



TEDDY BEAR

If you've been wanting to make the cutest teeny-tiny teddy bear ever, then you've come to the right place! These bears can be made in endless color combinations. Pair them with tiny felt overalls or either of the tiny doll dresses (pages 88-93).



STEP 1

Begin by cutting the tiny bear pattern from your choice of wool or wool-blend felt. Add some eyes with embroidery thread, seed beads, or 2mm plastic doll eyes.

Add a nose and mouth with embroidery. You can freehand embroider the nose and mouth or mark it in fine-tip pen first as a guide for your stitches. As always in tiny embroidery, make sure to split your embroidery thread down to one or two strands.

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STEP 2

Cut a couple of pieces of chenille wire to sew into the bear's body. Hold the wire up to the doll to determine where to cut the pieces, and then gently bend the wire so that it will fit into the bear's limbs.



STEP 3

Knot your thread to the inside of the bear's body. Match the front and back pattern pieces and begin stitching at the top of the head, just before the ear, using a short, tight blanket stitch or whipstitch. Sew along the edges going over the ear and down the face.

STEP 4

Continue stitching down one side of the bear's body, past the arm and to the inside of the leg while keeping the wire sandwiched between the layers of felt, so it's inserted into the bear's limbs.



STEP 5

Begin stuffing the bear's limbs by balling up tiny pieces of toy stuffing and gently stuffing them into the limbs with the tool of your choice. I like to use a toothpick or the end of an unwound paper clip.



STEP 6

Continue stitching past the opposite leg, stopping to stuff the leg. Then stitch past the arm and once again stop to stuff the arm and the body.



STEP 7

Once you reach the top of the neck, stop for a moment to stuff the rest of the body and the top of the neck. Continue sewing until you reach the top of the bear's head again, just past the ear.



STEP 8

Make sure to stuff each of the bear's ears before stuffing the head to the top. Stitch the last opening shut and tie off your thread.



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Give the arms a little lift and the legs a bend.

STEP 10

Let's make some tiny overalls! Start by cutting the overalls from wool felt: one piece for the front and one for the back. Knot your thread to the inside of the felt and begin stitching down one side of the overalls with a short, tight blanket stitch or whipstitch. Tie off the thread when you reach the bottom of the leg.



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STEP 11

Begin stitching again at the opposite side of the end of the leg, leaving the bottom open for the end of the bear's leg to fit through. Stitch together the inner edges of the legs of the overalls.



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STEP 12

To finish the overalls, put them on the bear, pushing the bear's leg down into the already-sewn side. Knot your thread to the inside bottom of the opposite side of the overalls. Begin stitching up the leg, stitching the overalls straight onto the bear.

STEP 13

When you reach the top of the overalls, leave the thread dangling. You will use it to continue sewing the overall straps into place. Flip the bear over and tuck one side of the overall straps into the back of the pants. Send the needle through the side of the overalls and out of the strap to create a stitch to hold it in place.



STEP 14

Tuck the second strap into the back of the pants. Send the needle once again through the back of the pants, then through the first strap and out of the second strap. You may want to add a stitch or two to each of the straps to further reinforce them.



Tie off the thread to the inside back of the pants and you're done!