

Quick and Fun PROJECT

POLAR BEARS

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AS THE COLD JANUARY WINDS
WHISTLE AROUND YOUR HOME,
YOU CAN STAY NICE AND WARM
INSIDE WITH YOUR FUZZY POLAR
BEAR.

SKILL LEVEL: ALL



Materials

- 8"x8" white or cream fabric such as wool felt, felt, velour, minke or a fabric that doesn't unravel
- thread (matching or contrasting)
- two small black beads
- short length of black embroidery thread
- small amount of fibrefill stuffing
- thread, beads, etc. for embellishment.

Instructions

• Trace shapes onto your fabric. You will need one underbelly gusset, two sides, and three ears. The third ear is actually a tail.

• Decorate the bear sides with silk ribbon embroidery, beads, surface embroidery or the decoration of your choice. Alternately you can make a decorative blanket for the bear and decorate it.

• Cut out the pieces.

• Decide if you would like to stitch with a matching thread or a contrasting thread. Ours were stitched with the wrong sides together so the bear didn't need to be turned inside out. We used a blanket stitch but an overcast stitch or running stitch would also work.

• Pin and stitch from A to B along the bear's back.

• Pin and stitch the underbelly gusset in place lining up the legs. Stuff the legs as you proceed once they are stitched. Leave an opening for stuffing the body.

• After the bear is stuffed to your liking, stitch the final opening closed. Add the ears and tail. Try folding the short straight length and angling the ears forward or back.

• Taking the third "ear" fold it in half and attach to the rump for a tail.

• Attach two beads for eyes pulling a bit on the thread to sink the eyes and shape the head.

• The bear is light enough that a decorative thread could be attached to hang it from a tree as an ornament or on a gift. You could also stitch a small group to decorate the table.

