

Making a Felt Bear

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This project contains patterns for three sizes of bears. One bear for Florabunda or other 6½" to 9" (17 to 23 cm) small dolls; one bear for Kitty or other 18" (46 cm) dolls; and one bear for you.

Tools: Scissors, a needle, a pen for marking eyes and nose, a copy of the free download “Florabunda's Tools and Tips.” and a stuffing tool such as a chopstick. A thimble and needle threader are handy if you like them and tweezers or a hemostat are helpful for stuffing, if you have them.



Supplies: For all three bears: “bear” colored felt, matching thread, a small piece of narrow ribbon, glue, and polyester stuffing. For Florabunda's bear: two black 2 mm beads for the eyes and one ⅛" (3 mm) glass black bead for the nose. For Kitty's bear: two ⅛" (3 mm) glass black bead for the eyes, one 7 mm brown pompom for the nose and one black 2 mm bead for the tip of the nose. For your bear: two 5 mm wiggle eyes or black beads for the eyes, one 7 mm brown pompom for the nose and one ⅛" (3 mm) glass black bead for the tip of the nose. You can experiment with different sizes eyes and nose, if you like.

How to Make a Felt Bear:

1. Clip out the bear pattern in the size that you want to make. Cut out two felt bears using the pattern. For Florabunda's bear, small scissors are better than dressmakers scissors.
2. On one bear piece, mark the eye and nose placement with a dot. See “Florabunda's Tools and Tips” for marking tips. Mark “leave open” with two pins.
3. Match the two bear pieces. Sew around the bear to sew the bear pieces together. Start at one “leave open” pin and end at the other pin.



4. Sew the bottom of the ears. The dotted lines on the pattern show you where to sew.

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5. Stuff the bear through the open area. Sew up the stuffing opening.



6. Glue on the eyes and nose. Tie the ribbon in a bow. Glue it on as a tie.



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