

Folk Art Teddy Bear

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Supplies:

2 large scraps of darker mohair (each piece should be about 8" tall by 6" wide)

small scrap of light mohair (2" x 3")

perle cotton matching the two colors of mohair and black

(2) 6mm glass shoe button eyes, or similar (plastic safety eyes for a child's toy or dog toy)

poly-fil stuffing (it's the best.... never use anything but poly-fil!!)

ribbon for trim

basic sewing supplies

comb

sharpie marker

optional: hemostats for turning and stuffing. jingle bells

Please read all the directions before you get started.

- print the template for the teddy bear onto heavy duty paper such as cardstock, and cut him out
- Place your two large scraps of mohair with right sides together. The knap of the hair should be pointing down.
- Using a sharpie or marker, trace the pattern piece onto the mohair. **SEW ON THE LINE** leaving an opening at teddy's side for turning and stuffing.
- Now that he is all sewn up, trim him out leaving about ¼" seam allowance. Clip the corners and curves.
- Turn teddy right side out. (I like to use hemostats for this. They are a tool that looks like scissors, but they grab instead of cut) Stuff him full of poly fil stuffing using these hemostats to help get the stuffing into the ears and limbs! As you're stuffing add small jingle bells to his belly area. This adds a fun sound when he's being held and just adds to the overall whimsy of the bear.
- Close the side of the teddy bear using a whipstitch and matching crochet cotton.
- From a lighter piece of mohair, cut out a circle for his muzzle. Stitch this on using matching perle cotton. When you trim it out, make sure you are only cutting the fabric backing and not all the little hairs!
- Stitch the nose and mouth using black perle cotton. Attach the eyes with perle cotton as well. I like to knot off my ends at the middle back of the neck where it will be

hidden by the bow.

- Finish your bear by taking a comb and making sure all of his fur is combed out of the seams. This is a tedious step but well worth it. I also like to pluck a few hairs from around the eyes with tweezers... and finally, a bow around his neck!
- There! Your little folk art teddy is finished! He wasn't very hard, and it didn't cost a lot to make him... but he's tons of cute!

I just want to thank all of you who read my blog and come back to visit often. I really feel special for all of the support I receive in blog-land. I also want to remind you that this pattern is for personal use only. This means you can make this little bear for yourself, or your kids or even to give as a gift... but you can not sell the products you make from this pattern, or were inspired by this pattern. Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

A few final notes:

Mohair can be very expensive, so if you have never worked with it before, or can't find it or afford it, you can also make this adorable teddy out of wool felt, fleece, calico, gingham... you name it! The possibilities are endless!

Also, if you are making this little bear for a child or for a dog toy, please make sure to use safety eyes and secure all of your stitches very well.