Free Faux Fur Teddy Bear Pattern



Pattern Description:

This free faux fur teddy bear pattern guides you to create a soft, 22 cm (8³/₄ in) tall bear with movable limbs, safety eyes, and embroidered features.

Using plush fabrics, contrasting paw pads, and optional decorative accents, it's suitable for beginners and advanced sewers.

Detailed step-by-step instructions cover cutting, sewing, stuffing, and finishing for a professional-looking, cuddly toy.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

Fabrics:

- **Main Fabric (Fabric A):** For the teddy bear's body, head, arms, legs, and ears. Choose a soft, cuddly fabric like plush, minky, or fleece.
- Contrasting Fabric (Fabric B): For paw pads and foot pads. Felt or short-pile plush works well.
- Optional Fabric (Fabric C): For decorative accents or inner ear details.

Notions:

- Safety eyes (child-safe recommended)
- Ribbon or small scarf for decoration
- Embroidery thread (black or brown) for nose and mouth
- Stuffing (polyester fiberfill or similar)
- Iron-on interfacing (optional, for extra stability in small areas)

Tools:

- Sewing machine
- Needles for hand stitching
- Strong thread
- Scissors or rotary cutter
- Pins or clips
- Bodkin or blunt tool for turning limbs and ears

Measurements

- The finished teddy bear is approximately: Height: 22 cm (8¾ inches) from top of head to bottom of feet
- Fabric Pieces (Cutting Instructions):
- From Fabric A (Main Body):
 - o Head: 2 pieces
 - o Head gusset: 1 piece
 - o Body: 2 pieces
 - o Arms: 2 pairs (4 pieces)
 - o Legs: 2 pairs (4 pieces)
 - o Ears: 2 pairs (4 pieces)
- From Fabric B (Contrasting Pads):
 - o Paw pads: 2 pieces
 - o Foot pads: 2 pieces
- **Optional:** Fabric C can be used for inner ears or other small accents.
- **Seam allowance:** 6 mm (½ inch)

Abbreviations Used

- RS Right Side
- **WS** Wrong Side
- **SL** Seam Line
- SA Seam Allowance (6 mm / ½ inch)
- FAB Fabric

Instructions for Making the Faux Fur Teddy Bear Pattern:



Step 1: Cutting Fabric Pieces

- Print pattern templates.
- **FAB A:** Cut head (2), head gusset (1), body (2), arms (2 pairs), legs (2 pairs), ears (2 pairs).
- **FAB B:** Cut paw pads (2) and foot pads (2).
- FAB C (Optional): Cut any accent pieces.
- Align the fur nap downward and fabric stretch horizontally.

Step 2: Head Assembly

- Place head pieces **RS together** and pin.
- Insert head gusset between head pieces, matching points A & B.
- Sew along SL using SA of 6 mm.
- Turn head **RS out** carefully; use a bodkin to push out corners.
- Stuff firmly with fiberfill, shaping a round head.
- Leave neck area open for attaching to body.

Step 3: Ear Construction

- Sew ear pairs **RS together**, leaving the bottom open.
- Turn **RS out**, press lightly if needed.
- Hand-stitch the open edge closed.
- Position symmetrically on the head and baste or pin in place.

Step 4: Body Assembly

- Place body pieces **RS together** and sew along SL, leaving top open for head insertion.
- Turn body **RS out**, ensuring fur lies in the same direction.
- Stuff body firmly with fiberfill.
- Gather top opening slightly to attach head.

Step 5: Limb Construction

- Assemble arms and legs **RS together**, leaving openings for turning and stuffing.
- Sew paw and foot pads from FAB B onto corresponding limb pieces using small, tight stitches.
- Turn limbs **RS out** and stuff lightly to maintain flexibility.

Step 6: Attaching Limbs and Head

- Attach head to body with ladder stitch, ensuring it is centered and secure.
- Position arms and legs at desired locations. Check symmetry and pin in place.
- Hand-stitch limbs to body with strong thread using tight, small stitches.

Step 7: Face and Details

- Position safety eyes evenly; secure according to manufacturer instructions.
- Embroider nose and mouth using black embroidery thread with small, neat stitches.
- Add optional ribbon or scarf around the neck for a finished look.

Step 8: Finishing Touches

- Fluff fur with a soft brush or fingers to give the bear a plush, even appearance.
- Check all seams and reinforcements; ensure limbs and head are firmly attached.
- Adjust stuffing if needed for balance and shape.

Tips for Working with Faux Fur

- Cut fabric with fur nap in one direction to prevent mismatched fur lines.
- Use a **blunt tool** for turning small parts to avoid pulling or tearing fur.
- Keep **SA** consistent for professional-looking seams.
- Hand-stitch small areas (ears, paws, neck) for a neater finish.