

Let's Sew an Autograph Bear / Bunny

Beginning Level

Life Skill:
-Achieving Goals
-Decision Making
-Responsibility
-Building Relationships

4-H Clothing and Textiles Project



Material

you will need:

-1/4 yard of heavy muslin fabric or print fabric
-Matching thread
-Scissors
-Polyester fiberfill
-Fabric writing pen

Note: you can also make this project using medium weight printed fabric if you don't want the "autograph" option.

Service Project Ideas:

-Make a stuffed bear or bunny for a friend and have all your friends sign it;
-Make one for a sick child in the hospital.

1. Find a Bunny or Bear picture in a coloring book or from you leader.
2. Cut out picture around edges to make a paper pattern.
3. Fold fabric with wrong sides together, creating a double thickness.
4. Pin your paper pattern on fabric.
5. Mark around the edge of the pattern using water soluble marking pen.
6. Remove the paper pattern and pin the fabric to hold the pieces together while sewing.
7. Stitch on the marking using a regular stitch length leaving a 2- to 3- inch opening for stuffing. Be sure to backstitch at beginning and ending of stitching.
8. Cut out the Bunny or Bear one-fourth inch from the sewing line.
9. Clip into the seam allowance every one-fourth inch around the bear. Do not clip through stitching. This will give your critter a frayed edge when laundered.
10. Wash and dry for frayed look.
11. Stuff with polyester fiberfill until happy with fluffiness.
12. Stitch the opening closed either by hand or sewing machine. If using a sewing machine use a zipper foot.

Now your Bunny or Bear is ready for your friends to autograph using a fabric pen. ENJOY!!!

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