

Simple Bear with Embroidered Face Free Pattern



Pattern Description:

Create a charming, hand-sewn felt bear with an embroidered face and optional clothing. This pattern provides clear, step-by-step instructions for crafting a soft, cuddly toy with expressive features.

Perfect for both beginners and experienced sewists, it allows customization of outfits and facial details, making each bear a unique keepsake or gift, while helping improve sewing and embroidery skills.

Materials Needed:

- Felt fabric in desired bear color
- Embroidery floss in black (for eyes, nose, mouth) and optional colors for blush or details
- Sewing needle suitable for hand-sewing and embroidery
- Thread matching the felt color
- Small buttons (for clothing, optional)
- Scissors
- Pins
- Stuffing (polyfill or similar)

- Paper and pencil (for tracing pattern pieces)

Abbreviations Used:

- **RS** - Right Side (of fabric)
- **WS** - Wrong Side

Instructions for Making the Simple Bear with Embroidered Face Pattern:



Step 1: Prepare the Pattern Pieces

- Print or trace the bear template on paper.
- Cut out all pattern pieces carefully. Typically, you'll need:
 - Body (front and back)
 - Arms (2 pieces each)
 - Legs (2 pieces each)
 - Ears (2 pieces each)
 - Optional clothing pieces
- Pin the paper patterns onto felt fabric and cut around them with sharp scissors.

Step 2: Embroider the Face

- Identify the **RS of the front body piece**.
- Using black embroidery floss, stitch the eyes with satin or straight stitches.

- Stitch the nose using satin stitch or French knot for a small, raised effect.
- Stitch the mouth using backstitch for clean lines.
- Optional: Add blush or cheek details with light pink embroidery floss using straight or satin stitches.
- Secure threads neatly on the **WS**.

Step 3: Assemble the Body

- Place the front and back body pieces **RS together**.
- Pin edges carefully, leaving the bottom open for stuffing.
- Sew around the edges using a running stitch or whip stitch, keeping stitches even.
- Clip small curves carefully to reduce bulk, especially around the arms, legs, and ears.

Step 4: Sew the Limbs and Ears

- For arms, legs, and ears, **RS together**, sew edges leaving openings for turning.
- Turn each piece **RS out** carefully.
- Lightly stuff with polyfill, ensuring even distribution.
- Pin limbs to the body openings, ensuring correct placement.

Step 5: Attach Limbs and Ears

- Sew arms and legs to the body using a whip stitch, attaching securely for playability.
- Sew ears to the top corners of the head.
- Ensure stitches are hidden as much as possible and that the bear can sit upright.

Step 6: Stuff the Body

- Fill the bear's body with polyfill gradually.
- Make sure stuffing is evenly distributed, especially in the head, torso, and limbs.
- Close the bottom opening with a whip stitch, keeping stitches tight but neat.

Step 7: Optional Clothing

- Cut felt pieces for clothing according to pattern templates.
- Sew side seams and add small details like buttons or embroidered designs.
- Dress the bear and secure clothing with small hidden stitches if needed.

Step 8: Final Embroidery Touches

- Check the facial embroidery for symmetry and neatness.
- Make any corrections or enhancements (e.g., darker eyes, fuller mouth).
- Optional: Add small decorative details, such as embroidered paws or accessories.

Tips for Success

- Keep stitches small and consistent for a polished look.
- Use pins to hold pieces in place while sewing.
- Stuff gently but firmly to give the bear a plush, smooth finish.
- Choose high-quality felt to avoid fraying.
- Wash hands before handling light-colored felt to avoid staining.