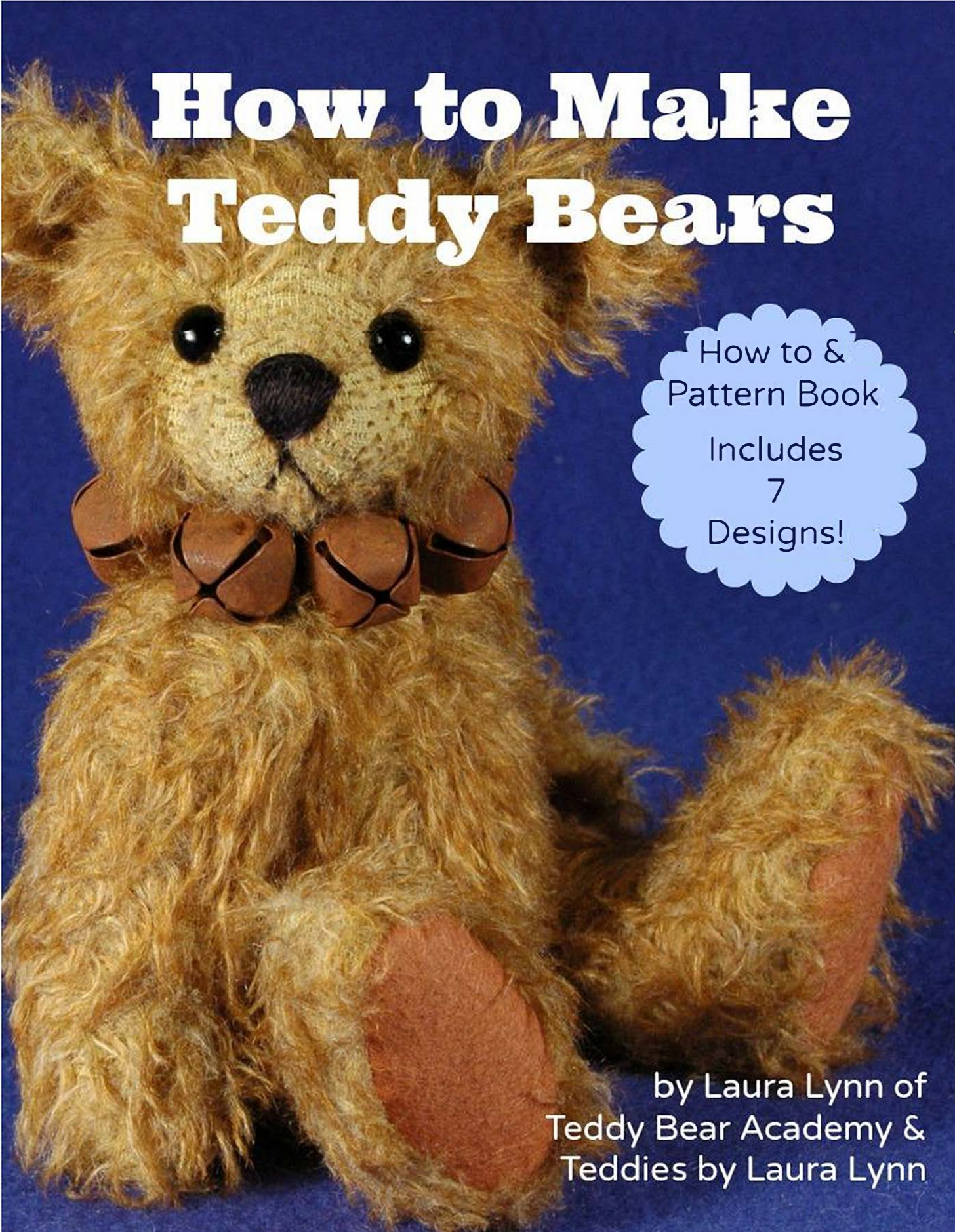




How to Make Teddy Bears

How to &
Pattern Book

Includes
7
Designs!

by Laura Lynn of
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Laura Lynn was introduced to the world of “artist teddy bears” in the late 1990's by her best friend. She eventually discovered that one of her favorite local teddy bear artists gave classes in bear making. She was hooked after just one class and began taking classes from as many teddy bear artists that she could. It wasn't long before she was designing her own bears. She started selling her bears full time in 2001.

Laura Lynn has had her bears featured in *Teddy Bear Review*, *Teddy Bear & Friends*, and the British publication *Teddy Bear Times*. Her work has also been on the cover of both *Teddy Bear Review* and *Teddy Bear & Friends*.

After creating and selling her bears for several years, Laura Lynn was asked to teach a class at a specialty teddy bear show and she found a new passion – teaching. Eventually in 2014 she launched the website www.TeddyBearAcademy.net which is filled with patterns and how to videos about both making teddy bears and selling them. She is now not limited by geography and has students all over the world.

Laura Lynn also enjoys photography. One of her previous careers was as a professional photographer. She loved doing pet photography and was honored to have done a special portrait of the NASCAR #99 Exide car and Exide's Indycar for the Exide Corporation.

She now lives in the beautiful Bluegrass state of Kentucky with her Chihuahua Sequoia.

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INTRODUCTION

Many people want to start making teddy bears for friends and family. Some people want to make bears for their own collection, or even to sell on eBay and other venues.

Whatever your reason for making teddy bears, I hope this booklet helps you with making your own special bear.

If you find you need a little more help, you will find many helpful videos about both making and selling teddy bears on my website: www.TeddyBearAcademy.net

BASIC BEAR MAKING TOOLS

The creations you make from these patterns are not intended to be a child's toy due to the glass eyes and pellets.

You don't need any fancy tools to start making teddy bears. Here's a list of the "bear basics". You can add more tools to your bear making tool kit as you get more into bear making.

- Needle nose pliers
- Sharpie marker
- Awl (or sharp chopstick) for making small holes for joints and eyes
- Stuffing tool (un sharpened pencil or end of wooden spoon works fine)
- Scissors for fabric
- Pins
- NEEDLES:
- Sewing needle for hand sewing & closing seams (I like #16 Milliners needles. They are relatively skinny, long, have a sharp point and a round eye.)
- 5" long doll needle for eyes and hiding threads
- 3" long soft sculpture doll needle for nose
- OPTIONAL: Sewing machine (you can sew by hand if you don't have one)

Bear Making Suppliers – Listed by Country

Teddy Bear Suppliers in the USA

www.EdinburghImports.com

www.Intercaltg.com

www.SassyBearsandFabrics.com

www.CRsCraft.com

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Canada

www.DiscoJoints.on.ca

ShamrockRoseTeddyBearSupplies.org

www.BearLandDesigns.com

www.LaboursofLove.com

Teddy Bear Suppliers in the UK

www.BearBasics.co.uk

www.ChristieBears.com

www.NorbearyFabrics.co.uk

www.MohairBearMakingSupplies.co.uk

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Germany

<http://www.probaer.de/>

<http://www.baerenstuebchen.de/>

Teddy Bear Suppliers in the Netherlands

<http://www.berelijn.com/>

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Australia

TeddysBits.com.au

www.Gerrys.com.au

Teddy Bear Suppliers in South Africa

<http://teddytech.biz/>

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Japan

<http://www.primera-corp.co.jp/>

<http://www.santacruzbear.com/>

<http://www.teddybear.co.jp/>

MATERIALS FOR MAKING TEDDY BEARS

Teddy Bear Fabric

Mohair is the traditional fabric for bear making. Mohair fabric is made from the sheared wool of the Angora goat. The fiber is spun and then woven onto a cotton backing. Because mohair is a natural fabric, it comes in many colors, finishes and lengths.

It can be straight, wavy, curly or a number of other finishes. It comes on a woven backing so it does not stretch out of shape. I like working with mohair the best. It is an expensive fabric and most people must order it online.

Ultra-premium synthetic faux fur fabrics are so incredible that they can almost be mistaken for the real thing. These can also be found at specialty bear making supply shops.

Faux fur fabrics from fabric shops - The local fabric shops near me do not have a very large selection of fur fabrics and many of them are not suitable for making quality teddy bears. Every once in a while, though, you can sometimes find a great fabric to work with. Look for very dense fur and check the backing to be sure it is not too stretchy. Very stretchy fabric will be hard to stuff correctly.

For a more in depth look at different types of faux fur to use in your bear making and your FREE Bear Making Fabrics Cheat Sheet, visit:

<http://www.teddybearacademy.net/chart/>

Teddy Bear Paw Fabric

You can use all types of fabrics for your teddy's paws. Traditional paw pad fabric is wool felt. Another commonly used fabric is a faux suede fabric called "Ultrasuede". It can be ordered at bear making suppliers. Sometimes I use a cute cotton print fabric for the paw pads, but line it with felt for strength and durability.

Eyes

The original teddy bear makers in the early 1900's used shoe button or boot buttons for teddy bear eyes. Today's teddy bear artists use (for the most part) handmade glass eyes with a wire loop on the back. (Available at bear making suppliers) These types of eyes are NOT safe to use on bears that children play with as they are a choking hazard. If you are making teddy bears for children, you will need to either embroider the eyes or use plastic "safety eyes".

You will also need a special thread to insert the eyes. Artificial sinew is a special waxed thread used in leather making. You can find this in the leather crafting section of craft stores and of course from bear making suppliers. Dental floss could be used in a pinch.

Nose

Most teddy bear noses are embroidered onto the muzzle with Pearle cotton. Pearle cotton can be purchased in the embroidery section of most fabric shops.

Joints

Joints inside the teddy bear make it possible for the arms, legs and head to move.

Plastic safety joints are often found at your local craft shop. They are safe for children and are fairly easy to use. You cannot control the tightness of these joints and often loosen over time.

Cotter pin joints are joints using hardboard or fiberboard discs, metal washers and cotter pins. You will have more control over the tightness of this joint. It can loosen a bit over time, but not as badly as the plastic safety joint.

This is the type of joint that will be explained in this book. The supplies for this type of joint can be purchased at online bear making suppliers.

Lock nut joints also use the hardboard or fiberboard discs and metal washers, but instead of using cotter pins you use bolts and lock nuts. This type of joint can take a little practice to get comfortable with using, but it does make for a nice tight joint that will not loosen with time. TeddyBearAcademy.net has video classes on how to do this type of joint.

Stuffing

Most bears are stuffed with polyester fiber fill. Believe it or not, fiber fill is a very personal choice amongst teddy bear artists. Some love one type and hate another, and vice versa.

Many artists use Poly-fil that is found almost everywhere (at least here in the States.) It has been described as kind of “slippery”.

My preference is the Morning Glory brand of polyester fiber fill. I've heard it described as "crunchy". I find it easier to stuff my bears more firmly with Morning Glory. This is a little harder to find, but I have ordered it online from both Walmart and Amazon.

Thread

If you will be using a sewing machine, then you will need two types of thread.

- 1) All-purpose sewing thread for the sewing machine. Match the color of the thread to the color of the backing of the fabric.
- 2) Nylon upholstery thread. Match this as close as possible to the fabric backing. I use this thread for hand sewing, closing seams and attaching the ears.

Preparing the Pattern Pieces

To start, print out enough of the pattern pieces so you have the entire teddy bear in pattern pieces (print out 4 legs, 2 head sides, 1 head gusset, 4 ears, 2 inner arms, 2 outer arms, 2 bodies, 2 footpads, 2 paw pads). Many patterns only print out 1 of each pattern piece.

If you are using a book from a pattern, then copy or trace the pattern.

I like to copy or print my patterns onto card stock at least to make it easier to trace around them. If you are not able to print onto heavier card stock, you can glue the pattern pieces onto cardboard. I have used old file folders, cereal boxes, etc. When the glue is dry, then cut out the pattern and it will be more durable than if it was just paper.

Now you can lay out the entire bear on your fabric before drawing it out to be sure you have enough fabric... or if you can change the layout to be sure it all fits.

* When printing your pattern, after the computer's Print dialogue box pops up, be sure the "Actual Size" button is chosen so that the pattern prints out in the correct size.

Basic Teddy Bear Making Instructions

How do I lay my pattern pieces out?

Since you are working with a furry fabric, you want to lay your pattern pieces out so the fur lies in the correct direction on your finished bear.

Lay your fabric face up on your table. Run your hand over the fur to see which way the fur lies down. Now carefully turn your fabric over, and draw an arrow (on an edge) on the back of your fabric in the same direction as your fur lies down.

When you place your pattern pieces on the back of the fabric, lay them out with the arrows going down... the same direction as the arrow you drew on the fabric.

Be sure you have: 1 right head side, 1 left head side, 1 head gusset, 4 ears, 1 right body piece, 1 left body piece, 1 right inner arm, 1 left inner arm, 1 right outer arm, 1 left outer arm, 2 rights, 2 left legs, 1 right paw pad, 1 left paw pad, 2 footpads. (The paw pads and footpads are generally cut out of felt or Ultrasuede fabric, not the fur.

I use masking tape rolls on the back of each pattern piece to keep them in place. Trace around each pattern with a permanent marker or gel pen. Be sure to mark all joint marks... and seam openings (if marked on the patterns)

Cutting the Bear Out

It is important to cut **ONLY** the backing of the fabric with sharp scissors. Cut on the **INSIDE** of the lines. My scissors of choice for this are Fiskars Softouch Micro-Tip Scissors. They are awesome! Their "Softouch" design really does a good job to help keep my hands from getting sore.

Sew the pieces together

As you first pin your pieces together, be sure to tuck all the fur to the inside. This will give you nice clean seams. Use enough pins so that the pieces do not slide around. The fur makes the pattern pieces want to shift a bit more than regular fabric would. An optional step would be to now hand baste your bear parts together with a whip stitch, remove the pins, and then start sewing (either by machine or by hand)

BODY

Fur sides together, match up the right and left body pieces together, pin, baste if you prefer, and sew. Leave an opening at the back to turn and stuff.

HEAD

Match 2 head side pieces together and sew the chin seam from the tip of the nose down to the neck opening.

To insert the head gusset, match the line on the nose of the head gusset up to the seam of the 2 head sides. Tack in place at the seam. Pin the gusset in place, then baste together with a whip stitch.

Sew the gusset in place. I prefer to hand sew the front of the gusset in (the nose and eye area) and then I machine sew the rest.

**Need a little help understanding how to insert the head gusset? Part 2 of the Marco Teddy Bear lesson includes a video showing you exactly how I insert the head gusset and stitch it into place.*

<http://www.teddybearacademy.net/register/>

ARMS

Match the paw pads up to the corresponding inner arms and sew with a 3/8" seam allowance. *(This seam allowance is for the regular size patterns in this pattern book. Other patterns may have a different seam allowance. It will be noted on the pattern.)*

Now match up the inner arms to the correct outer arms. Pin and sew - making sure to leave open where indicated to turn and stuff.

LEGS

Match up the legs. Be sure that each leg has one outer leg and one inner leg. The inner leg will have the joint marking. Pin and sew closed, making sure to leave both the seam opening and bottom of the foot open.

Insert the footpad: Match up the lines on the footpads to the seams on the feet. Tack in place. Pin the rest of the footpad in place, baste together with a whipstitch. Sew in place with a backstitch.

(Need help with footpads? There is an entire class called "Perfect Footpads" inside of

<https://www.teddybearacademy.net/>)

EARS

Match up both pairs, sew from one corner, around the curve to the other corner. Leave the straight edge open.

Turn all pieces right side out, use a needle or awl to pick out fur that may be trapped in the seams.

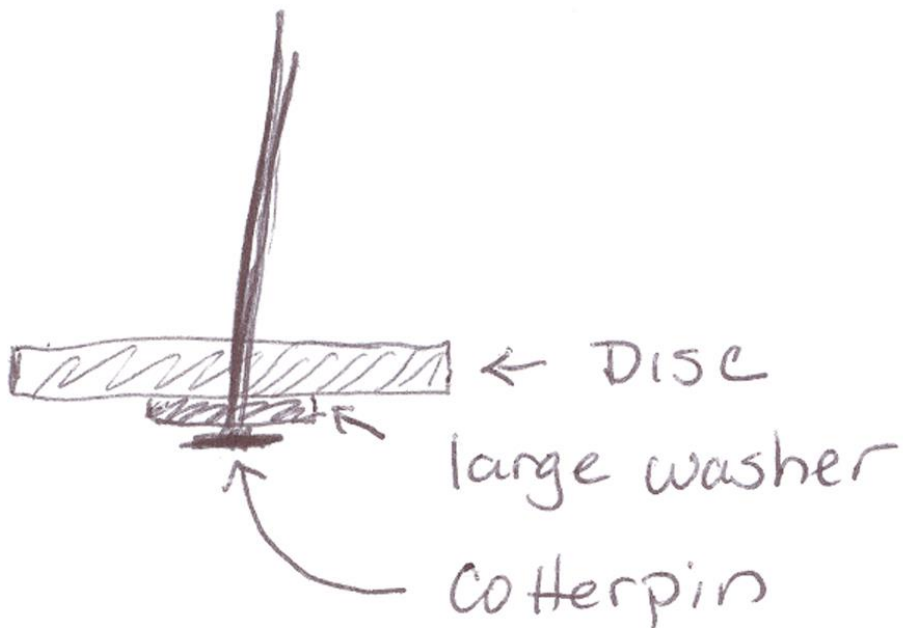
Stuffing!

Now you are ready to stuff your bear! Actually, you won't *just* be stuffing your bear, you will be sculpting it from the inside out to create the shape and firmness that you desire. This is entirely different from just blowing stuffing into a bear like they do at Build a Bear.

ARMS

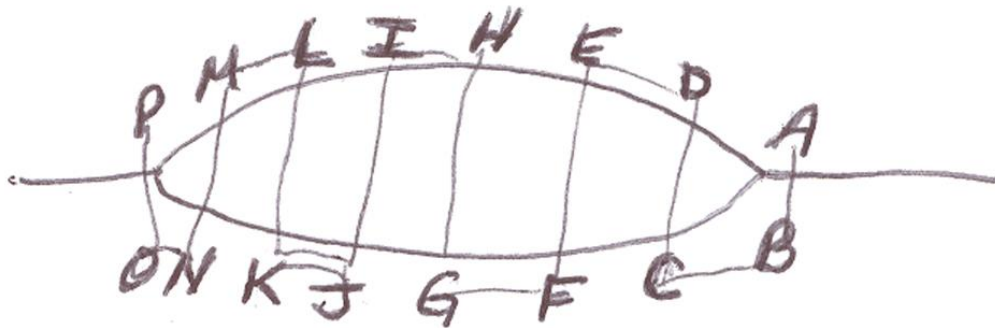
I like to take my fiberfill stuffing and pull it apart into small balls of fluff about an inch in diameter. Take your first couple of bits and stuff it firmly (with your stuffing tool - using the tool really does help get it nice and firm!) into the arm, all the way to the tip of the paw pad. Be sure to stuff the paw pad area firmly.

Next insert the joint assembly. The cotter pin joint is the easiest joint to start with in my opinion, so that is what will be described here. Assemble the cotter pin joint as shown:



Take your awl or sharpened chopstick and find the joint marking on the inside of the arm. It will be on the inside of the arm. The side WITH the paw pad on it. Now pierce the mohair fabric. Try to just separate the threads and not cut them if possible. Make an opening just large enough for the cotter pin to go through. The disc will be on the inside of the arm.

Now to finish stuffing the arm. Do you want a firm bear or a slightly squishy bear? Stuff the bear until he feels right to YOU. As you near the seam opening, slow down stuffing a little. You need to allow some fabric for closing the seam. Close your seam using your upholstery thread, doubled using a ladder stitch (See below)



****Need a little more help with how to do a ladder stitch or using teddy bear joints? [Teddy Bear Academy](#) has an entire class dedicated to Jointing your Teddy Bear.***

I like to start closing the seams on his limbs before they are attached to the body if possible. As I close, I add little bits more of stuffing so he is not too soft, not too hard, but juuuust right! (Sorry, could not resist!)

After you have finished closing the seam, tie it off and hide the threads

Now that the arm is done, set it aside and finish the other parts.

Legs

I stuff my legs much the same way I stuff my arms but with one difference. I often add glass pellets or steel bb's to my bear's feet. It helps them to stand up.

I like to start with a small layer of fiberfill in the bottoms of the feet and then I add my pellets, bb's or whatever. I then add more fiberfill to the top of the foot and up the ankle a bit. I recommend stuffing this area *firmly* to give him support to stand.

Assemble the cotter pin joint as shown earlier. Take your awl or sharpened chopstick and find the joint marking on the inside of the leg. *Remember you will have 1 Right Leg and 1 Left Leg!*

Now pierce the mohair fabric. Try to just separate the threads and not cut them if possible. Make an opening just large enough for the cotter pin to go thru. The disc will be on the inside of the leg.

Now to finish stuffing the leg. Do you want a firm bear or a slightly squishy bear? Although I recommend firmly stuffed legs, stuff the bear until he feels right to YOU. As you near the seam opening, slow down stuffing a little. You need to allow some fabric for closing the seam. Close your seam using your upholstery thread, doubled using a ladder stitch (shown earlier).

I like to start closing my seams before he's quite all the way stuffed. As I close, I add little bits more of stuffing here and there to fill in. After you have finished closing the seam, tie it off and hide the threads.

STUFFING the HEAD

You need to stuff the head nice and evenly. Are you right handed or left handed? I am right handed and like to hold the bear's head in my left hand, and stuff with my right hand. If you are left handed, you may want to do it the other way around.

I like to stuff the nose first. Take small bits of stuffing and stuff **FIRMLY** into the nose. This part must be very firmly stuffed as it will make it much easier when you embroider his nose.

I usually stuff the nose area about 1/3 of the way to start and then start adding stuffing to the rest of the head. Now I finish stuffing the nose very firmly. I find that doing it this way helps to keep the stuffing in the nose area. When I stuff the head, I turn it in a circle as I add fiberfill. It helps me to keep my stuffing job even when I do it that way. Make sure the head, and especially the nose, are very firmly stuffed.

*** Would you like to actually watch me stuff a teddy bear head? Check out Part 3 of the Marco 12" Bear class or Part 4 of the Rocko Miniature Teddy Bear Class. <https://www.teddybearacademy.net/register/>**

If you wanted to you could insert your neck joint and close up the head. However I like to embroider the nose while the neck is still open. I like to be able to add more stuffing as needed, or shift it if necessary while I am embroidering the nose. My directions will be written in that order as that is how I do it. But you can change that order around if you prefer!

EMBROIDERING the NOSE

Decide what shape nose you would like your bear to have. If you are not sure, cut out some felt shapes and hold them against the bear's snout. When I am doing a nose, I like to use the 3 inch needle - a good sharp one!

Start with a length of Pearle cotton about 24" long. I prefer to use 2 shorter pieces than one long piece as I find the long pieces get knotted up too easily.

Enter the bear's nose thru the side but don't pull the Pearle cotton all the way through. Let a short tail hang out; don't put a knot in the end of the floss!

Bring your needle up near a top corner of where you want your nose to be, and then outline the shape of the nose. Now I take my scissors and trim the fur away from the area where I want to embroider the nose.

Now stitch the nose. I prefer to make vertical stitches, but you can do horizontal if you like. Those outline stitches will help you keep the nose nice and even. I like to start in the middle, and take a few stitches to the right, and then left, working the nose out to both ends at the same time. If you have trouble getting the needle thru sometimes, use your needle nose pliers to help you. I use mine a lot!

When you come near the end of your strand, thread it onto your long 5" needle, and with your next stitch, go thru to the back of the neck on the other side of the head. Pull it nice and taut and snip the Pearle cotton.

Start your next piece the same way you started the first. When the nose is all done, carefully snip the beginning ends of the Pearle cotton that you left hanging on his snout. Be sure to use a very sharp pair of scissors so you don't leave any pieces hanging.

****As I am stitching the nose with the neck still open, I keep adding little bits of fiberfill here and there as needed. I also am able to re-adjust the snout to be centered as it sometimes goes a little lopsided while I am stitching the nose. He does not have a mouth yet-- I prefer to do that after his neck is closed.**

CLOSING THE NECK

Now your head is all stuffed. If you chose to do the nose first, it is all stitched. Time to close up the neck.

Here is what you need to close the neck: 1" disc for neck joint, 1 " large washer, 1-cotter pin. 15" length of waxed floss for closing.

Assemble the cotter pin joint as shown earlier. Sit the bear's head in your lap or on your table upside down so the opening is up. Set the assembled joint inside. Thread your waxed thread on your 3" needle and sew a gathering stitch all around the neck opening. Leave a long tail to start and to end. I like to start and end at the back of the neck.

Now first make sure both tail ends are about the same length and pull the opening closed tightly. Tie a square knot. The waxed thread really helps here as it helps to keep the knot. I don't stop there, however. I want to be sure this stays closed

Now I take each tail end of the floss and make large back stitches all around the joint, ending up at where I started. Do this with both tails. Now tie another square knot and sink the tails into the head (take your large 5" needle and go into the head right next to the knot, going thru to the other side of the head. Tug to pull the knot on the other side and then snip off the tails that now come out on the top part of the head. You now have a VERY secure neck joint!

(Watch me do this In Part 3 of the 12" Marco Bear Class! <https://www.TeddyBearAcademy.net>)

THE MOUTH

I like to take another length of Pearle cotton, and come up to the center of the nose from the lower back side of the head (near the neck joint) leaving a about 6" of the Pearle cotton hanging out near the neck. I take that length and bring it thru also going in thru the head just a small space away from the first place, but coming out at a different spot on the head where I then clip it away. This helps anchor the Pearle cotton in place.

Now you can decide what shape mouth you would like to have. It may help to "outline" the mouth shape with some ball headed pins. Stitch the mouth and when you are done, bring the tail ends all the way thru the head near the same place you entered and snip the ends.

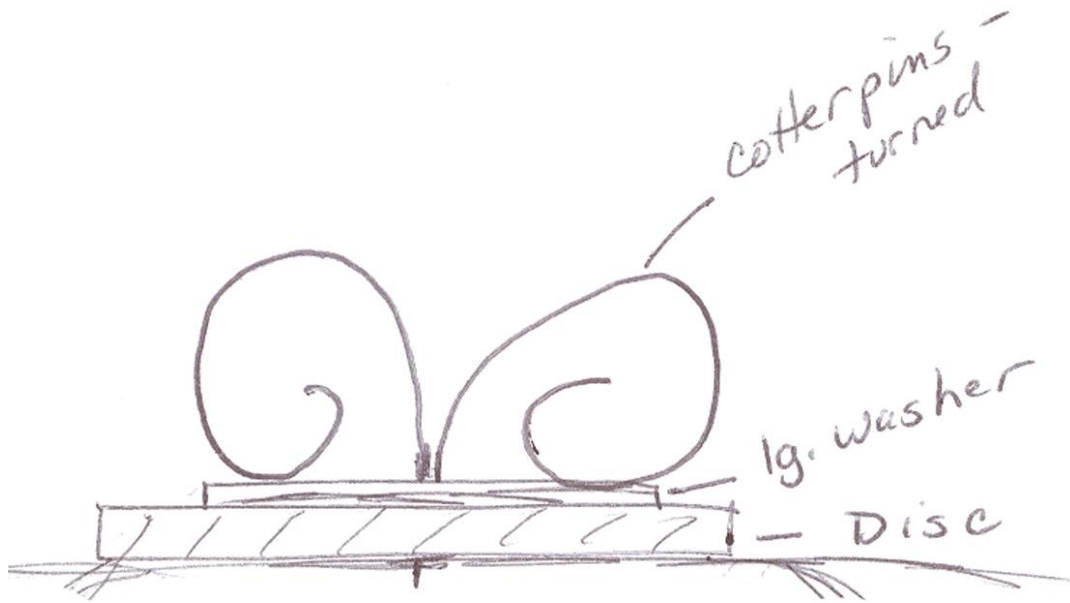
The head is done for now. I know he can't see or hear you yet. But it will be much easier to attach his eyes and ears when he is able to sit up on his own!

Jointing the Bear

Now he's really coming together! It's time to put all of your bear's parts and pieces together now. I like to start with the head. There is a small gap (marked on the inside) in the neck seam where his head joint will fit.

I use my sharpened chopstick to GENTLY open this area up. I push it thru from the inside to out. I don't poke it all the way thru, I just want the point to come out to the fur side.

Take your jointed head, and slip the cotter pin joint thru the neck opening. Now turn the body slightly inside out, so you can slip the 2nd neck disc and 2nd large washer over the cotter pin that is now sticking into the inside of the bear's body. Carefully, with your needle nose pliers, turn each side of the cotter pin to secure the head to the body. (See below)



Don't forget about the Teddy Bear Jointing class inside [Teddy Bear Academy](#). You will watch as I actually create the cotter pin joint. I will also show you two ways to do bolt and lock nut joints and wobble joints.

I like to attach the arms next, ending with the legs.

To attach the limbs, take your awl or chopstick and gently poke a hole (separate the threads) at the joint markings. Make an opening just large enough for each cotter pin to go through.

Attach the limb (Make sure it is facing in the correct direction!!). Now take limb disc & washer and slip them over the cotter pin on the inside of the body in the order listed.

Now, with your needle nose pliers, turn each side of the cotter pin to secure each limb to the body. (Just as you did before.)

Now you have your bear all assembled and it's time to fill his tummy!

You can make your bear as firm or as squishy as you like, but it is easier for your bear to sit up if he is at least slightly firm. This is how I stuff my bears:

I start with a thin layer of fiberfill in the bottom, especially around the leg joints. Then, I usually add my pellets for weight. I prefer stainless steel bb's, but you could use plastic pellets or glass pellets. I do NOT recommend using rice or any other type of food item as it will attract bugs and other pests.

How many do you add? I just pour some in and then feel how heavy the bear is. Fill it until he feels right to you!

Now add more fiberfill. I find it easier at this point to lay him on his tummy, face down. Keep adding fiberfill till he is the firmness you like.

Don't forget to add fiberfill at his neck! This is an area that is very important so he can hold his head up.

Close up his back with a ladder stitch (shown earlier) adding small bits of fiberfill as you close as needed.

You can now sit your teddy up to face you so that you can finish his face!

I like to do the eyes first, then the ears. It really does not matter, do it whatever order that you like best.

The Eyes

To insert the eyes you will need: The pair of glass eyes, the pair of waxed eye floss strands, 5" long needle, needle nose pliers, awl (or sharpened chopstick), ball headed straight pins.

First, fold each length of eye floss in half. Be sure each half is even. Now, loop end first, thread that thru the wire on each glass eye.

Pull the loop a little bit thru the eye wires, now take the tail and pull it thru that loop.

Now pull the tails tightly, and you have tied the glass eye to the waxed floss securely.

Take a look at your bear, where do you want the eyes to be? Use your ball headed pins to help you place them. The common place is right where the forehead starts to slope up, just on the outside of the gusset seam. Be sure NOT to place them directly on the seam as that will weaken the head. Move the eyes (pins) away from and closer to the gusset to see which look pleases you best.

When you are ready to insert the eyes, first, thread the tails of the waxed floss from one of the eyes onto your 5" needle. Take your awl (chopstick) and carefully poke a small hole (separate the threads of the backing) where one of your pins is located. Now, take that needle and insert it thru that hole, coming out down at the neck of your bear, on the opposite side of the eye. Do the same for the other eye

At the back of the bear now, separate the tails of the floss for one of the eyes. With one tail, take a small stitch so it is next to its other tail, but not in the same hole. Do the same for the other eye's floss tail.

Carefully tie one knot (just over once) and pull *gently*.

Push gently on the eyes to help them sink in, but you don't want to pull too tightly and accidentally break the glass eyes! Pushing gently on the eyes helps sink the eyes without breaking them.

Now go back to those floss tails and tie a square knot. Sink the ends.

*** [Teddy Bear Academy](#) has several different classes about teddy bear eyes: Inserting the eyes, adding eye whites and soon painting your own teddy bear eyes!**

The Ears

Using a 24" length of upholstery thread, whipstitch the ears closed and do NOT cut off the end! Tie off a quick knot to secure it, but leave the thread hanging from each ear. You will use these to attach them to the head.

Now you have 2 closed ears with threads hanging from them. Position the ears onto your bear & pin them to your bear's head. Move them about until you are happy with their placement.

You can really play with a bear's expression by moving those ears about! To make sure they are even, take a look at your bear in the mirror, and also look down on his head from above. These tricks can help you place them evenly.

When you have the ears placed as you like, you just whipstitch them into place (removing pins as you go) very much like how you closed the ears in the first place. But on the ears when you just brought the thread OVER the ear and went thru on the front, you will bring the needle thru the head instead.

When you finish at the bottom of the ear, tie a knot and hide the threads just like you did when you closed the seams.

****Yes, you can watch me attach teddy bear ears when you join [Teddy Bear Academy!](#)***

Now you can brush your new friend and accessorize him if you like! I hope you enjoyed creating your teddy bear!

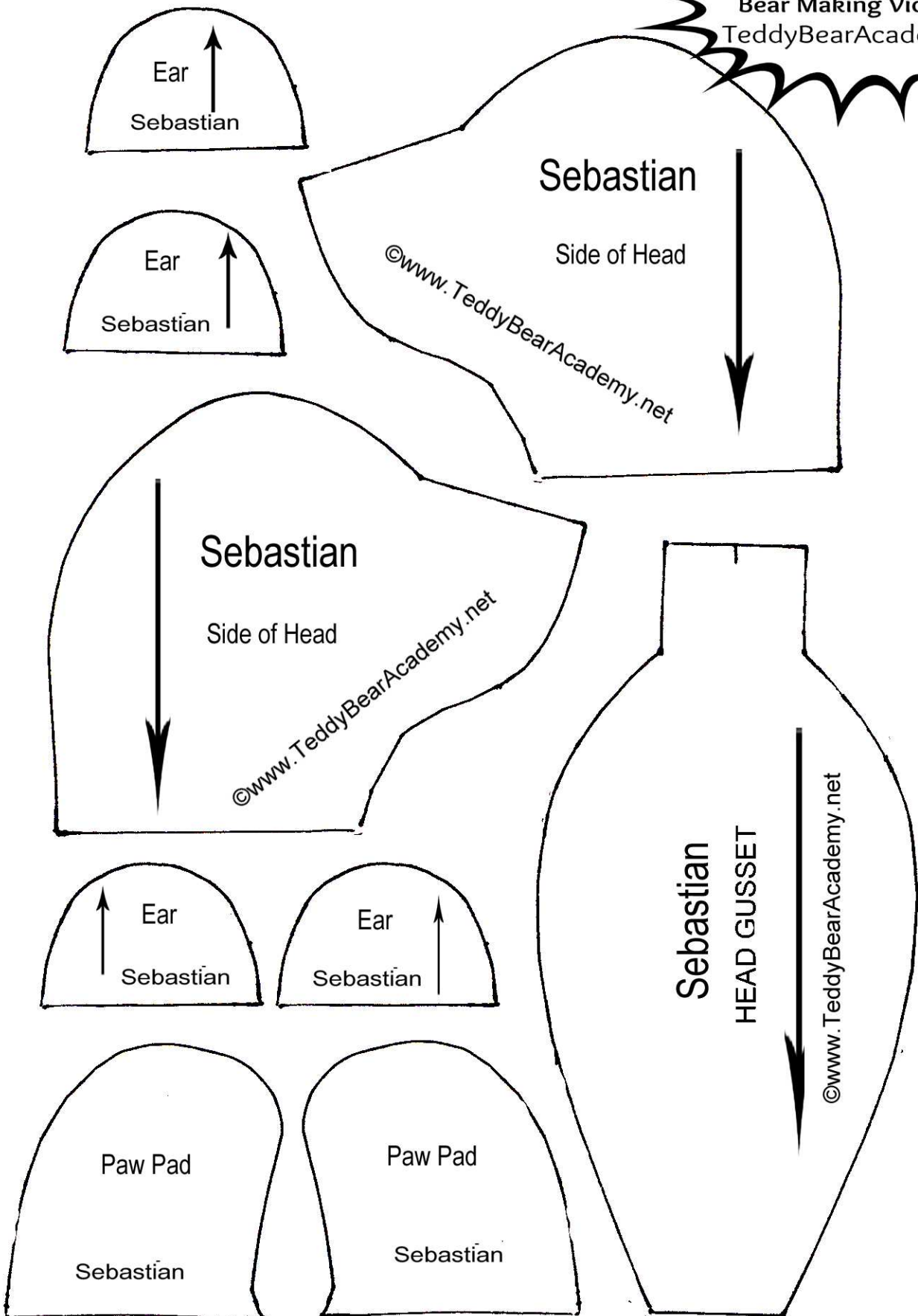


SEBASTIAN – 9" FULLY JOINTED TEDDY BEAR

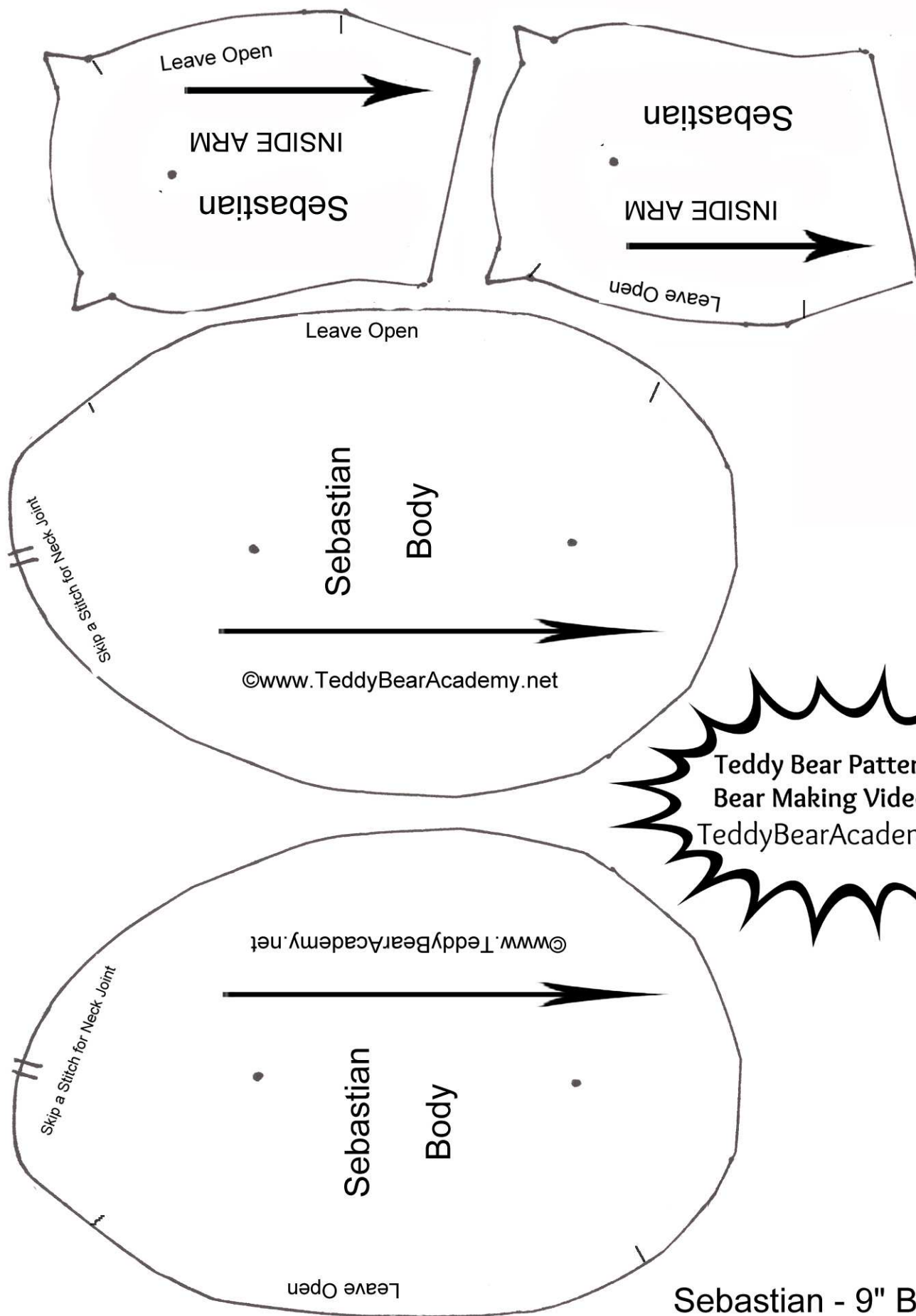
Supplies Needed

1/8 yard of mohair (I used 5/8" sparse mohair for bear in photo)
9" x 9" piece of wool felt or Ultrasuede for paw pads
6 – 1" fiberboard discs (for arms & neck)
4 – 1 1/4" fiberboard discs (for legs)
10 metal washers
5 – 2" cotter pins
1 pair – 8mm black glass eyes
Waxed floss – for inserting eyes and closing neck
Black Pearle cotton for nose and mouth
Upholstery thread for hand sewing and closing seams
All-purpose thread (if machine sewing)
Polyester fiberfill
Optional: Pellets for weight

Follow Basic Bear Making Instructions to Create Your Own Sebastian

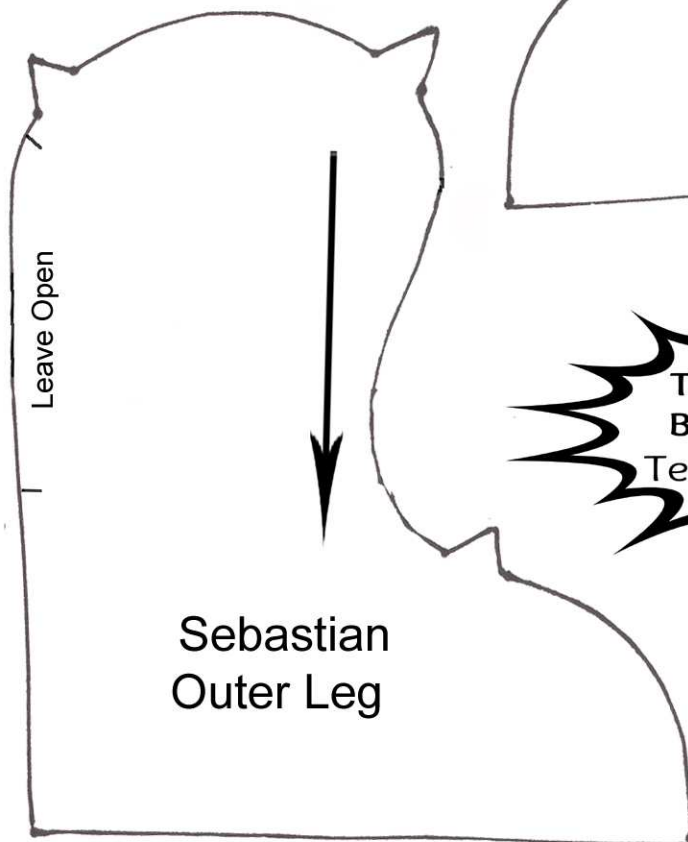
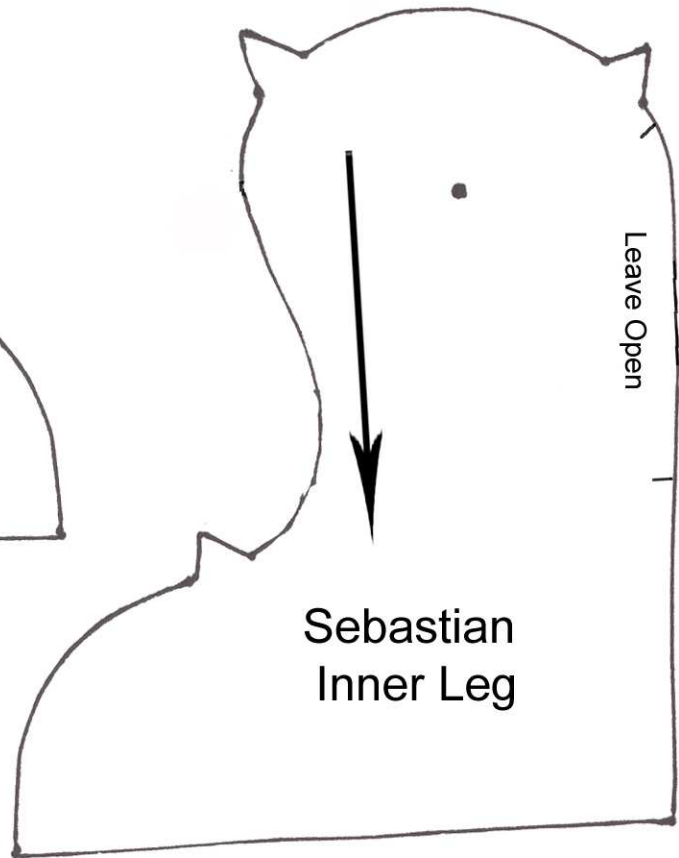
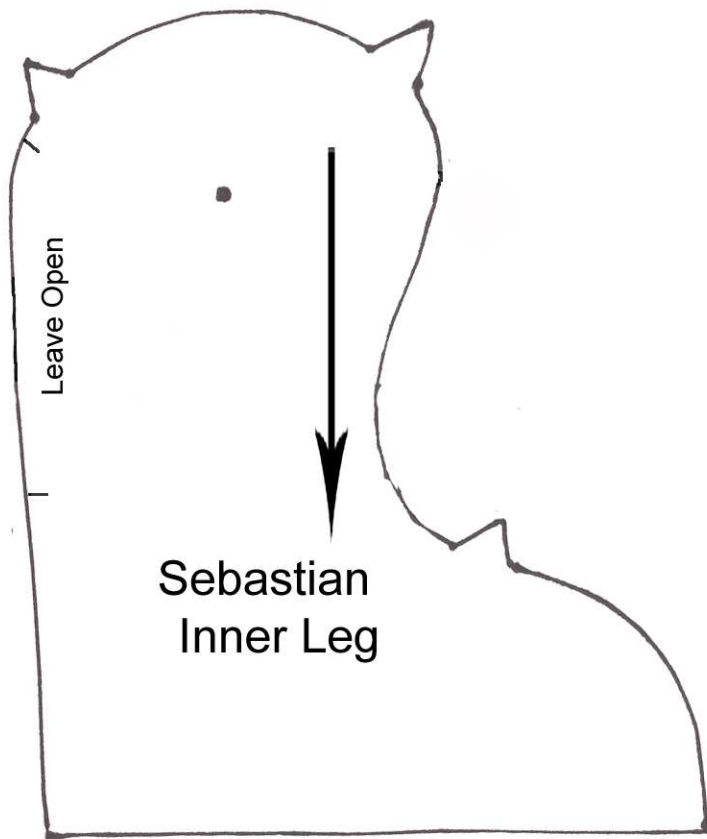


Sebastian - 9" Teddy Bear Pattern



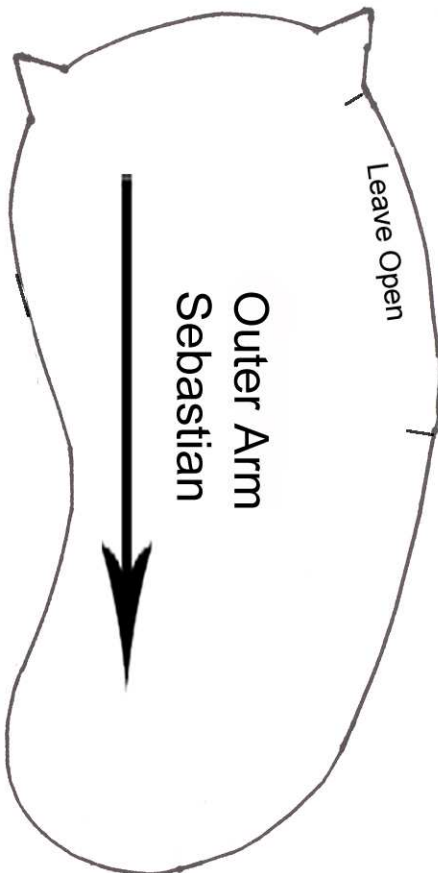
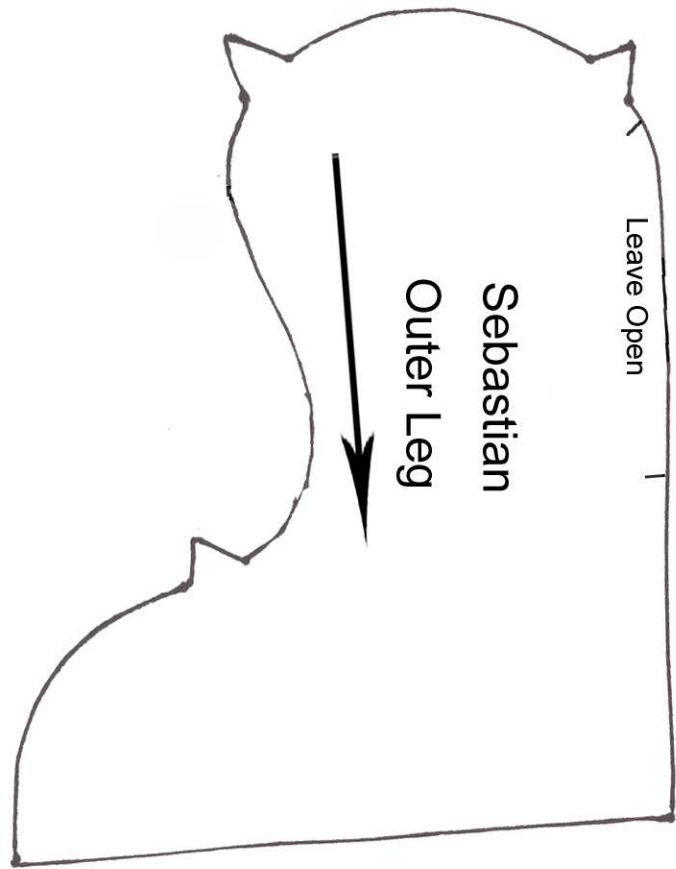
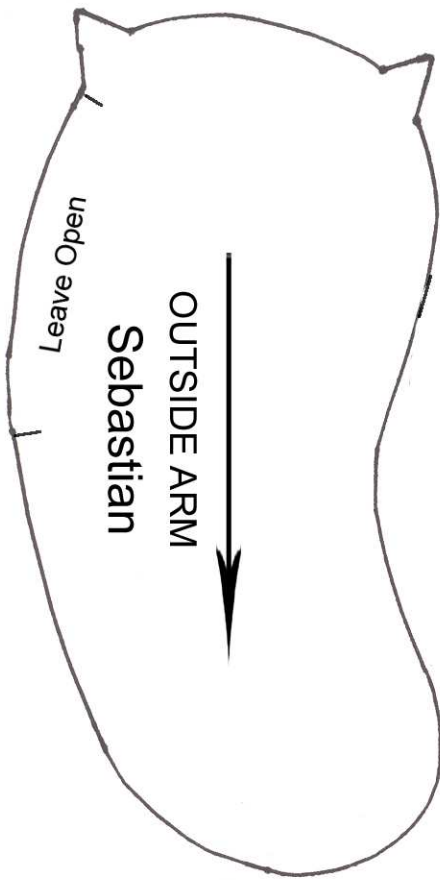
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CANDY CORN – A Sweet Little 6" Bear

Supplies Needed

8" w x 6" h piece 3/8" mohair - White
6" w x 6" h piece 3/8" mohair - Orange
6" w x 12" h piece 3/8" mohair - Yellow
6 - 3/4" joint discs for neck and arms
4 - 7/8" joint discs for legs
10 - washers
5 - 1.5" cotter pins
2 - 8mm glass eyes
3 – Strands of waxed floss (2 for eyes, 1 for closing head)
Pearl cotton for nose & mouth
Fiberfil
Plastic pellets, glass pellets or stainless steel bb's (optional.. for weight)
All-purpose sewing thread to match mohair if sewing by machine
Upholstery thread to match mohair for closing seams – and for sewing if hand sewing.

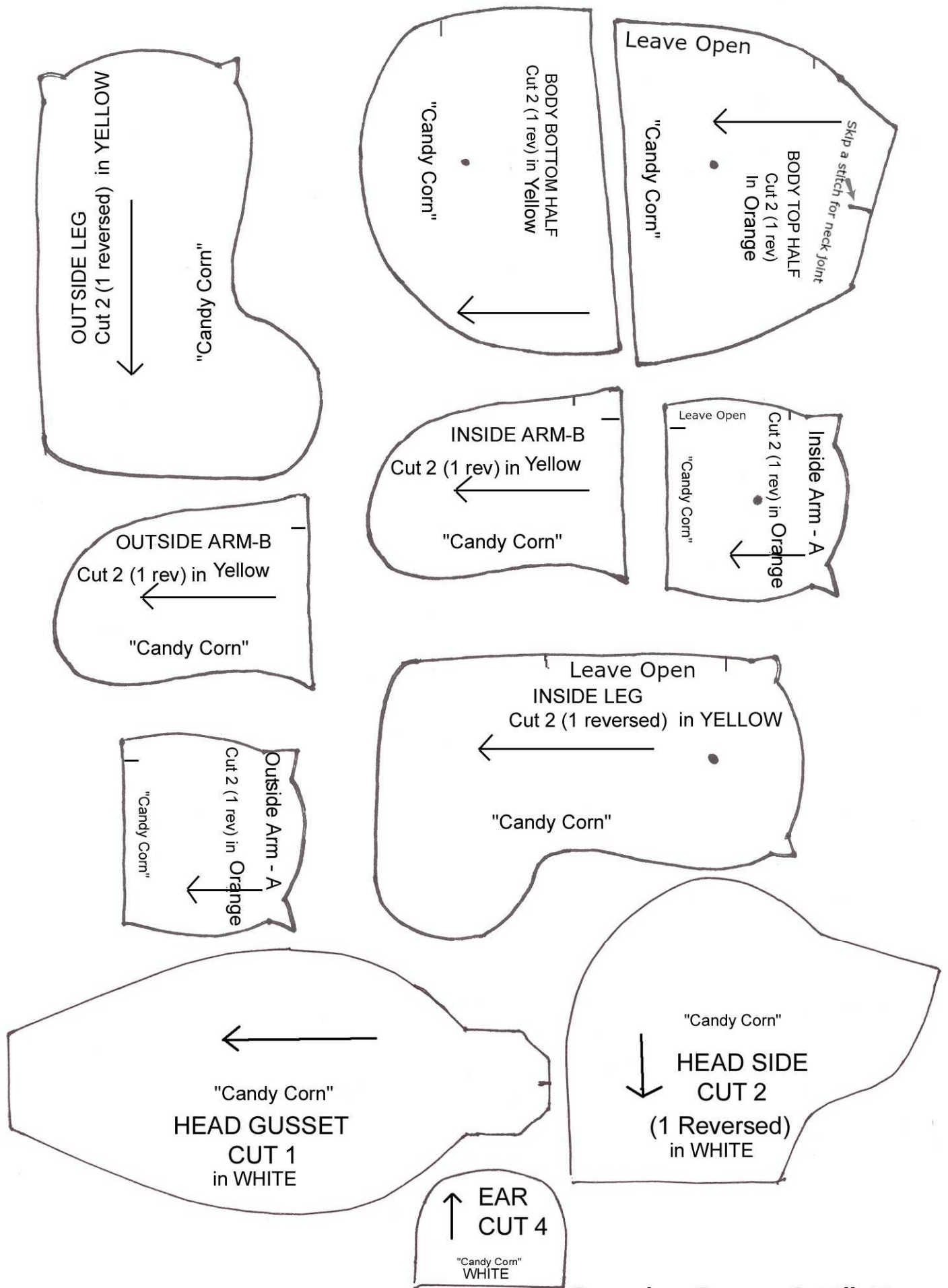
Candy Corn Bear Directions

Follow the General Teddy Bear Directions for the Candy Corn Bear with these helpful hints.

* This pattern does NOT have any paw pads - so skip any directions relating to paw pads

* This pattern's body and arms are split in half into 2 different colors. You will need to sew the body and arm pieces together into their complete pieces before sewing the bear.

* I have put marks on the bear arms so you know which pieces go together. You do not need to match the marks exactly, but be sure you are matching up pieces with the marks on the same side.



Candy Corn 6.5" Bear



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8 1/2" SNOW BEAR

Supplies Needed

Mohair/Fur fabric: A fat 1/8th yard of mohair / fur

Prototype was made from 5/8" semi sparse, curly matted mohair.

Joint discs: (2) 1" discs (only one joint in this pattern)

The hardware of your choice (cotter pins, locknuts & bolts, setscrews...)

2 glass eyes - I used 9mm

Bells or buttons

Artificial "branches" - 2

I used "oak leaves" on branches and stripped off the leaves.

Pearl cotton for nose/mouth

Fiberfill

Glass beads or steel bb's

Snow Bear Directions

Seam allowance is INCLUDED in the pattern: 1/8".

Basic Sewing: Sew with right sides of fabric together.
Do not sew into arrows, they are just to make matching the pieces easier.

Sew the head as usual (see the basic instructions)
Below are sewing directions for the body:

You have 4 body pieces.
Match up BODY A and BODY B together along the "F G H" side.
Sew from E to F - then leave gap where it says to leave open.
Now sew from G to H.

Match up BODY C and BODY D together.
Sew from I to J in the direction of the arrow at I.
Now you have 2 body pieces.

Match up the 2 Body pieces.
Sew from E/I to Y/Z. When you get to the dotted lines in the middle of the body, sew along the dotted lines to make a slight dart.

Now you have one inside out snowman, but he needs a base!
Sew his base onto the bottom just like you would a footpad.

Turn right side out thru opening.
Take finished and closed head and insert neck joint thru the seam at the top where all 4 body pieces join together. Attach disc on inside of body and secure.

Begin to stuff the snow bear by filling the bottom inch or so with a weighted material. I use glass sand, you may also use stainless steel bb's. This keeps him from falling over.

Finish stuffing with fiberfill. This takes longer than you might expect for such a "little" body!

When he's all filled, close the seam.

Determine where his front is and sew on your buttons, bells of choice.

Take your "sticks" and determine how long you would like them. Trim to size.

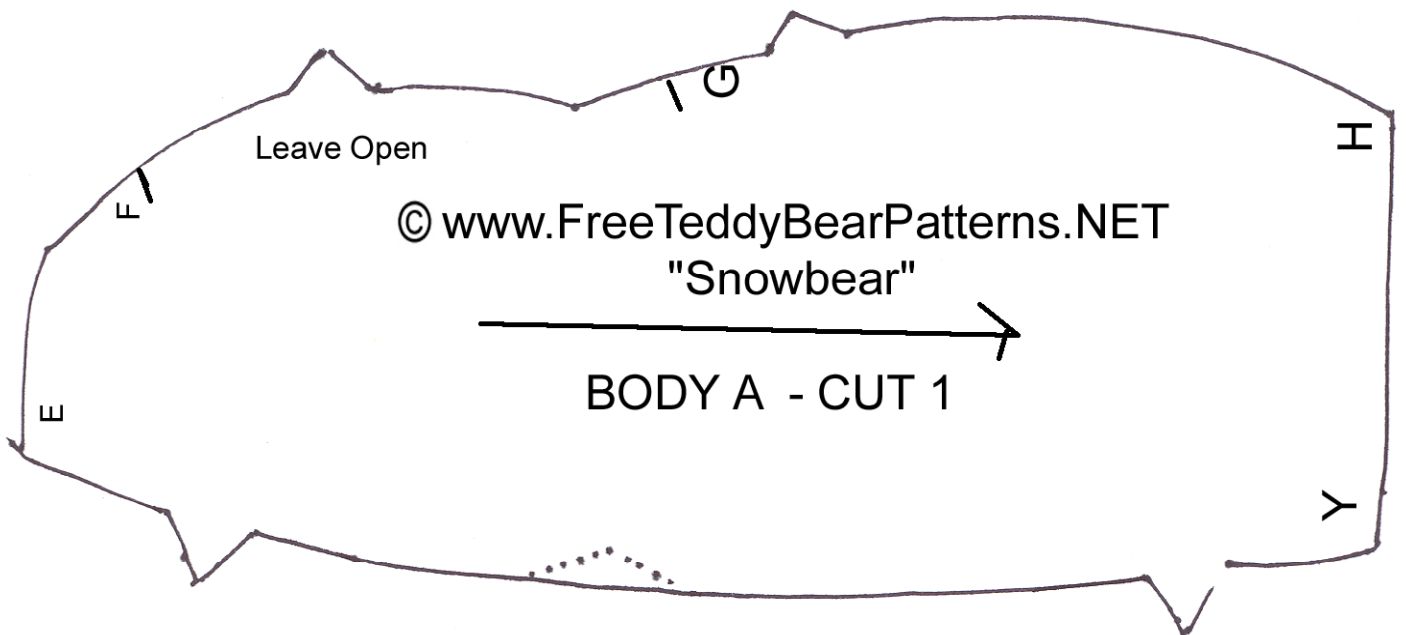
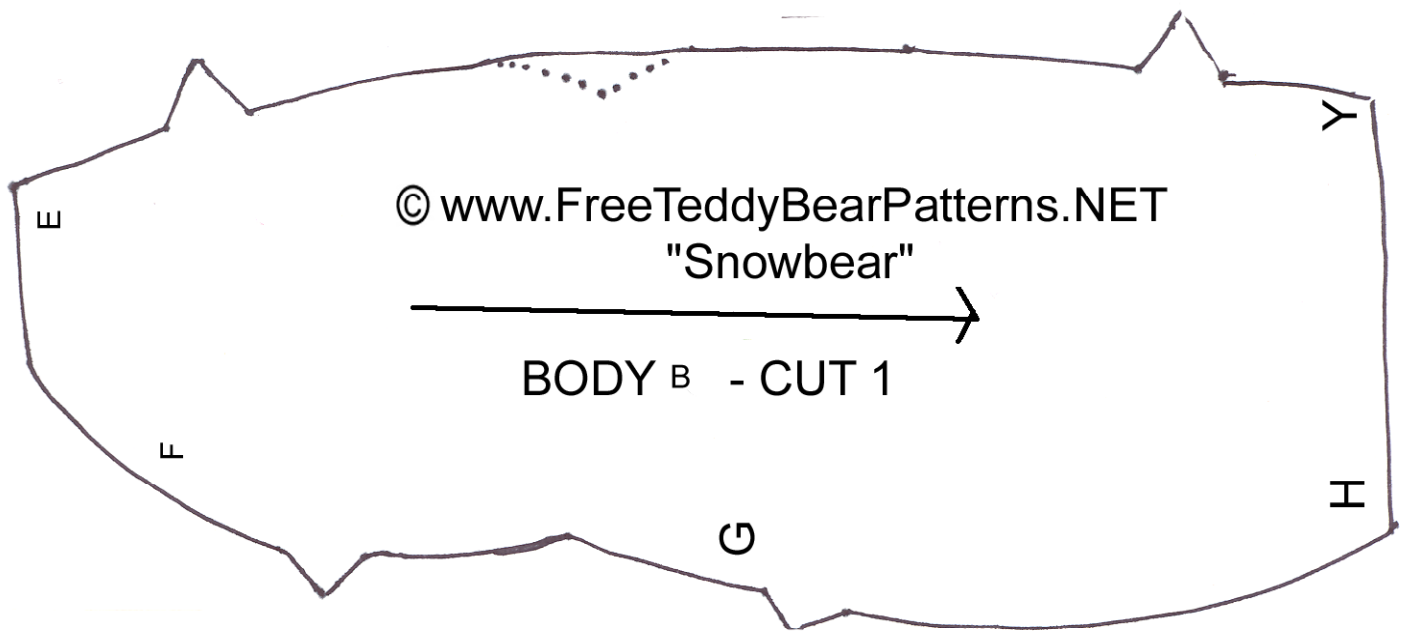
Take your wire cutters and strip off about an inch of the plastic away from the wire base and the bottom of the "sticks" (where you will stick them into the snowman).

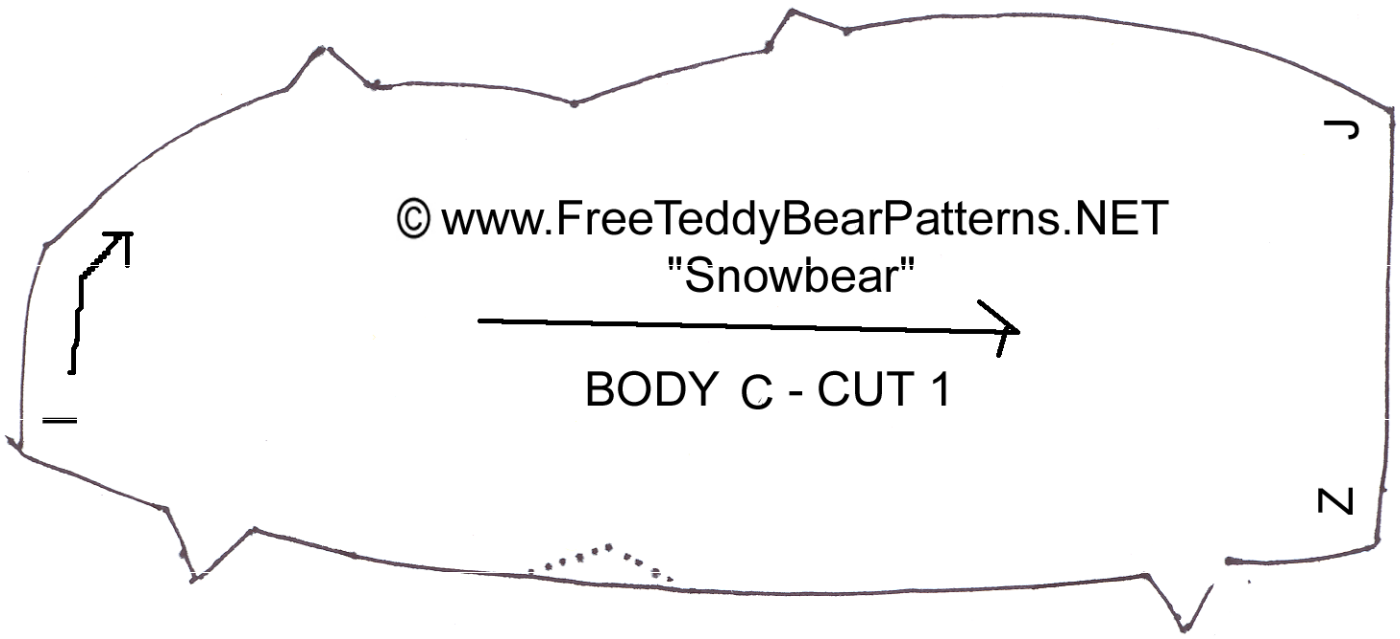
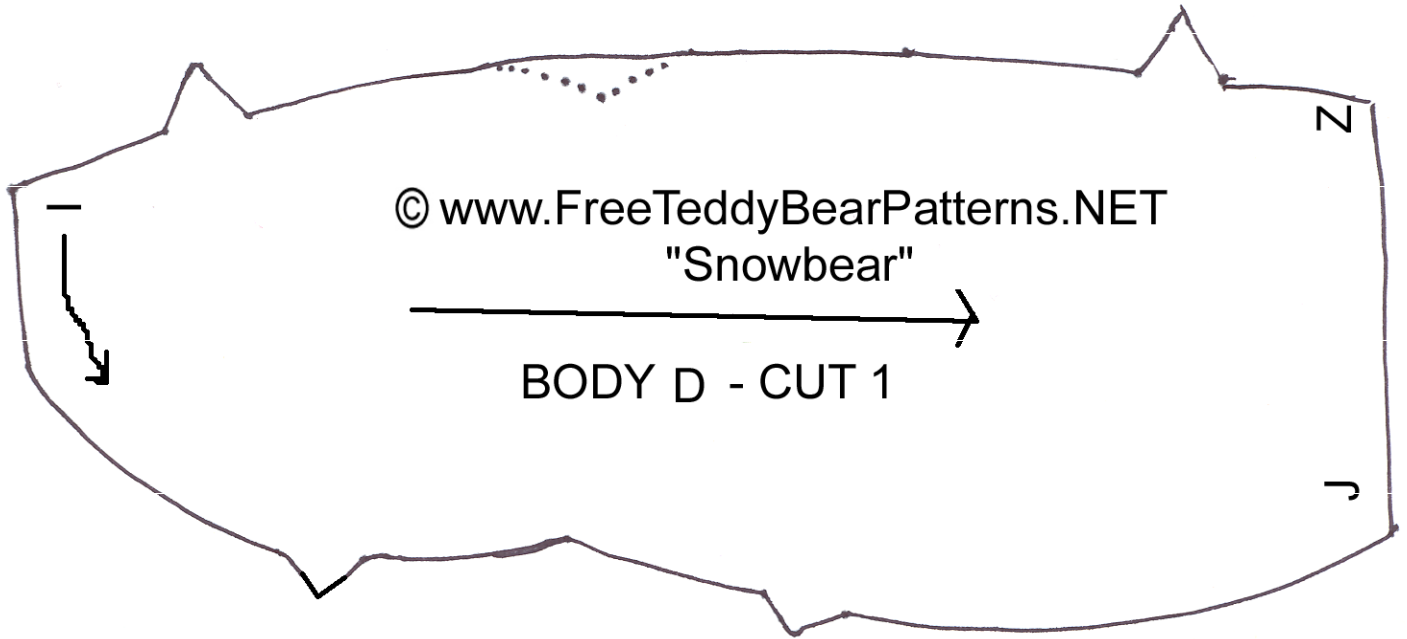
Take your awl and make a hole where you want the first "stick arm" to go.
Squeeze some white craft glue on the base of the stick and insert into the snowman.

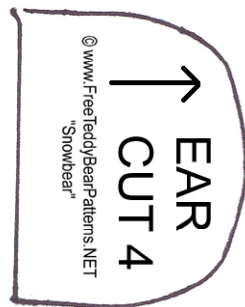
Do the same for the other arm.

**I have TRIED the gel superglue... but it dries too quickly and becomes a huge mess!
White craft glue is your best bet!

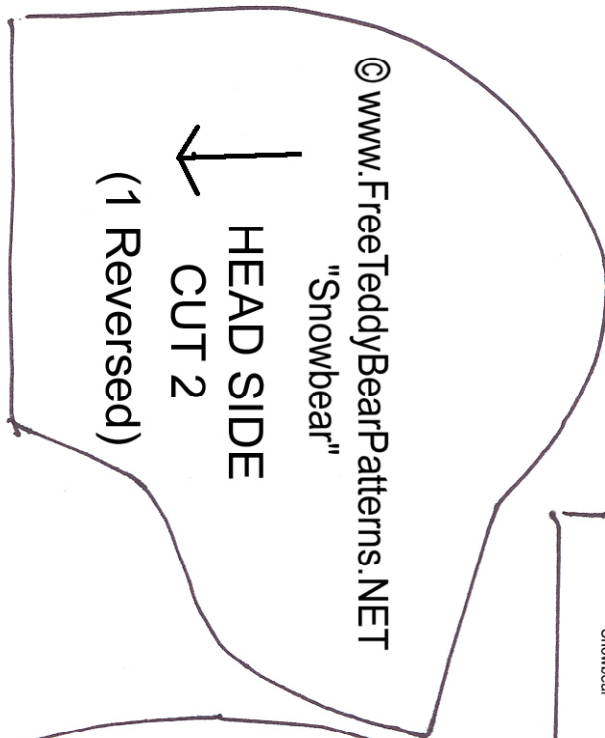
Let you snowman's arms dry overnight.



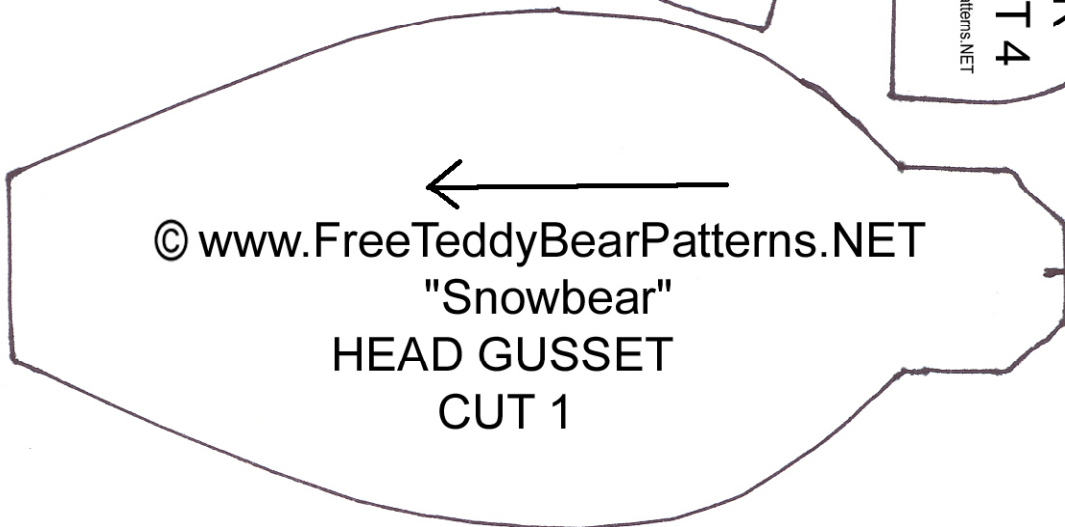




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5 ½" TEDDY BEAR KEYCHAIN

Supplies Needed

Mohair/Fur fabric: 8" x 10" of mohair / fur
Prototype was made from 5/8" curly matted mohair.

Joining Hardware:

- (3) 3/4" discs
- (4) 3/4" washers
- (8) 1/2" discs
- (2) 1+3/8" cotter pins
- (4) 1" mini T-pins
- (1) Keychain chain

2 glass eyes - I used 7mm
Pearl cotton for nose/mouth
Fiberfill

Teddy Bear Keychain Directions

Seam allowance is INCLUDED in the pattern: 1/8".

Basic Sewing: Sew with right sides of fabric together.

**Leave openings large enough to turn body & limbs (not marked on pattern)

The specialized directions for the keychain bear are listed below:

SEWING HEAD: 1) Sew 2 parts of front of head (with nose) from top of head, over the nose and to the bottom of the neck, leaving the neck opening open. 2) Sew the head back together from top to bottom on the slight curved side of the head. 3) Now you have a full front half of head and a full back half of the head. 4) Match up and sew the front half to the back half leaving the neck opening open and ALSO - ** leave a small opening (about 2 stitches) on the top of the head where all 4 pieces meet together. This is where you will insert a cotter pin into the head to which you will attach the keychain.

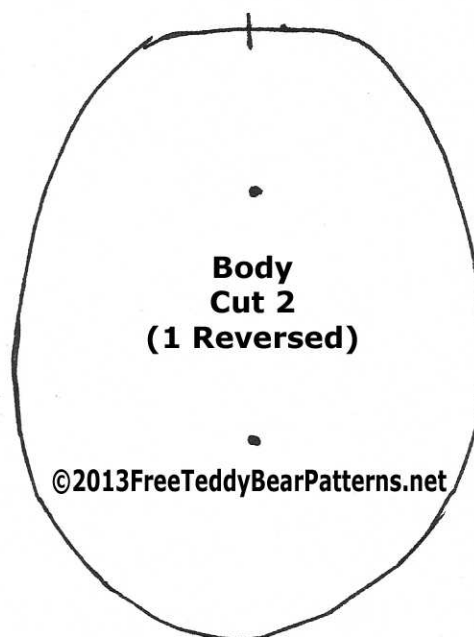
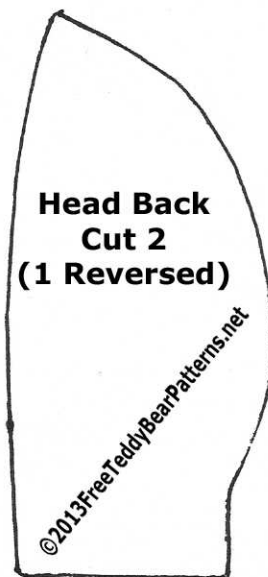
STUFFING: Turn and stuff the limbs, using the mini T cotter pins. Close shut with ladder stitch.

Before stuffing head, you want to insert the top cotter pin joint thru the top of the head via the small opening you left open where the 4 pieces of the head meet. When inserting the cotter pin into the head, you want to use (1) fiberboard disc sandwiched between 2 metal washers. Attach the keychain thru the head of the cotter pin to keep the cotter pin from slipping back into the head while you stuff. Turn the ends of the cotter pin after you have the assembly inserted into the head.

Now you can stuff the head, embroider the nose, close the neck (using the last cotter pin joint), attach eyes and ears. (See the General Bear Making Instructions).

Attach the head to the body, then the limbs following the General Instructions and you have a finished Teddy Bear Keychain! **note: I changed it up a bit and used the legs for the arms and the arms for the legs. Try both and see which you like!

I hope you enjoyed making this teddy bear keychain.





TEDDY BEAR ORNAMENT

Supplies Needed

- *6" X 9" piece of 3/8" straight mohair
(or faux fur / upholstery fabric of your choice)
- *8mm black glass eyes (1 pair)
- *Artificial sinew (or strong waxed floss)
(For eyes, closing head & attaching ruff)
- *Pearle cotton (for nose, mouth & hanger)
- *Upholstery thread to match fabric backing
(for hand sewing & attaching ears)
- *Fiberfill
- *Aleene's Stop Fray
- * Toothpick
- *Coordinating fabric for ruff (1 ½ " w X 24" L)
- *Jingle bell (optional)

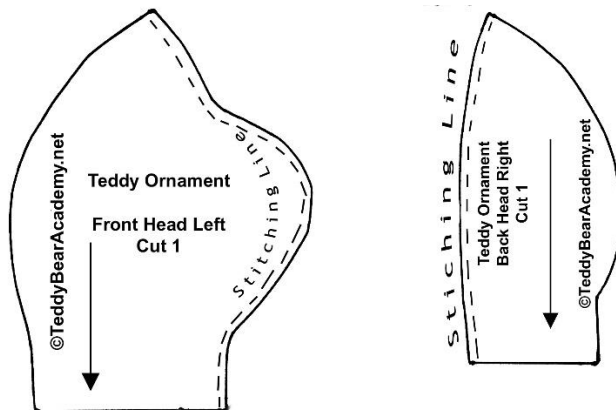
Teddy Bear Ornament Directions

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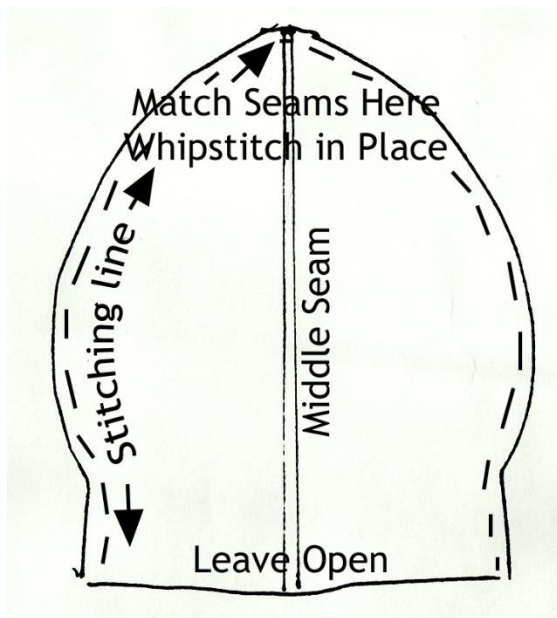
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SEWING

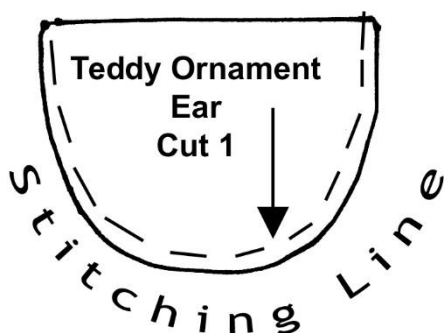
HEAD: Match 2 front head pieces together and the 2 back head pieces and sew the seams as shown below:



Next, match up the Front Head Pieces and the Back Head Pieces, matching at the seams at the top of the head. Tack in place at the seam. Pin the rest of the head together and sew as shown below:



EARS: Match up both pairs, sew from one corner, around the curve to the other corner. Leave the straight edge open. See below:



Turn all pieces right side out, use a needle or awl to pick out fur that may be trapped in the seams.

STUFF HEAD following general bear making directions

EMBROIDER NOSE following general bear making directions

CLOSE NECK following general bear making directions – EXCEPT you will NOT insert a joint.

INSERT EYES & ATTACH EARS following general bear making directions

THE HANGER

To add a hanger to the top of your teddy ornament, just use a length of Pearle cotton. I suggest using black Pearle cotton for a green tree, and white Pearle cotton for a white tree.

Thread an 18" length of Pearle cotton onto your 3" needle. Take one little stitch at the top of the head, (directly behind the side seam and a little to the side of the center seam and come back up. Remove your needle, tie the Pearle cotton in a loop and snip the ends.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Now it's time to make the finishing touches on your teddy bear ornament - a fabric ruff and a jingle bell.

Start with a strip of fabric 1 ½" wide and 24" long. What you are going to do is a very simple quick gathering stitch.

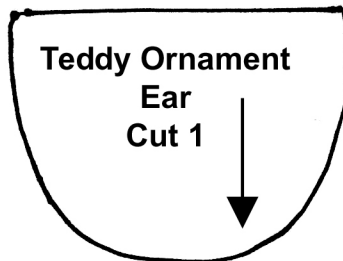
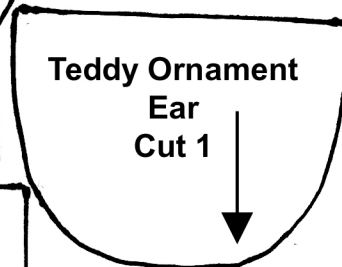
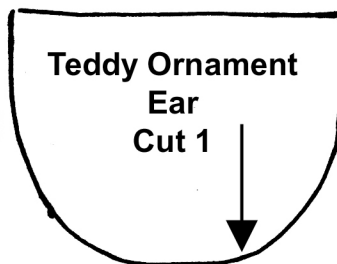
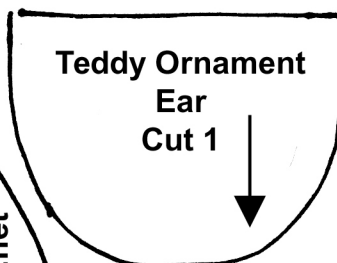
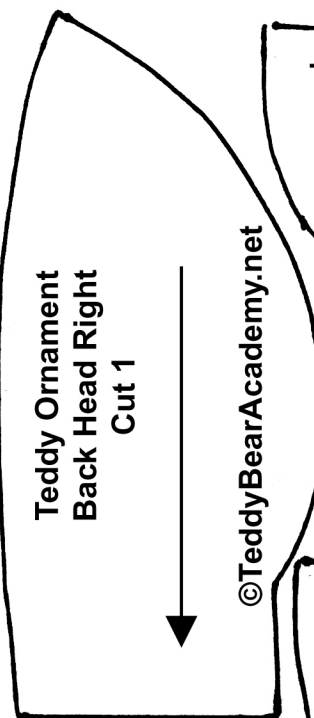
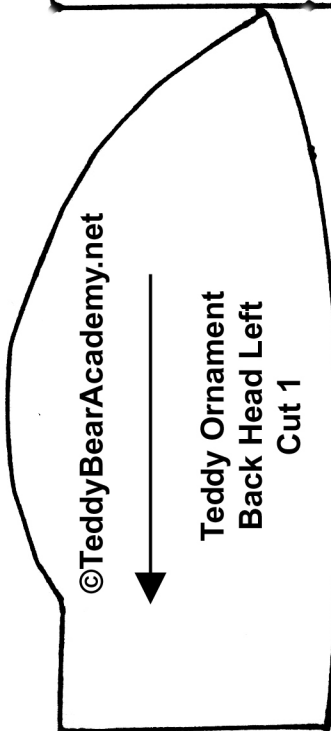
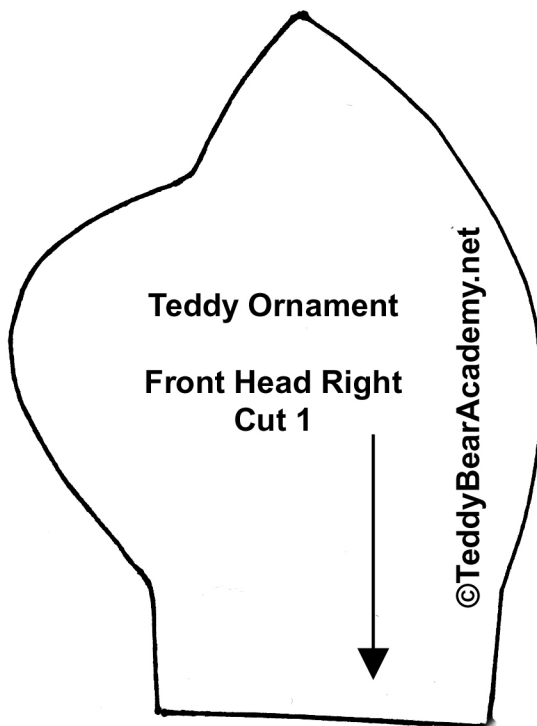
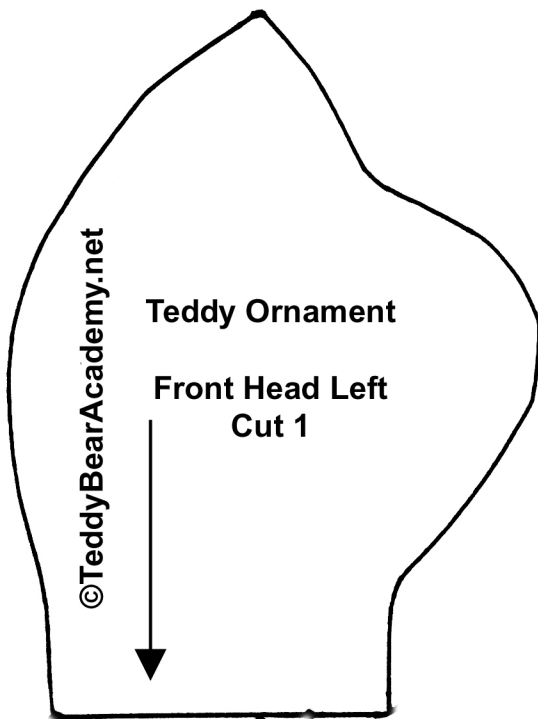
Use a 24" artificial sinew (or floss). About ¼" from one edge (inside edge) of the fabric do a quick gathering stitch. Once you get to the end of the stitching, pull the needle through so you can get all the fabric on the artificial sinew and remove the needle. Now you have a nice gather of fabric on the artificial sinew.

Take the two ends of the artificial sinew and tie them together with a square knot so the fabric is in a nice little circle. Do not cut the ends.

You will take a stitch with each end of the artificial sinew through the head to attach the fabric ruff to the bottom of the head. Next, thread each end of the artificial sinew onto the needle and bring the needle down through the fabric ruff. Tie a square knot but don't cut the ends of the artificial sinew.

Finally, tie your jingle bell to the bottom of the ornament with those two tails. Use a square knot and trim off the ends of the artificial sinew.

I hope you have enjoyed making your teddy bear ornament!





TEDDY BOOS

This is a simple and fun Halloween project with which you can use some of your mohair scraps. The pattern is for both a "small" (3.5") and a "tall" (4").
The base is the same for both.

Supplies Needed

Mohair scraps

Muslin

Wool felt (paw pad material)

1 set teddy bear eyes per Teddy Boo

White felt for under eyes (optional),

Aleene's Stiffen Quick

Rubber bands

Fiberfill

Steel bb's or glass beads for weight.

Teddy Boo Directions

First, cut out your pieces, leaving open at the top between the top arrows. Fit the base and sew on as you would a footpad on a bear. (See the general bear making directions – there are also videos inside of www.TeddyBearAcademy.net showing how I sew on teddy bear foot pads.

Turn right side out, fill the base with your weighted filling (it REALLY helps!) and finish stuffing with fiberfill. Close the top opening with a ladder stitch. Attach ears.

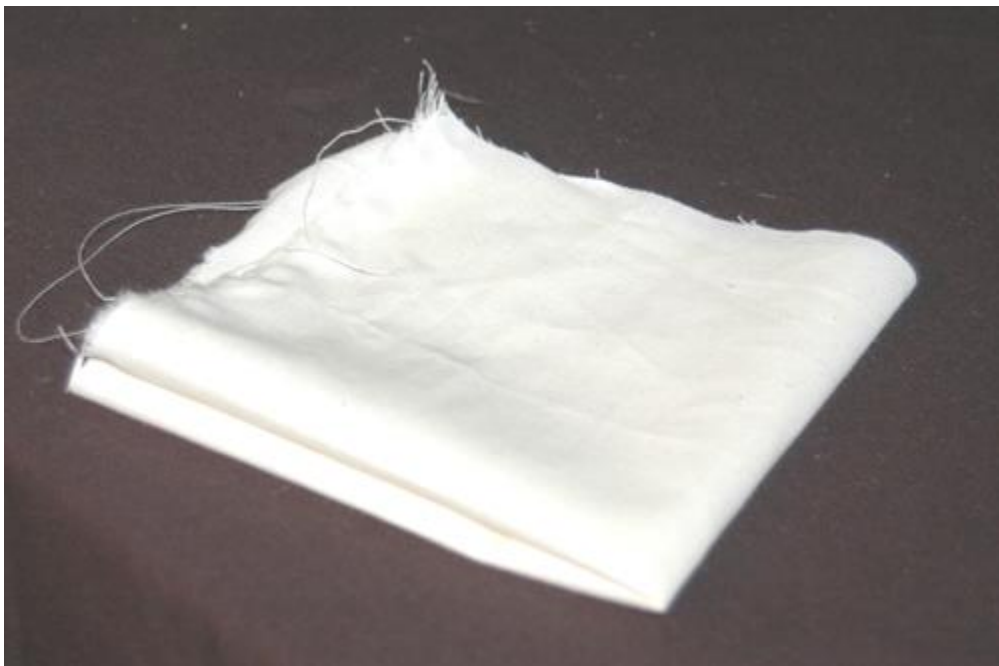
Right now your Teddy Boo will look a bit like "Cousin It" with ears!



Now is time to cut the muslin. For the small "Boos" you need a 9" square, for the tall "Boos" a 10.5" square.



Now fold your muslin in half, then half again...



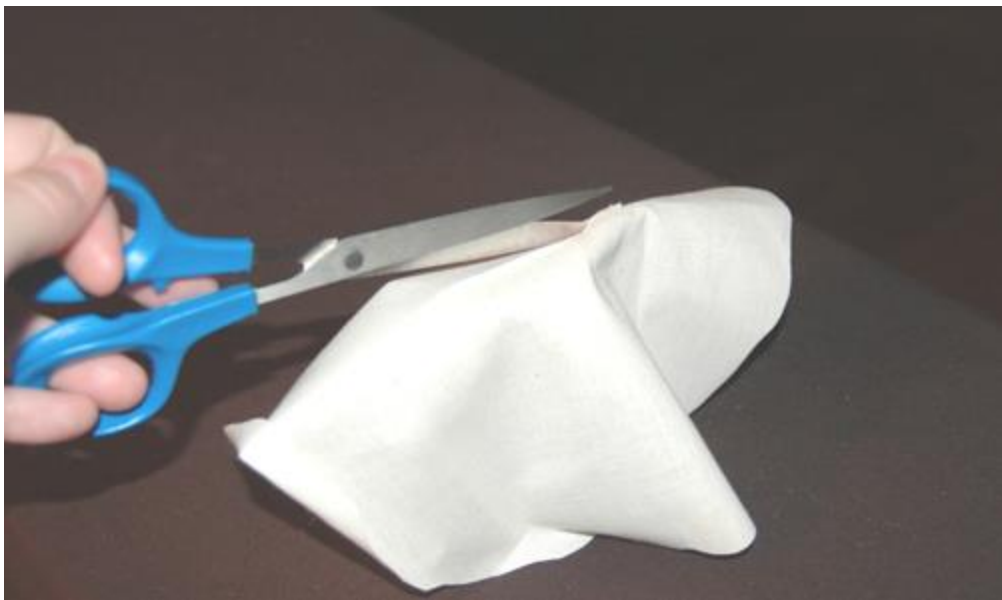
Now cut your square into a circle shape!



Now drape your muslin circle over your Teddy Boo... so his head is in the middle of the circle:



Grab the Teddy Boo's ear thru the muslin... and snip an opening so it peeks out.





Now figure out where you want the eyes to go... and cut the holes in the Teddy Boo's "sheet".



Put pins in your Teddy Boo where the eyes will eventually go...



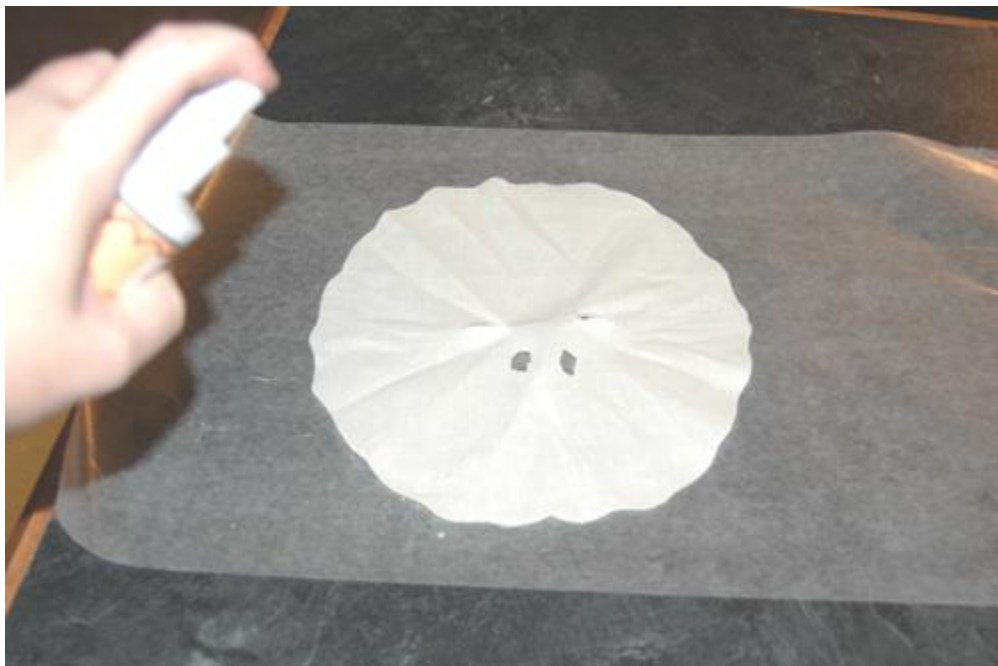
Get your "Stiffen Quick" ready....



Now take the "sheet" off Teddy Boo and place it on some waxed paper.



Spray the "sheet" so it is saturated



Drape the sheet back over Teddy Boo, making sure to line up the pins in the eye holes...



Now take a rubber band and wrap it around the "waist" of Teddy Boo.



Let them sit overnight and then remove the rubber bands.



Take the "sheets" off, and re-spray again, gently smoothing out the marks from the rubber bands. Put back on the Teddy Boos and gently re-shape over them. Let sit till dry (I let them sit for about 8 hours again.)



Now it's time for our Teddy Boo's to see with their own eyes! This is why we have left the pins in place. To make it very easy to see where to place them so that they will show thru the sheet. You can do it with or without white felt circles under the eyes. For these 2 I did them plain. Just insert the eye where the pin was and pull it straight out the back (or diagonally out the back). Tie back and sink the knot.



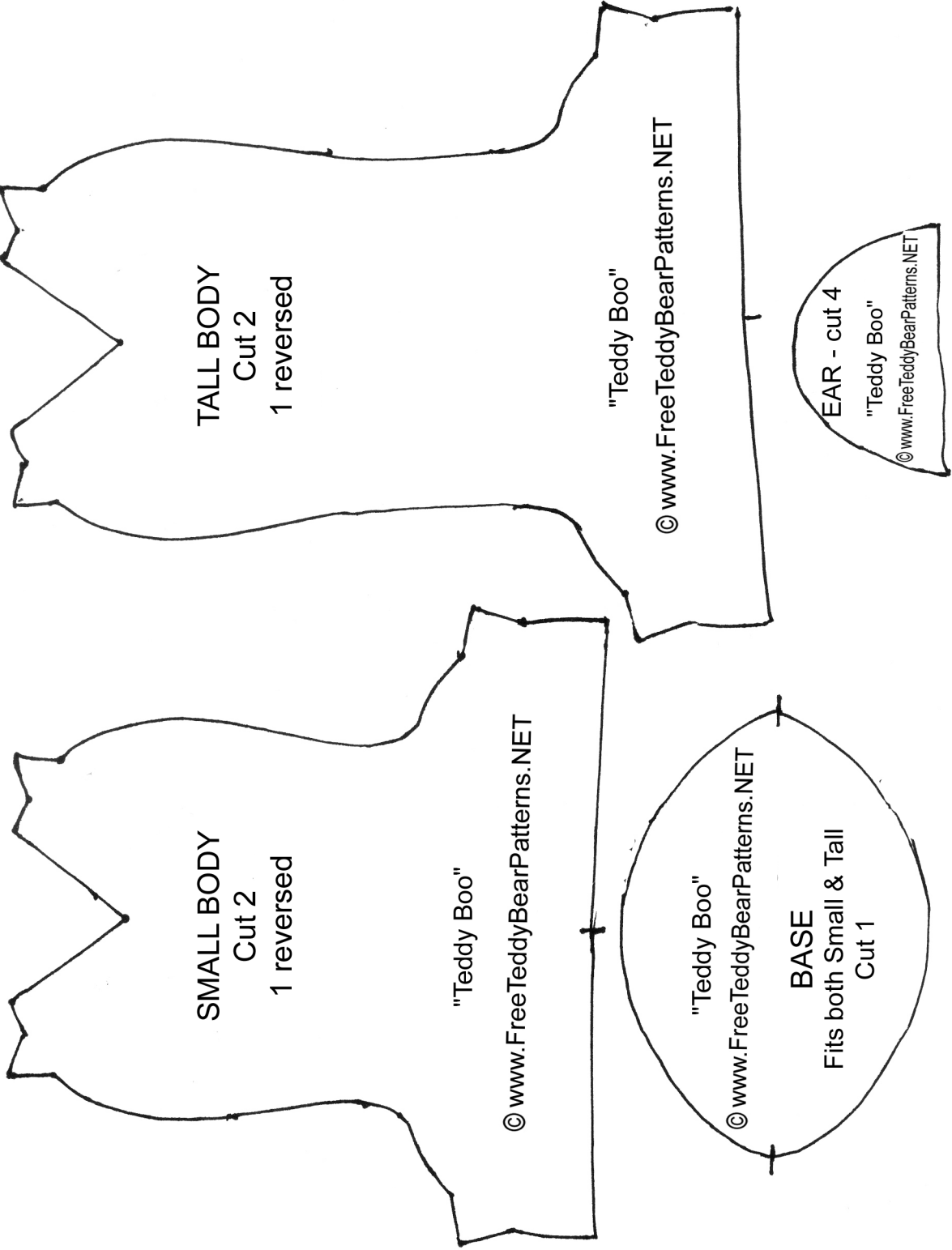
Here's how they look now with their own eyes...



And now... just slip on their "sheets"... and Voila! Teddy Boos!



I hope you have a lot of fun with these!!





CADBURY

7" Zero Calorie Chocolate Bunny

Supplies Needed

- 10" x 12" piece of fabric (mohair, fleece, or cotton fabric will work)
- 4"x3" piece of base fabric
- 7mm glass eyes (1 pair)
- Waxed floss - for eyes and closing head
- Upholstery thread for closing seams
- Sewing thread to match fabric backing
- Fiberfil
- Glass pellets or craft sand for weight.

Cadbury Directions

The bunny you make from this pattern is not intended to be a child's toy due to the glass eyes and pellets.

- 1) Trace pattern pieces onto paper, paste onto cardstock and cut out. A 3/8" seam allowance IS included.
- 2) Lay pattern pieces on wrong side of your fabric. Be sure the arrows on the patterns run in the same direction as the direction of the fur. (if using fur)
- 3) Trace around each pattern with a permanent marker or gel pen. Be sure to mark seam opening, eye placement and 3 "stitch marks".
- 4) Cut out your pieces. It is important to cut ONLY the backing of the fabric with a sharp, small scissors. Cut on the INSIDE of the lines. My scissors of choice for this are Fiskars Softouch Micro-Tip Scissors. They are awesome! Their "Softouch" design really does a good job to help keep my hands from getting sore.
- 5) Put each bunny shaped piece on the sewing machine and use a zigzag stitch – or any other decorative stitch, across each separate "stitch mark". These will give a little definition to the ears and legs.
- 6) Pin the 2 bunny shapes together and sew. Leave open 1) At the base and 2) At the seam opening for turning.
- 7) Insert the base: Match up the lines on the base to the seams on the bunny Tack in place. Pin the rest of the base in place, baste together with a whipstitch. Sew in place with a backstitch. REMOVE basting stitches.
- 8) Turn right side out, use a needle or awl to pick out fur that may be trapped in the seams.
- 7) Pour some tiny glass beads or craft sand into the base to help the bunny stand upright. Fill the rest with fiberfill. Close the seam opening with a ladder stitch.
- 8) To insert the eyes you will need: The pair of glass eyes, the pair of waxed eye floss strands) 5" long needle, needle nose pliers, awl (or sharpened chopstick).
First, fold each length of eye floss in half. Be sure each ½ is even. Now, loop end first, thread that thru the wire on each glass eye

Pull the loop a little bit thru the eye wires, now take the tail and pull it thru that loop. Pull the tails tightly, and you have tied the glass eye to the waxed floss securely.

When you are ready to insert the eyes, first, thread the tails of the waxed floss from one of the eyes onto your 5" needle. Take your awl (or chopstick) and carefully poke a small hole (separate the threads of the backing) at the eye location mark.

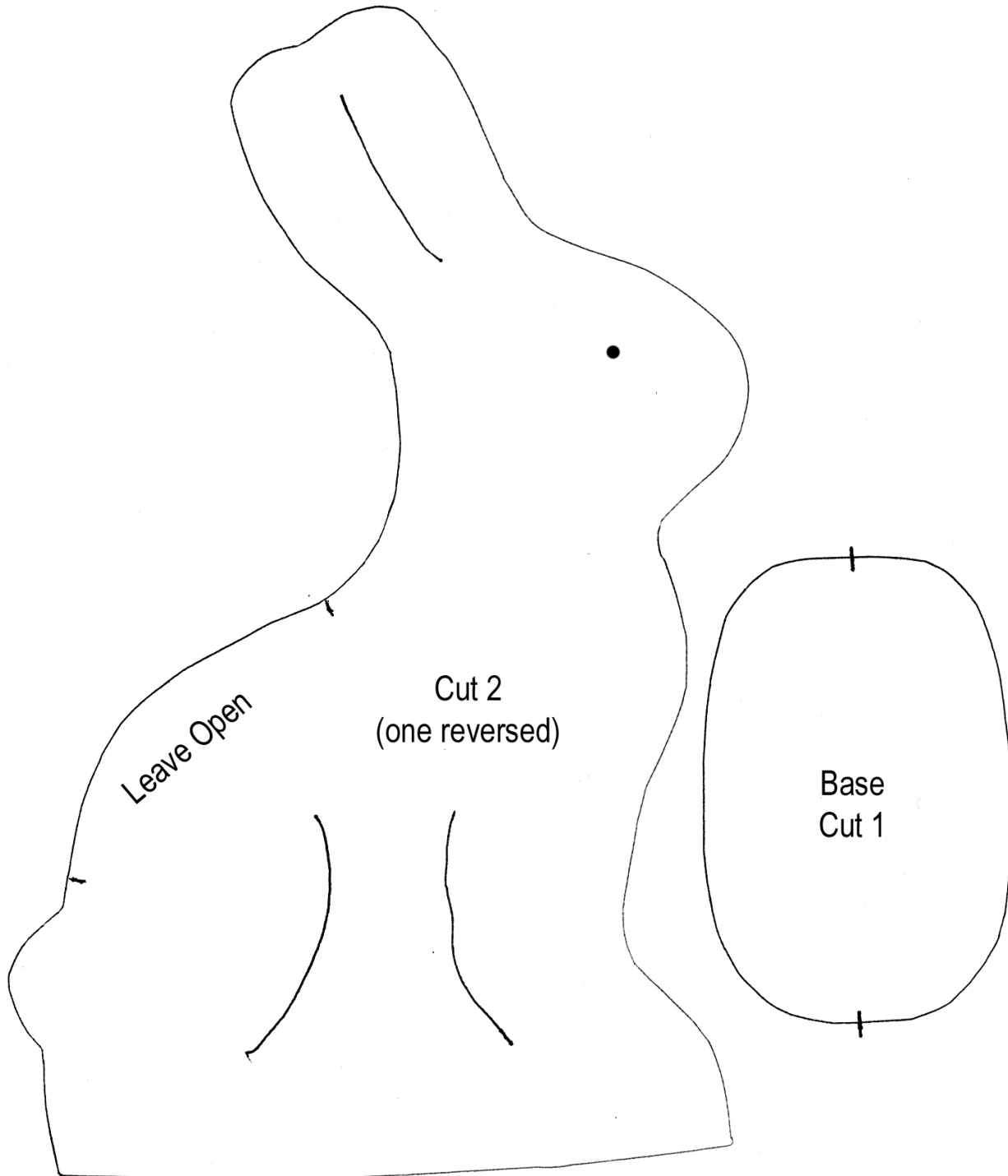
Next, take your threaded 5" needled and insert it thru that hole, coming out at the base of the ears on the back of the head. Do the same for the other eye.

At the back of the bear now, separate the tails of the floss for one of the eyes. Tie these tails together and gently pull the eyes into the bunny. Knot the tails and sink the ends into the seam.

9) Tie a bow around your bunny and you are done

I hope you enjoyed creating Cadbury!

"Cadbury"
A "0 Calorie" Chocolate Easter Bunny Pattern
from www.FreeTeddyBearPatterns.NET



BONUS PATTERN!



JINGLE – 12" CHRISTMAS ELF BEAR

Supplies Needed

Fat 1/8 of white medium pile mohair.

Edinburgh's HM60 (5/8" regular density, matted white mohair) was used for the prototype.

- Fat 1/8 of red medium pile mohair

Edinburgh's HM60 (5/8" regular density, matted red mohair) was used for the prototype.

- 7" x 7" piece of red wool felt

- 2 – 1 ¼" discs (neck)

- 4 – 1 ½" discs (arms)

- 4 – 1 ¾" discs (legs)

- 10 - Washers

- 5 - 1 ½" Cotter pins

- 1 – Pair 11mm glass eyes on wire loops

- 3 – Strands of waxed floss (2 for eyes, 1 for closing head)

- 1 –Black pearl cotton for nose & mouth

- Fiberfill

- Plastic pellets, glass pellets or stainless steel bb's (optional - for weight)

- All-purpose sewing thread to match mohair if sewing by machine.

- Upholstery thread to match mohair for closing seams – and sewing by hand.

- 7 Small Jingle Bells for Collar

Special Directions for Jingle

A 3/8" seam allowance is included.

Follow the general bear making directions using the following changes:

Draw out the Head Pieces, Ears, Arms & Body Top on the WHITE mohair.

Draw out the Body Bottom & Legs on the RED mohair.

Draw out the Collar on the RED FELT.

BODY

You have 4 body pieces. Match up each white Body Top with the corresponding red Body Bottom. Sew the 2 halves together. Next, match up each completed body half, making sure to match where the colors join. Sew, leaving open to turn and stuff where indicated.

LEGS

Jingles' legs do NOT have foot pads so you may sew the bottoms of the feet closed. They were designed to look like elf shoes.

COLLAR

Sew a jingle bell to each of the points of the collar except the back point which is split. Fit onto your bear and sew the collar closed with a few stitches in the back.

You can now enjoy your Jingle Bear!

