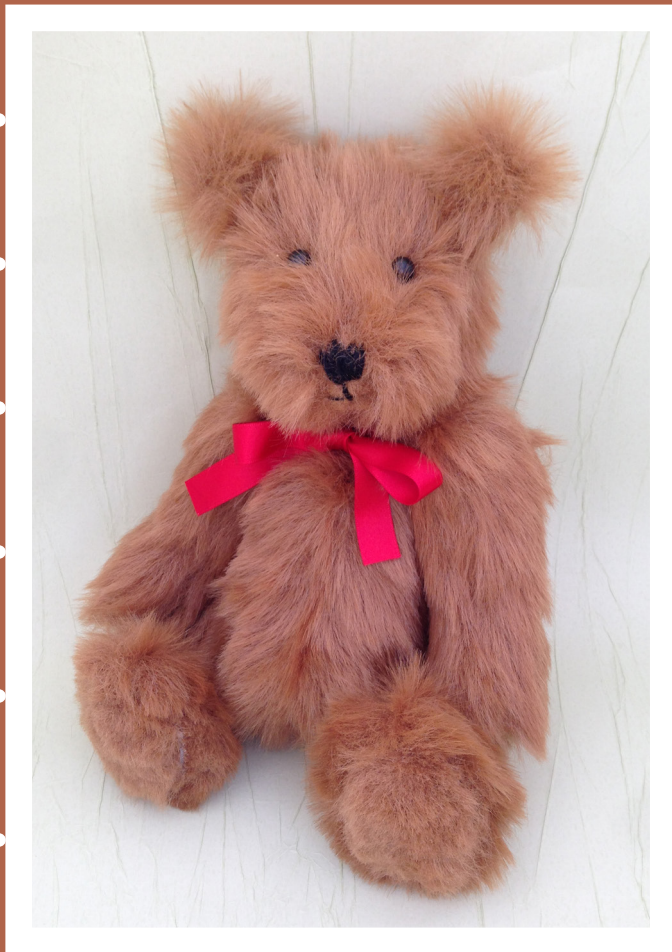


Bernard Bear



Difficulty Rating



CuddleCrew

SOFT TOY SEWING PATTERNS YOU'LL WANT TO COLLECT.

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Middle of the Road.

Bernard is a good old fashioned bear. His jointed legs and arms means he's always open armed and ready for a hug.

For all toy patterns, you'll find it much easier and have more success using a stretchy fabric such as fleece. But don't worry, if your fabric choice is not stretchy, your toy will still look gorgeous; just be aware that the tight curves might pucker slightly.

Ready...

- Cut out the pattern pieces.
- Decide which fabrics you would like to use for which pieces, use the finished photo to help you imagine what your finished bear might look like.
- Find 4 large buttons to use for the legs and arms or 4 joints.

Steady...

- Lay your fabric with the pattern side face down and place the pattern pieces on top. Pin the paper pattern onto the fabric. Make sure the pins won't get in the way when you start cutting.
- Cut each piece out using scissors. (If you're feeling mighty brave you could even have a go at cutting out with a rotary blade. You'll need a good rubber mat for this too. Be extra careful and maybe have a practise on a spare piece of fabric first. They can be a bit tricky to get used to at first but will save you bags of time cutting).

Go!

Don't forget, always sew with right sides facing and use a 5mm seam unless otherwise stated.

Legs

- Fold the LEG pieces in half along the dotted line. Pin and sew together from points A to B.
- Pin the FOOT piece in place, lining up points B and C and sew around leaving a gap where shown on pattern.
- Turn right side out and stuff each leg if you are using buttons. Hand sew the gap using ladder stitch.
- If you're using joints put one in place through each leg and leave unstuffed.

Arms

- Sew 2 ARM pieces together, right sides facing, leaving a gap where shown on pattern.
- Turn right side out and stuff each arm if you are using buttons. Hand sew the gap using ladder stitch.
- If you're using joints put one in place through each arm and leave unstuffed.

Ears

- Sew EAR pieces together leaving the straight edge open. Turn right side out and leave to one side.

Body

- Lay Body pieces on top of each other, pin and sew around leaving a gap where shown.
- Turn right side out and stuff the body if you are using buttons. Hand sew the gap using ladder stitch.

- If you're using joints put one in place for both arms and legs, and leave unstuffed. Then connect the arms and legs to the body by locking the joints together. Stuff the arms, legs and body and sew up all the gaps using ladder stitch.

Head

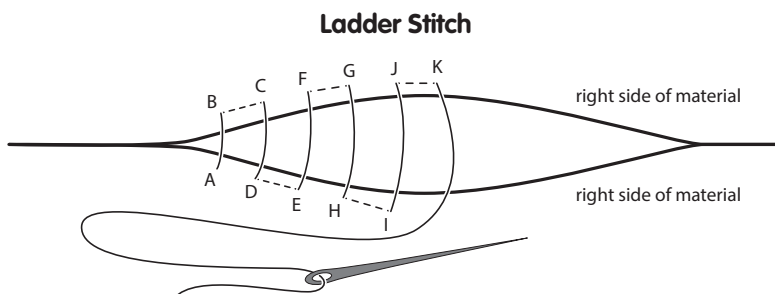
- Take one of the HEAD Pieces and the GUSSET piece and carefully pin in place matching points D to D and E to E. Sew together.
- Repeat, attaching the other HEAD piece to the GUSSET.
- Pin together and sew around chin from points D to F.
- Turn right side out and stuff.
- Hand sew the ears in place.
- Give him some eyes, a nose and a little mouth. Decisions decisions! There are lots of ways to do this step. You might want to use felt to add these details or you may wish to use safety eyes/noses or buttons. Or maybe you'll have a go at embroidering some details on. If you want to use safety eyes you'll need to do this before stuffing the head.

Nearly there!

- Hold the legs in place on either side of the body. Using thick cotton sew all the way through one leg then the body and then the other leg, put your button in position and sew through this as well. Keep repeating this until you are satisfied that your legs and buttons feel secured to the body. This can be made much easier if you have a doll needle. For both methods, button or traditional joints, you can find a tutorial on my website to guide you through.
- Repeat for the arms.
- Now to sew his head on. I find it much easier if you run a line of wide running stitches near the neck of the head and pull the thread to draw the neck closed. This will help spread out the gathers more evenly. Then hold the head in place over the body and sew together using ladder stitch, (Shhh... A secret tip, is to tie a lovely ribbon around your teddies neck if you want to hide the stitches).

If you'd like a little more help here, you can find a 'Heads' tutorial on my website.

Ta Da!



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