

Sep 2, 2010. 3:45 AM [REPLY](#)



ani_deeps says:
usesless site!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Aug 14, 2010. 12:51 AM [REPLY](#)



SoniaK says:

Tell me about it!! I want to make this teddy for my sister in-law who's expecting in January 2011 and I have to pay for a membership.... I live in South Africa!!! I was googling for free patterns....there's always a catch somewhere....

Aug 26, 2010. 4:54 AM [REPLY](#)



HowJoyful says:

For what I know you dont have to purchase memberships, only to upgrade to PRO. Here is the direct link to the same tutorial in my blog:
<http://www.howjoyful.com/2010/05/howjoyful-bear-tutorial-and-pattern/> Have a nice day!

Aug 26, 2010. 9:27 AM [REPLY](#)



byllea says:

The pattern cant be found :(

Jul 11, 2010. 11:11 PM [REPLY](#)



HowJoyful says:

I changed host in my blog thats why it wasn't found, but I fixed the links now :)

Aug 26, 2010. 9:25 AM [REPLY](#)



rayzero says:

that's an adorable bear! so far the head looks great I'm having a little trouble with the arms though. it seems like the back is a little shorter then the front.

May 25, 2010. 7:34 PM [REPLY](#)



Deeddeed says:

Could you explain the back a little more, please? (the last two pages on the pdf file) And the legs? I think the round piece with Q and R on it is the brown part of the leg, but I'm not sure. Also, whats the bottom for the leg? I'm a bit slow at this stuff.

May 14, 2010. 5:36 PM [REPLY](#)

Thanks! This is adorable! I hope you continue making patterns-you're very good.



HowJoyful says:

Hi! and Thank you! as a matter of fact yes! the piece with the Q and R is the brown part of the feet, I guess I forgot to change the names of the pieces when I copied the logo on those ones, but I fixed the problem and they have the correct name now =)
The last page is the legs back and the one before that is the back where the tail goes! Hope that helped!

May 15, 2010. 11:24 PM [REPLY](#)

I'm excited you are actually making it!
I'll try to upload some more patterns soon =)



HowJoyful says:

Thank You all! =)

May 12, 2010. 9:50 PM [REPLY](#)



SinAmos says:

I'll give it a go.

May 11, 2010. 10:45 PM [REPLY](#)



redheadeb says:

This is very sweet!

May 11, 2010. 8:10 PM [REPLY](#)



ChrysN says:

Cute!

May 11, 2010. 4:59 PM [REPLY](#)