

Free Classic Teddy Bear with Bow Pattern



Pattern Description:

This free teddy bear sewing pattern is designed for **beginners** and takes approximately **3 hours** to complete.

It allows you to craft a keepsake teddy bear, perfect for a new arrival or a special birthday gift.

The pattern can be customized using various fabrics, including scraps, linen, and cotton, making each teddy unique.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- Blue fabric dye
- Synthetic stuffing
- Buttons for the eyes
- 4 small buttons for the jointing
- Linen thread
- Large needle for jointing
- Brown embroidery cotton
- Ribbon for the bow
- **Measurements:** Approximately **45cm (17¾in)** tall.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **Straight stitches** for embroidering claws.
- General sewing terms like "stitch," "tack," and "embroider" are used throughout the instructions.

Instructions for Making the Classic Teddy Bear with Bow Pattern:



Prepping Your Pattern and Fabrics

- If desired, **dye the linen fabric** following the manufacturer's instructions, then allow it to dry and iron it.
- **Enlarge the pattern** to the correct size. Use the 5cm (2in) arrow on your pattern as a guide, enlarging until the arrow measures 5cm (2in). If the required enlargement rate exceeds 200%, perform the enlargement in stages (e.g., enlarge to 200%, then perform a second enlargement at the calculated percentage).
- From the **cotton fabric**, cut out two palms, two soles, and one ear, adding 7mm (¼in) seam allowances all around.
- From the **linen fabric**, cut out two outside arms, two inside arms, two fronts, two backs, one center head, two side heads, four legs, and three ears, adding 7mm (¼in) seam allowances as before.
- When joining pieces, **stitch them together with right sides facing**, using a 7mm (¼in) seam allowance.

The Body

- **Stitch the two front pieces together** along the center-front edge.
- **Stitch the two back pieces together** along the center back, leaving a gap as indicated on the pattern.
- **Stitch the front to the back** all around.
- Turn the body out through the gap left in the back.
- **Stuff the body** with synthetic stuffing.
- **Close up the gap** in the back.

Arms and Legs

- **Stitch a palm to each inside arm** along the straight edge.
- **Stitch each inside arm to an outside arm**, leaving a gap as indicated on the pattern.
- Turn the arm out, **stuff it**, and close up the gap.
- **Stitch the legs together in pairs**, leaving the straight edge open and a gap in the back of the leg to turn through.
- **Attach a sole to each leg.**
- Turn the legs out and **stuff them**.
- **Close up the gap.**

Ears

- **Pair up the ears with right sides facing** and stitch all around, leaving the straight edge open.
- Turn out the ears.

Head

- **Tack then stitch the center head piece** between the side-head pieces, extending from the nose to the nape of the neck.
- **Stitch the side-head pieces together** between the nose and the front neck.
- Turn out the head and **stuff it**.
- **Sew the ears in place** on the head, tucking in the raw edges at the bottom of each ear.
- **Embroider the nose and mouth** using brown embroidery cotton.
- **Attach the buttons for eyes.**
- **Sew the head to the body.**

Attaching the Limbs

- Thread **linen thread** through a **large needle**.
- Stitch at shoulder level to cross the body.
- Pass the needle through an arm, then through one of the **small buttons for jointing**.
- Take the needle back through the button and arm in the other direction to cross the body.
- Pass the needle through the other arm and another button.

- Take the needle back through the button and arm and **knot securely under the arm** to hide the knot.
- **Join the legs to the body** in the same manner.

Finishing

- **Embroider the claws** using linen thread and **straight stitches**.
- **Tie a ribbon** (or a strip of pink linen) around the teddy bear's neck.