

Love Bear



Materials

Fleece. 1/3 yard of 66" wide fleece will make three bears

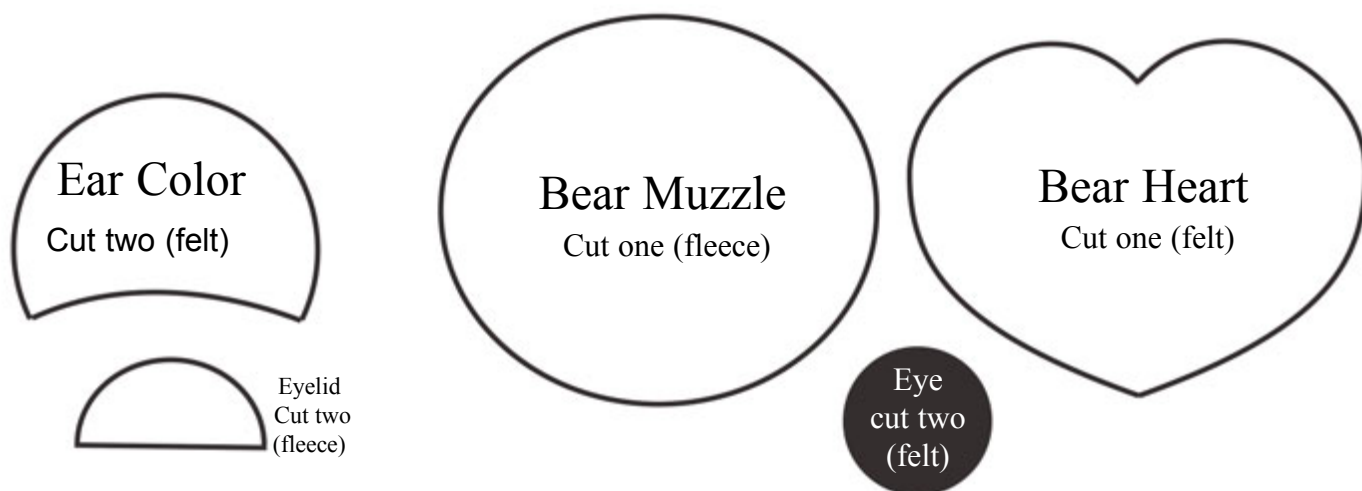
Stuffing. Amounts may vary depending on how tightly the bear is stuffed and the quality of stuffing. A 20 ounce bag of Polyester Fiberfill will fill approximately 12 bears.

Pom Poms. A 1" pom pom is used for the tail and a 1/2" pom pom for the nose.

Felt. Small amounts of red and black for the heart, ears and eyes.

Matching Thread. Match the thread to the heart, muzzle and eyes when whip stitching them to the bear.

White Embroidery Floss. This is used to make French Knots to add a shine to the eyes.

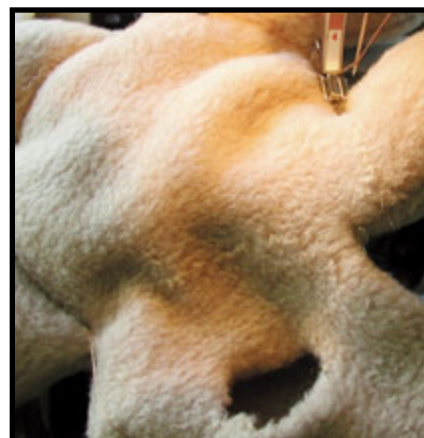




1 Copy the bear pattern onto cardstock and cut the paper out on the solid line. Place the pattern on two layers of fleece that are right sides together and mark the outline of the bear. The cardstock will allow many bears to be marked accurately. Sew all the way around the bear on the marked line and cut out the bear, adding 1/4" seam allowance.



2 Make a slit in the middle of the head of the bear through one layer of fabric. Turn the bear right side out through that slit. Cut the pattern of the body of the bear from a cardstock pattern. Position the pattern over the bear and mark the rounded shape of the body using chalk or other removable marking.



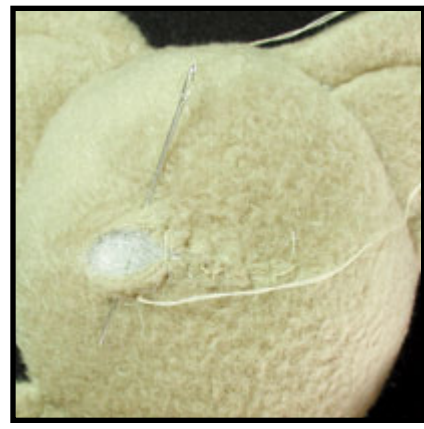
3 Stuff the legs and arms keeping the stuffing away from the rounded marking of the body. Using a zipper foot, machine Top Stitch on these markings. Using a zipper foot will allow the stitches to be sewn close to the stuffed legs and arms.



4 The ears are lightly stuffed and they are also Top Stitched using the markings from the pattern.



5 Stuff the body of the bear and machine Top Stitch the neck, using the chalked markings from step #2.



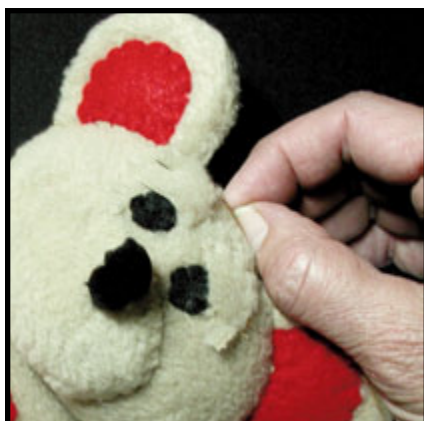
6 Stuff the head and Hand Whip Stitch the slit closed. These stitches will be covered by the muzzle that is added next.



7 Cut the muzzle shape from one layer of fleece. Using matching thread, Hand Whip Stitch the muzzle to the face. To Whip Stitch, make stitches perpendicular to the edge of the muzzle (solid arrows). The thread runs under the muzzle and catches the bear face (dashed arrows). Before the muzzle is closed, add some stuffing.

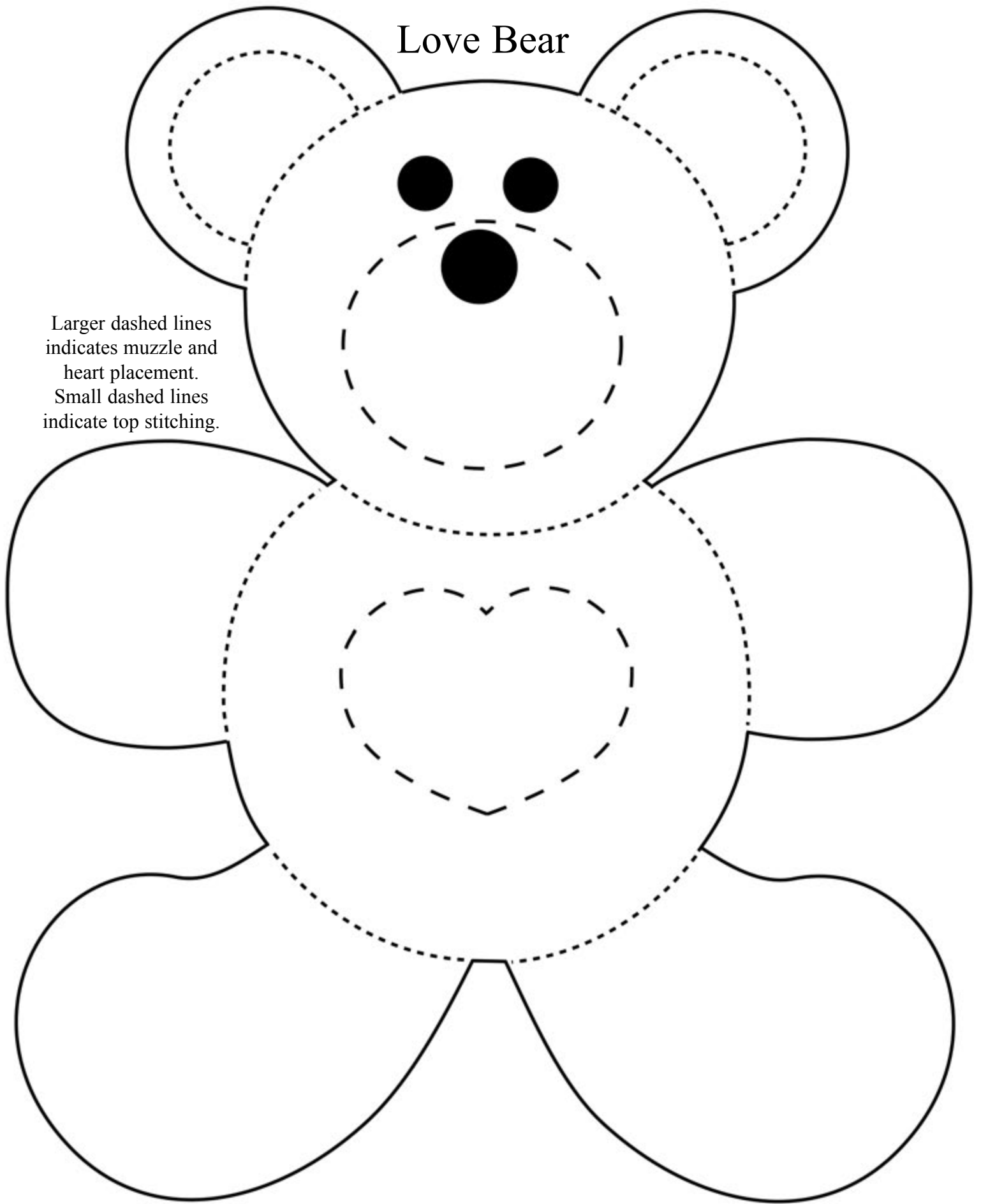


8 Cut out the heart, ear color, and eyes from felt, using the pattern. With matching thread, Whip Stitch the shapes to the bear. Sew a 1/2" pom pom to the nose of the bear and a 1" black pom pom to the seat of the bear for the tail. Ensure that all pieces are firmly attached to withstand wear and tear from children.



9 To make eyelids, cut half circles of fleece and Whip Stitch the rounded eyelid edges to the face so the straight edges cover about 1/3 of the felt eyes. With doubled thread, make a few stitches for the mouth and pull it tight into the muzzle. This will sculpture a mouth. Make French Knots with white embroidery floss to add shine to the eyes.

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Larger dashed lines
indicates muzzle and
heart placement.
Small dashed lines
indicate top stitching.