## Activity 21: Let's Sew an Autograph Bear/Bunny

## Creating Clothing and Accessories

Project Outcome: Sew a non-garment item.

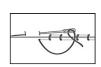
Project Indicator: Use sewing skills to sew a finished product.

Supplies you will need: 1/4 yard muslin fabric or woven print fabric Matching thread Hand-Sewing Needle Polyester Fiberfill

Sewing Scissors (Shears) Water-Soluble Marking Pen Sewing Machine

## **TIPPS Outcomes:**

- Identify the parts, steps and necessary sequence or order to achieve a goal.
- Use basic reading, writing, arithmetic, and mathematical skills.
- Make the needed effort to carry out a task or a plan.
- 1. Find a bunny or bear picture in a coloring book or from your leader, or search on the internet for "simple teddy bear patterns to sew" images.
- 2. Cut out picture around the edges to make a paper pattern.
- 3. Fold fabric with wrong sides together, creating a double thickness.
- 4. Pin your paper pattern onto the fabric.
- 5. Mark around the edge of the pattern using a water-soluble marking pen.
- 6. Remove the paper pattern and pin the fabric to hold the pieces together while sewing.
- 7. Stitch the marking using a regular stitch length, leaving a 2-to 3-inch opening for stuffing. Be sure to back stitch at the beginning and ending of stitching.
- 8. Cut around bunny or bear 1/4 inch from the sewing line.
- 9. Clip into the seam allowance every 1/4 inch around the bear or bunny. Do not clip through the stitching. This will give your critter a grayed edge once laundered.
- 10. Wash and dry for frayed look.
- 11. Stuff with polyester fiberfill until desired fluffiness.
- 12. Stitch the opening closed either by hand or sewing machine. If using a sewing machine, use a zipper foot.
- 13. Now, your bear or bunny is ready for your friends to autograph using a fabric pen. Enjoy.





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