

#### **MATERIALS**

# Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread **Anchor® Embroidery Floss on a Spool\***(optional)

1/3 yd (30cm) tan felt

One red felt rectangle, 9" x 12" (22.86cm x 30cm)

One cream felt square, 3" (7.5cm)

One pair snap-back safety eyes, 15mm\*

One snap-back safety nose, 18mm\*

Polvester fiberfill

Removable marker

Craft glue

Pinking shears

\*Note: The eyes and nose can also be embroidered with Anchor Embroidery Floss.



### SEWING I SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER

# Featuring Coats & Clark™ All-purpose Thread

Your favorite kid (or kid at heart) will love this soft, cuddly bear with a pocketed front. Enclose a stuffed felt heart, a sweet note, a gift card or a candy treat in the pocket. Sew with Coats & Clark™ All-Purpose thread for a favorite toy that will last through lots of hugs.

#### **MEASUREMENTS**

8½" x 8" (21.5cm x 20cm)

#### **CUTTING**

See templates on pages 3-5.

# From the red felt, cut:

(2) hearts

## From the cream felt, cut:

(1) muzzle

**Note:** Seam allowances are 1/4" (.64cm).

### ASSEMBLING THE HEART

- 1. Place the heart pieces wrong sides together, matching the raw edges. Using a small, narrow zigzag stitch, sew around the outer edges 1/4" (.64cm) from the edges, leaving a 1" (2.5cm) opening along one straight edge.
- 2. Remove the heart from the machine and lightly stuff it through the opening. When the stuffing is complete, continue the stitching line to close it.
- 3. Pink around the outer edges.

Tip: To personalize, hand embroider a message on the heart using Anchor® Embroidery Floss.





**TEDDY BEAR SOFTIE** Designed by Linda Turner Griepentrog

# **ASSEMBLING THE BEAR FRONT**

- 1. Using a removable marker, trace around the bear body onto one layer of tan felt and rough-cut out about 1" (2.5cm) beyond the drawn lines. Trace the pocket onto felt as well and cut straight across the upper edge using pinking shears and rough-cut the remainder of the pocket shape.
- 2. Center the muzzle in the lower face area of the traced body shape and use a narrow zigzag to sew around it.
- 3. Using contrasting thread and a close, narrow zigzag stitch the smile line. Bring the thread ends to the underside and tie off.
- 4. Following the manufacturer's instructions, install the safety nose above the smile. Be sure the snap back is firmly pushed into place over the shank.
- 5. Apply the eyes above the muzzle in the same manner. For added security, add a drop of craft glue to the underside of the snap backs for both eyes and the nose.

6. Pin the pocket over the bear front and so the upper edge is just below the armpit.

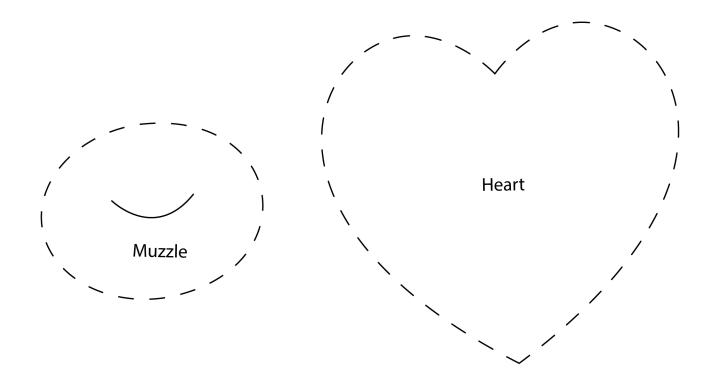
### **ASSEMBLING THE BEAR**

- 1. Place the bear front/pocket outline wrong sides together with another piece of tan felt larger than the bear outline and sew around the bear perimeter on the drawn lines. leaving a 2" (5cm) opening along the straight portion of one leg. Leave the upper pocket edge open and backstitch at the edges to reinforce.
- Rough-cut the bear backing beyond the outline stitching and lightly stuff with fiberfill to the desired firmness. Be sure the stuffing goes between the bear front and back layers (not into the pocket), and do not overstuff or the heart won't fit in the pocket.
- 3. Finish the stitching to close the opening.

#### **FINISHING**

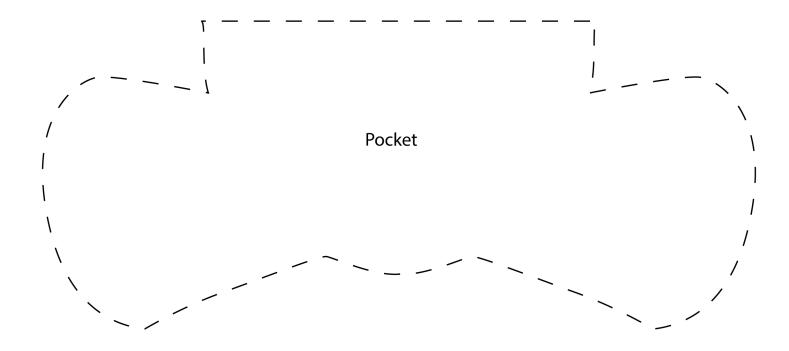
- 1. Pink around the perimeter of the bear about 1/4" (.64cm) outside the stitched line.
- 2. Place the heart or other item in the pocket and share with your favorite person.





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