## Directions for **SIMPLE BEAR**

Things you will need: Sewing Machine Hand Sewing needle Sizzors Felt Tip Marker Straight Pins Cardboard

3/8 yard fabric
Matching Thread
2 ¼ " shanked eyes (Black Buttons??)
1 small shanked nose or Black embroidery floss for nose
Black Embroidery Floss for mouth
Polyester Fiberfill

1. Transfer pattern unto cardboard, cut out and draw onto back side of fabric with felt tip marker. Remember to flip pattern pieces. You will need two fronts and two backs for each bear you make.

2. <u>1/4 " seams are allowed on this pattern</u>. With right sides together, pin <u>body front pieces</u> together (use plenty of pins) and machine sew. Repeat with back sections, leaving back opening as marked. Clip curves. Insert eyes at this time. If using a plastic shanked nose, insert at this time also

3. Pin body front to back (wrong side out) and sew all around. Turn bear right sides out.

4. Stitch along ear marks

5. Stuff head. Stuff firmly enough to give shape to muzzle area. A wooden spoon handle will help you place the fiberfill into the right places.

- 6. Tie neck off with strong thread.
- 7. Next stuff arms and legs, Stitch along divider marks
- 8. Carefully stuff body cavity.
- 9. Hand sew opening closed.

10 Thread needle with floss. Stitch nose if a plastic one was not used. Plan nose shape by stitching an inverted triangle, then fill in with vertical stitches. Stitch mouth. An inverted "Y" shaped line down from the nose.

Note: you may wish to use "soft sculpture technique to create personality in your bear's face.

- 11. Pick trapped fur from seams.
- 12. Tie on a neck ribbon to finish or dress as desired

This bear is child safe.

## **Bear Patterns and Links**

- Teddy Bears Hug: Online Resource for Teddy Bear Artists. Free Patterns including Byron by Georgina Edwards, A page of Books, Tips, Artist links, etc.
- Beary Cheap: Three Free Patterns, lots of supplies
- **Teddy Bear and Friends**: (a Magazine site) includes a list of Teddy Bear Books and a pattern for *Adam*, as well as other **patterns**.
- Iloveteddies Links for Free Bear Patterns, Tips, etc. History of the Teddy Bear.
- Links to lots of Teddy Bear Craftsites
- Teddy Bear Club with Links to Patterns
- Tattered Teddies a site for collectors





