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These gorgeous hand stitched characters are sure to delight grown ups and children alike!

77 e've all got a favourite toy from our childhood. whether it's a battered old doll or a well-worn teddy. These beautiful bears really encapsulate the magic of days gone by, with their soft shape and friendly faces ensuring they're just perfect as a gift for a child. Simple stitching techniques combined with bright, retro-style fabric make this project a real joy to put together, especially if these cute little fellows are set to become a much-loved keepsake!

#### First Steps

- Fabric, spotty, floral; felt, blue, pink
- Eyes
- Noses
- Ribbon, gingham, spotty

#### **Teddies**

Both designs are made in the same way, so for either one cut out two front pieces (a) and two back panels (b) using the template provided on the pattern pages. Trim two ear patches and two hand patches (d) from pink or blue felt.

2 Start by stitching the darts on the head, using a 5mm seam allowance, then sew the two darts on the back panels at the base of the body. Press these seams open. Next, match the seams at the top of the head on the front two pieces and pin along the centre front seam.

3 Stitch until you get to the base of the belly, leaving a 5mm seam allowance, and clip into the end of the seam. Stitch the centre back seam together, matching the top of the head to the base of the back and leaving a gap in the seam between the two notches marked on the pattern provided. This is where the teddy will be filled. Clip into the seam at the base of the back.

the legs, body, arms and head until you return to where you started.

Clip all the seams, make straight and take out tiny 'V' from the convex curves, so straight clips under the arms and 'V's around the hands

Turn the teddy through to the / right side through the gap in the centre back seam. Tease out all the seam allowances, using your fingertips to achieve smooth curves. To attach the facial features, make small holes at the ends of the darts on the head and a small hole at the point of the nose.

Push the shank of the eyes and nose through the holes, then press on the backs to secure them in position. To fill the teddy, start by stuffing the legs. A knitting needle helps to get the wadding in place. Move on to the arms and head, leaving the ears empty.

As each limb is stuffed, don't Topush wadding into the joints as this will prevent the arms and legs from moving. Fill the body last. When you're happy with the shape of the bear, slip stitch the gap in the centre back seam closed. To finish, tie ribbon in a bow around the neck. CB

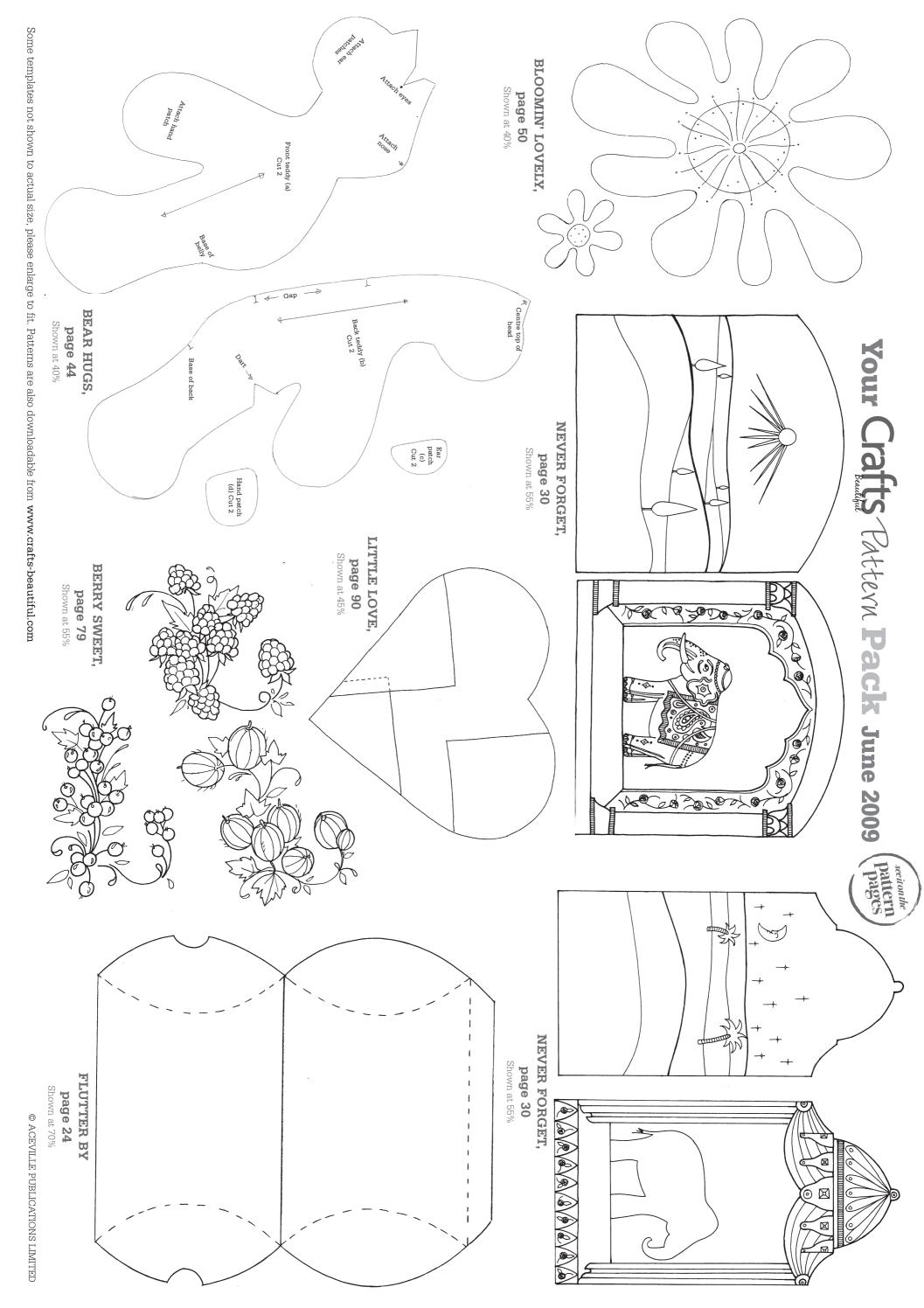
















#### What You Need

Fabric: fun fur; felt, dark brown Ribbon Plastic eyes and nose Hinges, legs/arms, four Polyester toy filling Sewing machine Thread Ruler Pencil

#### cutting guide

From fun fur

1 pair of the lower head and back head

of the top head

1pair of the front and back body

and legs

2 pairs of ears

From the brown felt 1 pair of soles

1 pair of hand pads

#### body pieces

With the right sides of the fur fabric facing, stitch two pairs of legs together from the front base, then up and around the top and down the back of the leg to the base. Leave a 3cm gap in the back of the leg and use a 3mm seam allowance.

Clip the seam allowance around the top of the foot. Match the notch in the soles of the feet to the front and back seams in the base of the legs, then pin and stitch the soles into place. Turn the legs to the right side through the gap in the backs of the legs.

Match the notches in the hand pads to the right sides of the end of the two of the arm pieces; stitch across the felt pads, then fold them back to fall in line with the ends of

the arms. Position and pin the two remaining arm pieces over the two with hand pads and stitch around leaving a 3cm opening. Turn the arms to the right side through the gaps.

Stitch the front and centre-back body seams together, leaving a 3cm gap the centre-back seam. Match the front and back bodies together. Stitch from the neck edge, down the side and across the base matching the centre front and back seams together, then back up to the opposite side of the neck. Divide the ear pieces into pairs and pin, then stitch around the edges and turn out.

#### to make the head

Match the centre-back seam of the back head together with the right

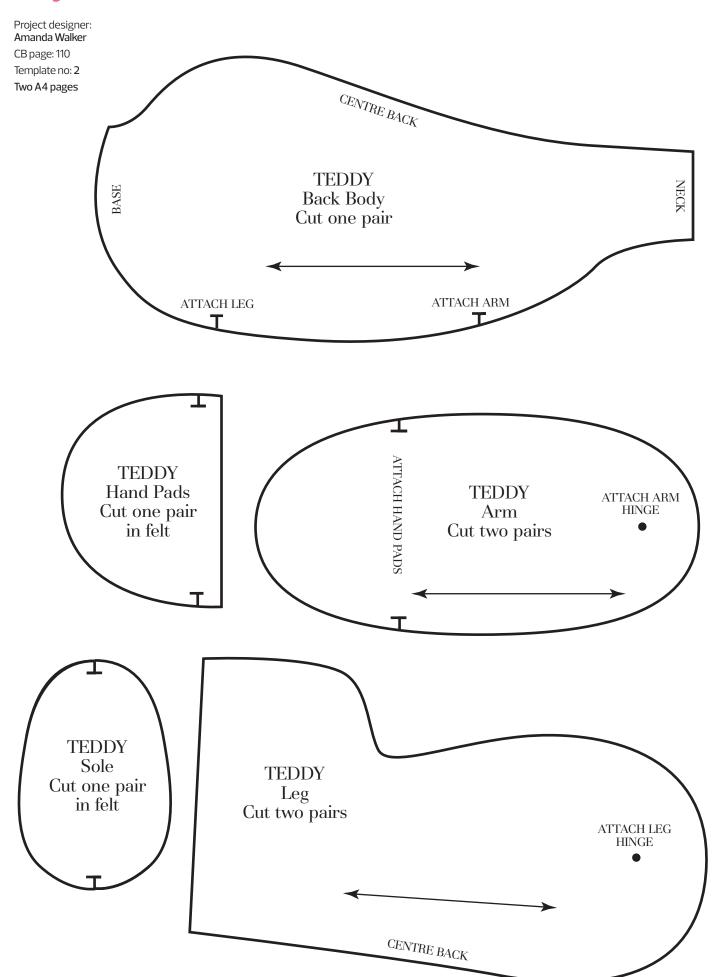
sides of the fur fabric facing and stitch together. Join the centre–front of the lower head together and stitch from the nose to the neck edge. Line up the nose of the top head to the nose of the lower head, then pin and match the remainder of the seam together. Stitch into place.

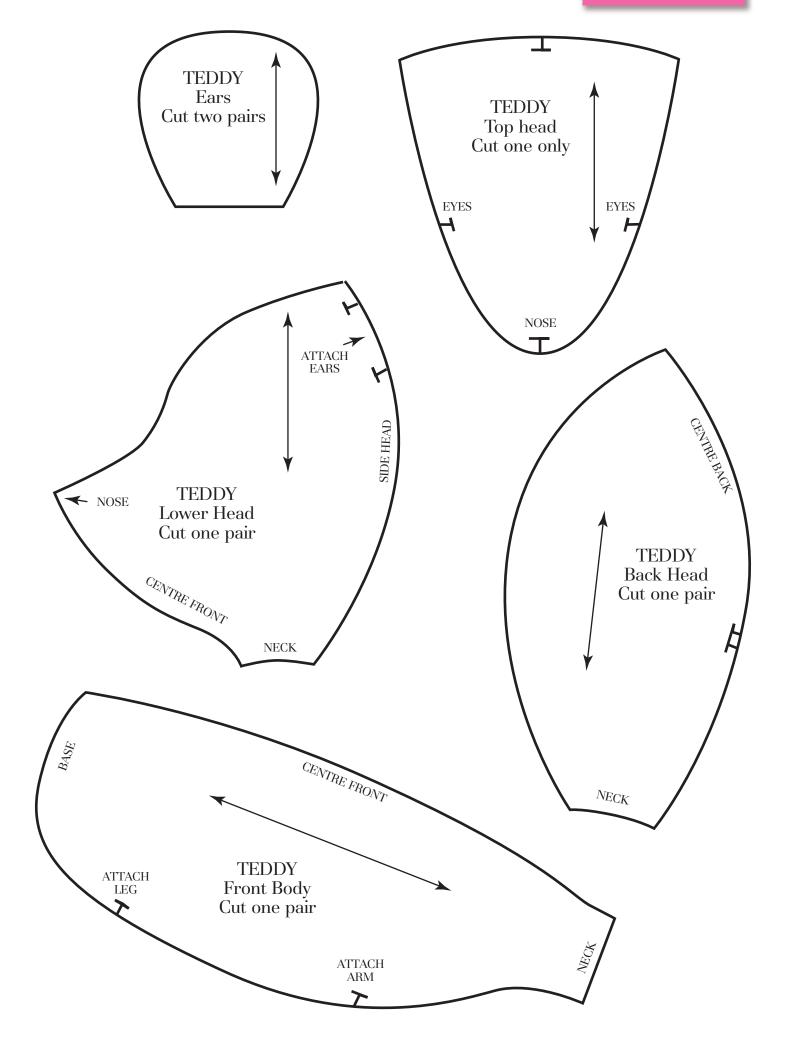
Position the ears at either side of the outer edge of the top head. Place the back head over the front head, matching the top of the centre back seam with the centre notch on the top head and sandwiching the ears between the two edges; pin, then stitch around the seam. Turn the head to the right side. Make a small hole in the seam and attach the eyes and nose as indicated on the pattern; the head can now be stuffed with the filler.





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## Teddy bears



Take the next step

sts, p to end. 28 sts

starting with a k

row work in st st

Rows 33-44:

Wrapped in their cosy pom-pom scarves, Millie and Maggie the pint-sized teddies are so much fun to make. The adorable duo are the perfect companions for adults and children alike and we can't wait to craft them for our friends and family. The clever design allows you to knit the arms and legs at the same time as the body, saving you from sewing them up afterwards.

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#### PLUS

two pieces of 1.5cm brown felt, tapestry needle, sewing needle, safety eyes

**SIZE** Height: 14cm

#### PINK TEDDY body

Using 3.5mm needles and Peony Pink cast on 34 sts

**Rows 1-16:** starting with a k row work in st st

Row 17 (shape hind leg): cast off six sts, k to end. 28 sts

Row 18: cast off six sts, p to end. 22 sts

Row 19 (tummy flap): cast on three sts, k to end. 25 sts

Row 20: cast on three sts, p to end. 28 sts

#### Rows 21-28:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 29 (end of tummy flap): cast off three sts, k to end. 25 sts

Row 30: cast off three sts, p to end. 22 sts

Row 31 (shape front leg): cast on six sts, k these six sts, k2tog, (k2, k2tog) to end

Row 32: cast on six

Cast off, leaving a long tail

head

Using 3.5mm needles and Peony Pink cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS) and every oddnumbered row: p Row 2: (kfb) to

end. 20 sts **Row 4:** (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts **Pow 6:** (k2, kfb) to

**Row 6:** (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts

Rows 7-15: starting

with a p row work in st st

**Row 16:** k10, (k2tog) ten times, k to end. 30 sts

Row 17: p Row 18: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts Change to Poppy Red

Rows 19-23: starting with a p row work in st st Row 24: k2tog, (k1,

k2tog) to end. 13 sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts,

fasten off

#### FLEECY TEDDY body

Using 3.5mm needles and Tulip Teal cast on 30 sts **Rows 1-10:** starting with a k row work in st st

Rows 11-14: rep Rows 17-20 of Pink Teddy. 24 sts

Rows 15-20: starting with a k row work in st st

**Rows 21-24:** rep Rows 29-32 of Pink Teddy. 25 sts **Rows 25-32:** 

starting with a k row work in st st Cast off, leaving a long tail

#### head

Using 3.5mm needles and Tulip Teal cast on ten sts

Rows 1-4: rep Rows 1-4 of Pink Teddy Head. 30 sts

**Rows 5-11:** starting with a p row work in st st

Row 12: k8, (k2tog) seven times, k to end. 23 sts

Row 13: p Row 14: k7, (k2tog, k1) three times, k to end. 20 sts Change to Leafy Green

Rows 15-19: starting with a p row work in st st Row 20: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. 13 sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

#### BOTH TEDDIES

ear

Make four (two in each colour) Using 3.5mm needles and Poppy Red (Leafy Green) cast on ten sts

**Row 1 (WS):** k **Row 2:** p **Row 3:** (k2†og) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

#### scarf

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Periwinkle Blue (Sunflower Yellow) cast on five sts K until piece meas 22cm Cast off

#### to make up

Thread tapestry needle onto cast-off tail of one hind leg. Fold hind leg in half lengthways, work a gathering thread to close tip. Sew up hind leg to top then cont sewing to attach one tummy flap to cast-on edge. Rep with second hind lea then front leas. Stuff legs. Connect flap ends tog on underside with a st then ease rem cast-on edge outwards and sew edges tog to make allowance for bottom. Connect tummy flaps tog at chest, leaving gap for stuffing.



#### knitting

Stuff then sew closed. With fastened-off tail of Head, sew seam, leaving gap to stuff Head and insert safety eyes before closing. With cast-on tail work a gathering thread around cast-on edge and draw up tightly. Cut brown felt in oval shape and sew to muzzle. Sew sides of Ears tog to make semi circles, sew to Head. Sew Head to Body. Tie Scarf around neck.
Pom-poms: wind Sunflower Yellow (Periwinkle Blue) around two fingers 30 times and tie centre with strong cotton thread. Make two in each colour. Cut loops and trim. Sew pom-poms to ends of Scarves. Weave in all ends

#### **E GREAT ADVICE**

#### **FLUFFY FIX**

When using Tulip Teal keep count
of your stitches to ensure that you
haven't dropped or increased any
by mistake. If you have, it can easily
be fixed with a k2tog or kfb on the
next row

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## Bedtime Ted

Quick cuddles for kiddiewinks with this sweet bear and mini quilt



#### Start with...

- Cotton fabric: blue stripe, cheater print, backing print
- DMC stranded thread, Natura blue
- Embroidery thread, black
- Ribbon, gingham, black and white
- Polyester toy filling
- Wadding

Find the template on our pattern pages

#### **Teddy Bear**

Trace the bear template and cut out. Place two layers of striped fabric, 18cm x 23cm, right sides together, with the stripes running horizontally, then draw around the template.

2 Stitch along the bear outline, then trim the excess and make a small slit in the back for turning. Turn out, making sure you push out the limbs and ears fully. Stuff with polyester toy filling, then sew the back closed.

Embroider the face using three strands of black embroidery thread and tie a gingham ribbon around the neck into a bow.

#### Fabric love

Kids will adore these fun animal prints, especially for tucking up teddy! Swap the cheater for their favourite animal pattern, or create a patchwork top with all three!



Copenhagen Print Factory fabric. For stockist, visit **hantex.co.uk/mystockist** 



"To personalise your bear, appliqué a little heart or embroider a child's initial outo the front"

Helen Philipps, Designer

If you prefer, try making the quilt top from patchwork squares instead of a cheater print



#### **Matching Quilt**

- Place cheater cotton and Place cheater could also backing fabric, both 19cm x 21cm, right sides together. Sew around the edges using a 6mm seam, leaving a small gap at one side for turning.
- Trim the corners, then turn the quilt out, pushing out the corners. Fill with wadding, 17cm x 19cm, smoothing it into the corners.
- Machine stitch around the quilt, close to the edge. Using the thick cotton thread, sew at regular intervals across the quilt, securing all three layers. Tie in a knot each time, trimming to 12mm long. CB

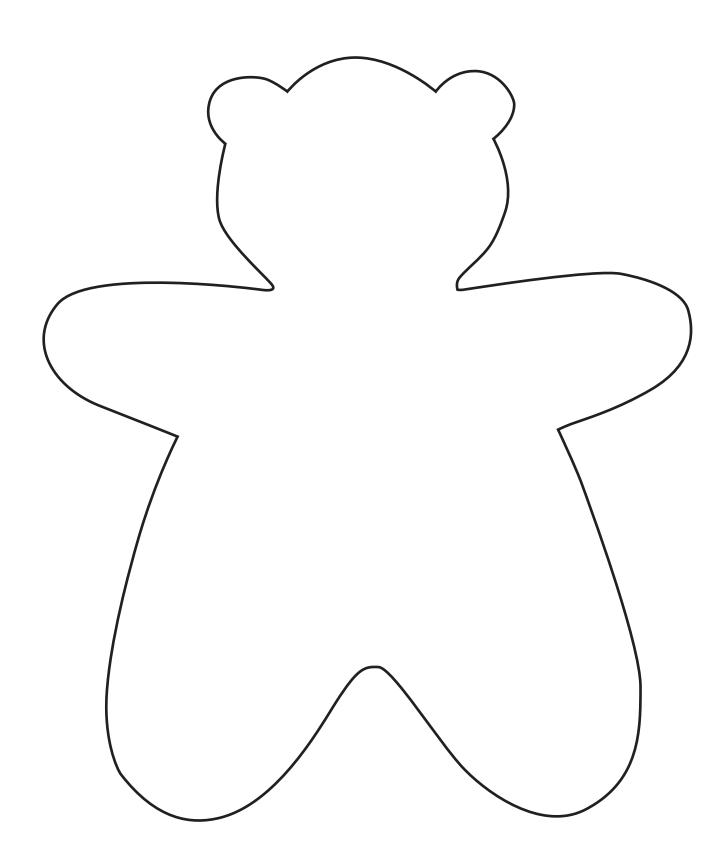


Cheater prints, sewandso.co.uk Gingham ribbon, craftyribbons.co.uk



Easy Teddy
Quick cuddles for kids
with this sweet bear Designer: Helen Philipps Page 85 in magazine

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## CSEPTIALS Transform your pre-loved knit into Lucinda Ganderton's friendly felted teddy



#### What You Need

Felted jumper; dark fabric, 10cm square Toy filling, polyester

Thread, sewing, matching; embroidery stranded, brown Toy safety eyes

Toy joints, 20mm, four Needles: sewing; tapestry

#### teddy's head

Join the v-shaped darts on each side of the head. Oversew the gusset to one side, matching point A to the tip of the nose to point B at the back of the neck. Sew the other side of the head to the other side of the gusset, then join the seams from A to C and B to D.

Sew the inner ears centrally to the outer ears. Pin and stitch them to the head, so that the outer edges lie over the dart seams. Sew the nose to the end of the snout. Using all six strands of the embroidery thread, sew three straight lines for the nose and mouth.

Attach buttons or fix safety-eyes in place. Take time to find the best position, as their beady look is what gives character and individuality to your bear. Stuff the head firmly.

#### cutting guide

from the felted jumper

#### from the darker felt

#### making up

#### teddy's arms and legs

Stitch the hand soles to the two inner arms. Pin the arms together in pairs and refer back to the

pattern pieces to mark the position dots on the inner pieces. Pierce holes through the dots using the point of your embroidery scissors. Stitch around the outside edge, leaving an opening between the pairs of small triangles shown on the patterns. Stuff the lower part firmly.

Pin together in pairs and pierce the dots, as for the arms. Oversew the front and back seams, leaving the bottom of the foot open. Pin the soles into the openings, matching points E at the back and F at the front, and sew them into place. Stuff the bottom two thirds firmly, pushing the filling right into the foot.

Mark and pierce two position dots on each back piece. Pin and stitch the centre back seam from D to G. Join the two tummy pieces to the side edges of the two backs, matching points G to H.

#### making up the bear

Push the pointed halves of the joints through the holes at the top of each limb, then through the matching hole in the



back. Fix them securely to the body with the washers supplied, following the manufacturer's instructions. Sew up the top edges of the limbs, adding more stuffing as you go to give them a rounded shape.

Seam the front tummy from H to C and stuff the body. Pin on the head, matching points C and D and sew it securely in place. You may need to add more filling at the neck edge. Sew three short lines over the edges of the paws to represent the claws. **CB** 



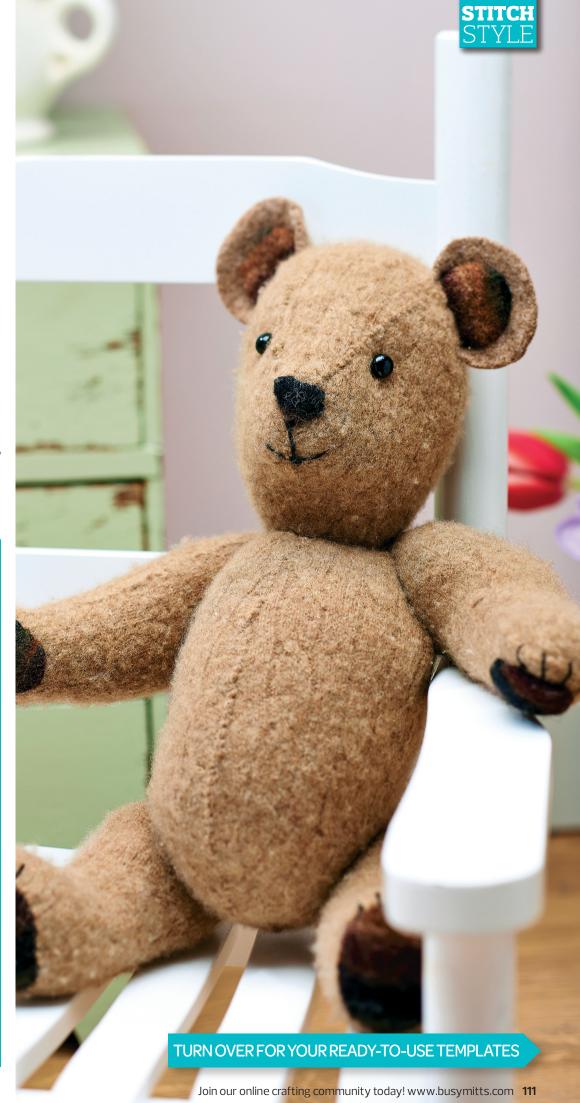
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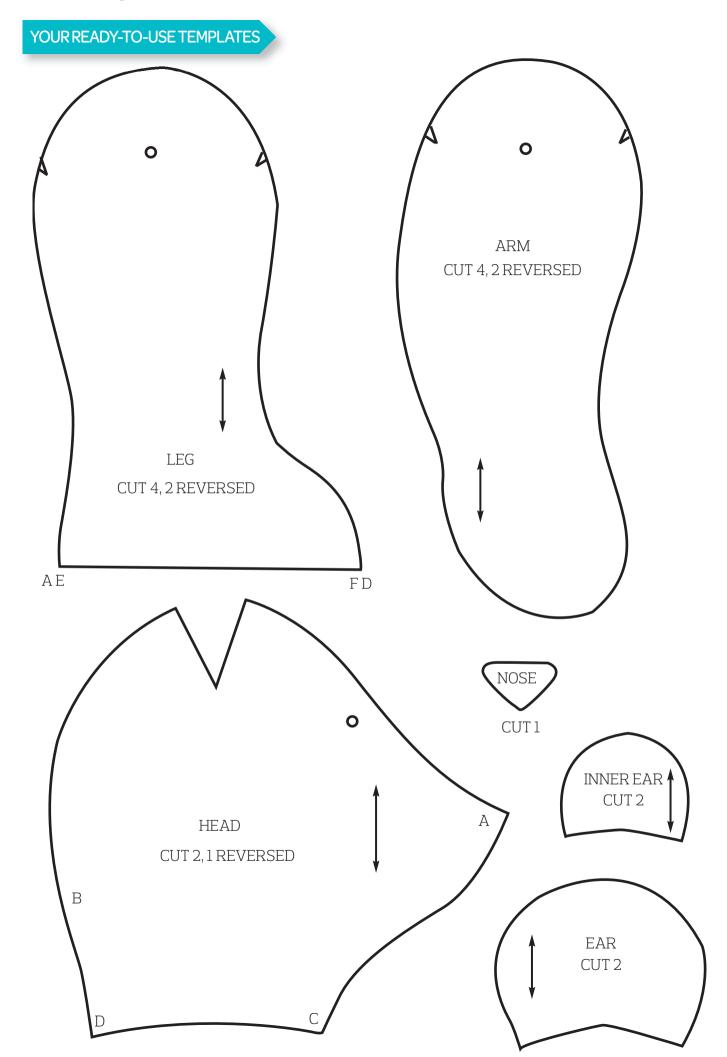
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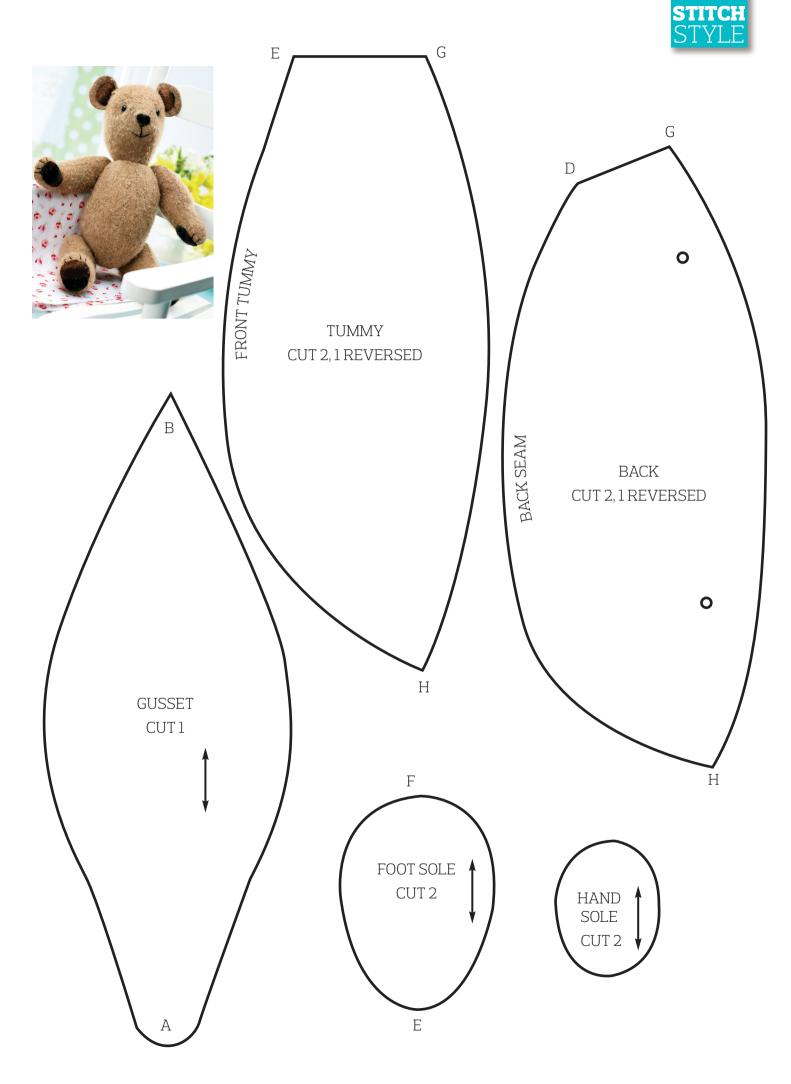
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### felting jumpers

The garments will need to be 100% wool or cashmere and not be pre-treated as this will stop them from shrinking – check the label first. Cut them apart along the seams. Set to a 90° wash cycle, adding detergent as usual, and zip the woollies into a nylon bag to prevent the fluff from blocking the machine. You can felt two or three woolies at a time, but use a 'colour catcher' if they are different shades as the hot temperature will cause the dyes to run. If desired, finish by tumble drying to help the fibres meld together









PLUS
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, two
9mm black
safety eyes,
small length of
black DK,
pom-pom
maker
(optional)

SIZE
Height: 14cm
(excl
pom-pom)
Length: 20cm

#### CRUNCH THROUGH THE SNOW WITH

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### Bruno bear

**HEATHER GIBBS'** winter bear has been created with all the colours in the kit, making him a vibrant addition to your crochet to-do list. He has playtime written all over him, and would pal up nicely with our robins (p38) and ice-skating goat (p50) for a frolic in the forest. Want to make him a bear for all seasons? Just switch up the colours on his outfit!



Perfect for beginners

#### TOP TIP

Sections are worked without joining in continuous rounds – place a stitch marker in the top of the first stitch to indicate the start of each round.



#### **BRUNO** BEAR.

#### ear Make two

Using 5mm hook and Christmas Pud make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts Fasten off, leaving a long tail

#### head & body

Using 5mm hook and Milk Bottle make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 3-4: (1dc. 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Change to Christmas Pud

**Rnd 5:** 6dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) four times, 1dc in each st to end. 22 sts Embroider nose and mouth using black DK

Rnd 6: rep Rnd 2 Rnd 7: 8dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) five times, 1dc in each st to end. 27 sts

Rnd 8: 15dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc to end. 28 sts

Rnd 9: rep Rnd 2 Rnd 10: 11dc, dc2tog, 6dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. 26 sts

Rnd 11: 11dc. dc2tog, 4dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. 24 sts

**Rnd 12:** rep Rnd 2 Insert safety eyes between Rnds 5-6, approx five sts apart Sew Ears to Head

Stuff Change to Everareen

Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in



next st) to end. 30 sts Join Tinsel Blue to back loop of anu st

Rnd 14: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

**Rnds 15-21:** 1dc in each st to end Change to Evergreen

**Rnds 22-23:** 1dc in each st to end Join Christmas Pud to back loop of anu st

Rnd 24: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 25: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 26-28: 1dc in each st to end Embroider five stars onto jumper using Silver Sparkle

Rnd 29: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts Striff

Rnd 30: (1dc, dc2tog) to end.

**Rnd 31:** (dc2tog) to end. Six sts Fasten off

tail Using 5mm hook and Christmas Pud make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off, leaving a long tail

#### leg Make four

Using 5mm hook and Robin Red make 5ch

Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook 3dc, 3dc in last ch, work along opposite side of ch as follows: 2dc, 2dc in next st. Ten sts

Rnd 2: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: 3dc. (dc2tog) to last st, 1dc. Seven sts **Rnds 5-7:** 1dc in

each st to end Join Christmas Pud to back loop of any st

Rnd 8: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end

**Rnds 9-10:** 1dc in each st to end Fasten off, leaving a long tail

#### hat

Using 5mm hook and Robin Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end Change to Evergreen

Rnd 4: rep Rnd 3 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

#### to make up

Weave in all ends. Using fastened-off yarn end, sew Body closed. Make a pom-pom using Silver Sparkle and attach to top of Hat. Stuff Hat and sew to Head. Stuff Legs and sew to Body: front legs on Rnds 12-15, back legs on Rnds 23-26. Attach Tail to Rnd 29 of Body

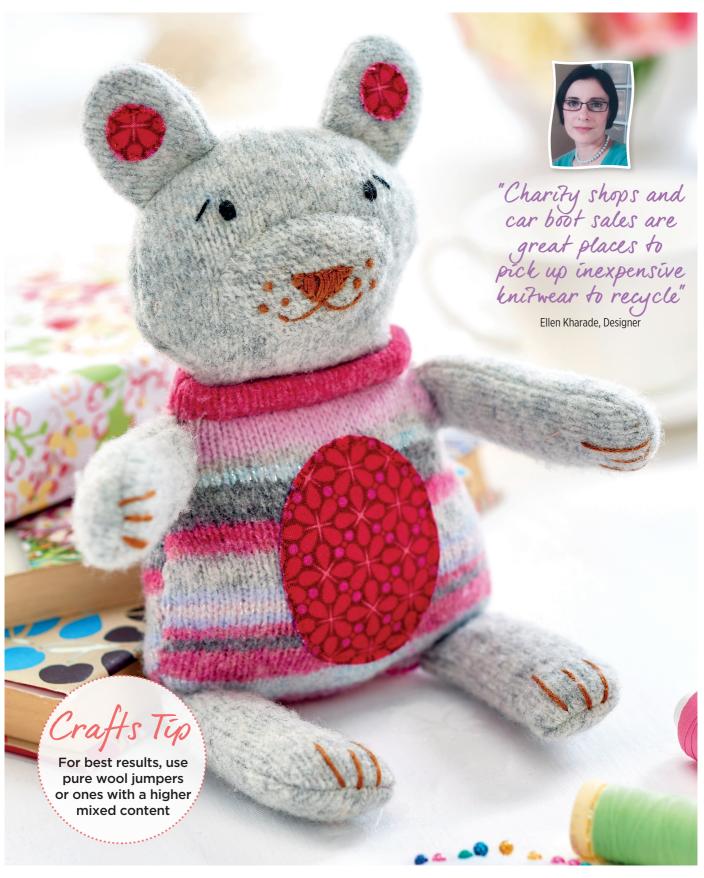


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## Cuddly teddies

Felt your old woolly jumpers into cute bear toys for your little ones to love



#### Start with...

- Wool knitwear, plain, patterned
- Fabric, patterned
- Embroidery thread, grey, black, brown
- Tov filling
- Iron-on fusible interfacing

See the templates on our pattern pages

#### **Teddy**

1 Felt your chosen jumpers by putting them through a 60 degree wash cycle with a pair of jeans to help the process. Create teddy templates from our pattern pages or print them out. Pin the templates for the arms, legs, and ears to the plain jumper fabric and cut out four of each. Reverse the pattern for backs of arms and legs. From the plain jumper fabric, cut out two heads and one nose. Make two body pieces from the patterned sweater.

Iron fusible interfacing anto the back of colourful fabric. Pin the templates for the ear and body patches to it and trim out two circles and one body piece. Peel off the backing paper and position the patches onto the corresponding jumper pieces, then iron on. With right sides facing, pin the leg and arm

pieces together and sew with a 6mm seam allowance. Turn out each one and stuff. Stitch to make two ears.

🍞 Baste the nose onto the ⊿face, leave a 10mm gap for stuffing, then stitch around it. Push a little wadding into the nose until rounded, then sew up the gap. Using four strands of embroidery thread, create a brown nose and black eyes. Fix the ears into place. With right sides facing, pin the head together and stitch, then turn out and stuff until rounded.

Pin the arms and legs to the inside of the body and sew into place. Pin the body sections right sides facing and stitch around it. Attach the head and stitch around the front of the neckline. Turn the body out and stuff until nicely plump. Sew up the gap at the back. Cut a length of ribbing from the jumper and hand sew around the neck.

Cusing four strands of → embroidery thread, add three claws onto each paw. Create other teddies using different jumpers. You can also re-size the templates to make a teddy bear family. CB



Fabric and toy filling, thevillage haberdashery.co.uk





#### Teddy Bear Time!

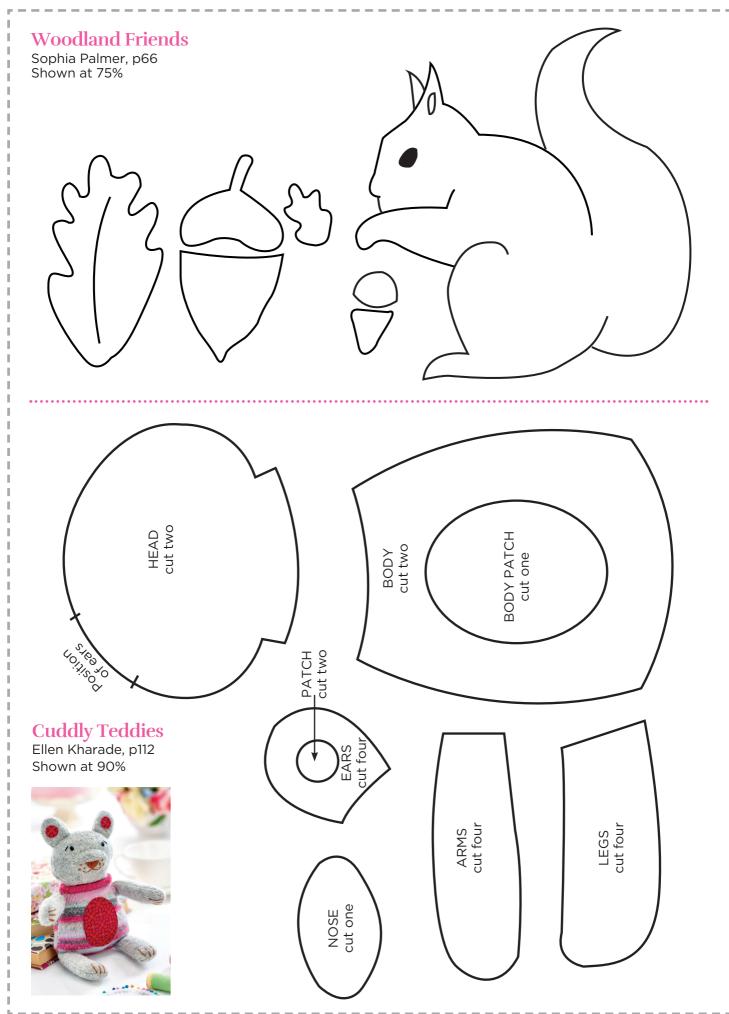
12th October is Bring Your Teddy Bear To Work & School Day, so to celebrate we've put together a few fun bear facts for you to share!



 The name teddy bear comes from former U.S President Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt, who inherited the nickname after an incident with a real bear. After reading about it in the paper, inspired to create a toy bear after him. The Steiff company in Germany also made a stuffed bear around the same time.

- The popularity of the teddy inspired John Walter Bratton to compose 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic' in 1907. The lyrics were added in 1932.
- The term 'Teddy bear' wasn't used until 1906. Before then, they were referred to as 'bruins'.
- Walt Disney produced the first colour animation film in 1924,x called Alice and the Three Bears.

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