

Fabric Scrap Bear Tutorial



What you need:

The pattern - Make sure your printer is set to 100% scale - double check if the square in the corner measures to 2cm x 2cm after printing.

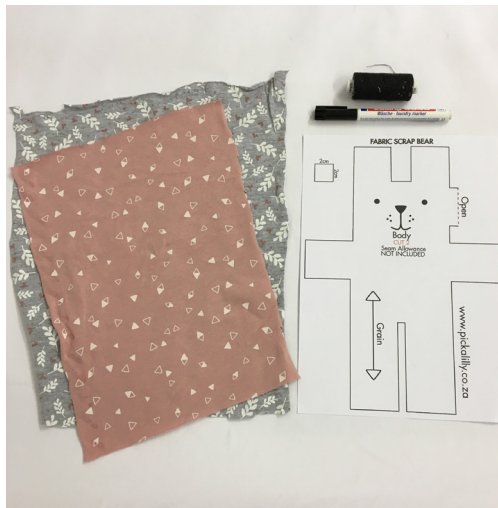
Old t-shirt/some single jersey fabric scraps (2 x A4- 21cmx29.5cm)

A laundry marker OR Fabric paint OR Embroidery thread

Sewing thread (I used black just for visibility in the tutorial)

Stuffing (unicurl/stuffing from an old pillow)

Some basic sewing skills



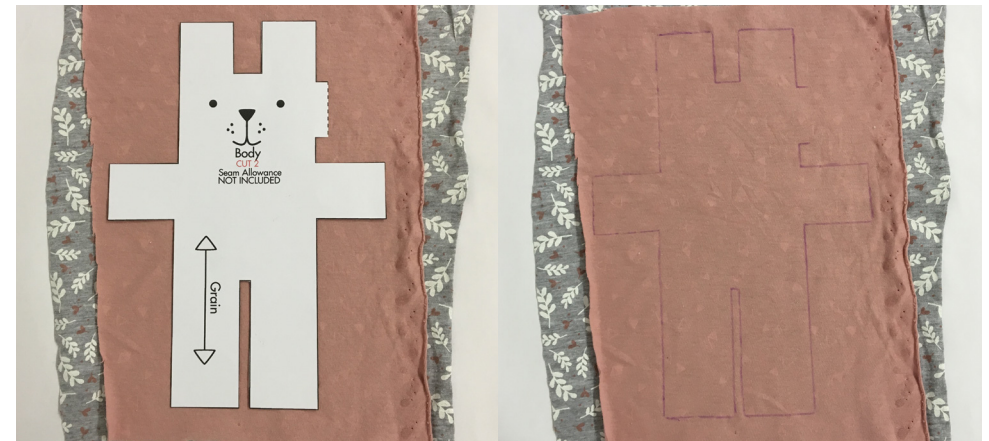
Directions:

Cut out the pattern.

Place 2 fabric scraps on top of each other, right sides facing each other.

You may want to pin the fabric in a few places to make sure that it doesn't move.

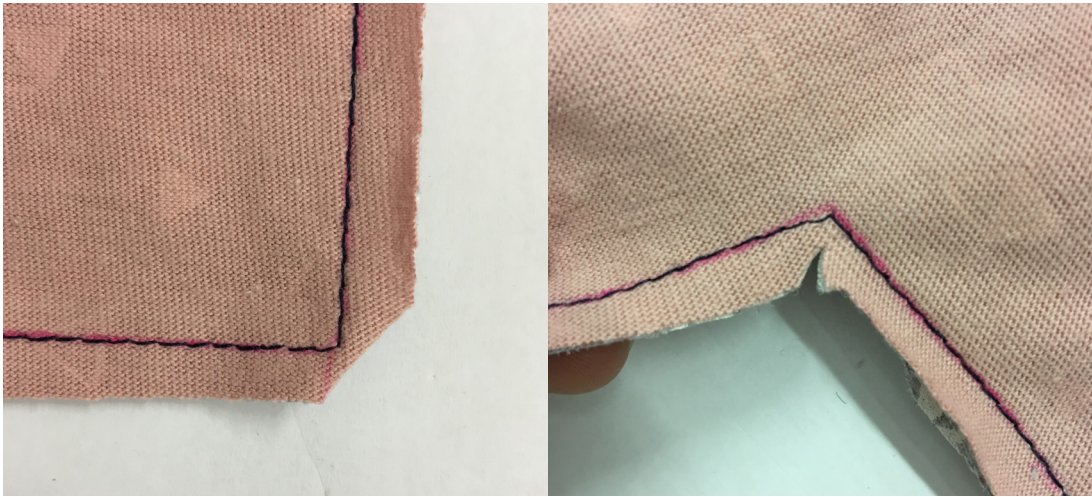
Trace around pattern. DO NOT cut it out.



Sew on the lines, double stitching at the start and end - leave the part open that is indicated on the pattern.



Cut the bear out leaving a 1/2 cm seam allowance. Nip the corners (see pic.)



Turn the bear inside out - a straw and a stick make it very easy. Place the straw inside the bear and stick the stick into the straw from the outside (see pic). I used the back end of a paintbrush but a sosatie stick also works well. Make sure that all the corners are pushed out properly and iron.



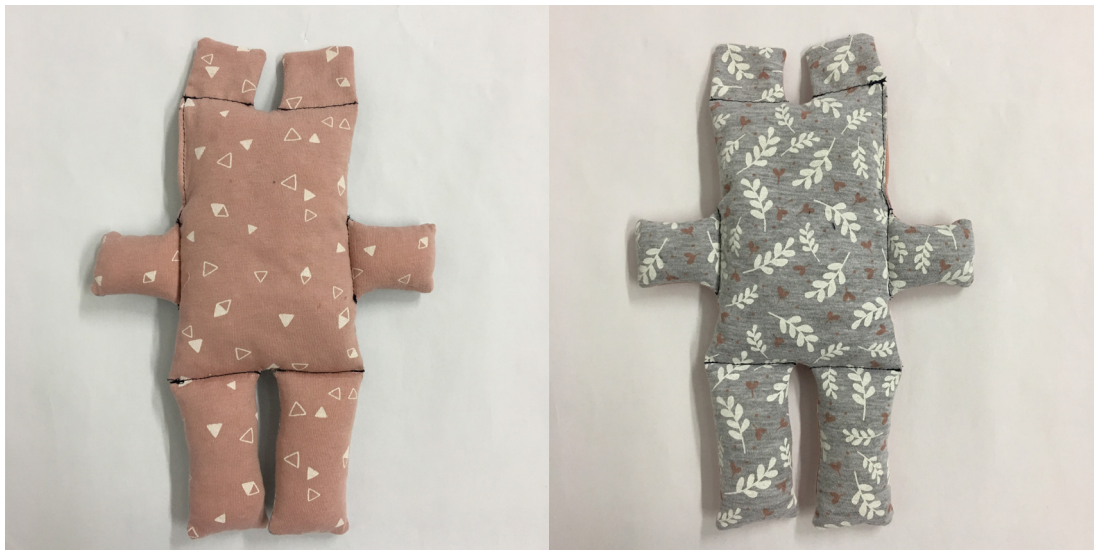
Top stitch horizontally across both ears (no stuffing).



Stuff the arms of the bear and topstitch them shut vertically. Stuff the legs of the bear and topstitch them shut horizontally. Stuff the rest of the bear. (It does not have to be too tight, so that it is soft and cuddly)



Turn the part, with the opening, in and sew shut - Top stitch or hand sew it shut with a ladder stitch for a neater finish.



Use the laundry marker/fabric paint or embroidery thread to make a face - you do not have to stick to the one on the pattern. I usually draw a sleeping face on the back too so that when the child gets older they can turn it over and pretend like it is sleeping, or turn it back and pretend like the bear is awake again. But you don't have to.



If you wish to donate your fabric scrap bear to the babies of Paarl hospital, you can drop it off or send it to **Pickalilly Kids**, Unit 1, 17 Pasita Street, Rosenpark, Durbanville 7550.

If you do not have a laundry marker/ fabric paint/ embroidery thread you can just drop the bear off and we will make sure he/she gets a happy face.

You can contact us at info@pickalilly.co.za