

*Thank you for choosing to help Camp Boggy Creek  
by sewing and stuffing a Boggy Bear!*

*Please read these directions all the way through before you jump in to the pattern and the cutting.*

*Please note that this is considered to be a difficult pattern that takes an experienced seamstress 2 ½ hours to complete.*

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

- ❖ 5/8 yards of fabric (Please see “Choosing Your Fabric” below.)
- ❖ 1 – 2 pounds of new fiberfill
- ❖ 32 inches of satin/fabric ribbon (between ¼” and 1½” wide is best)

## **CHOOSING YOUR FABRIC**

- ❖ Please use cotton fabrics.
- ❖ Please use fabrics of matching colors that are pleasing to the eye.
- ❖ Please use small-print fabrics or solid fabrics.
- ❖ Please DO NOT use fur fabric or striped fabric.
- ❖ You will need 5/8 yards of fabric total.

### **Are you a first-time Boggy Bear Maker?**

We recommend you use one solid colored-fabric to ensure your success.

### **Are you ready for more of a challenge?**

Try two fabrics – one solid color and one small-print pattern of matching colors.

### **Are you a seasoned Bear Maker?**

Please let your creativity flow with matching colors and small-print patterns pleasing to the eye.

## CUTTING YOUR FABRIC

### *For a one-fabric arrangement:*

The pattern pieces on the following pages distinguish how many pieces of each pattern shape you will need.

### *For a two-fabric arrangement:*

Please follow the piece numbers below.

Fabric 1 (main fabric) = #

Fabric 2 (accent fabric) = \$

### **Head**

E (side back head): cut 2 #

C (side front head): cut 2 #

D (center back head): cut 1 \$

B (center front head): cut 1 \$

### **Ears**

A (ear): cut 4 \$

### **Body**

F (front body): cut 2 #

G (back body): cut 2 #

### **Arms**

H (top arm): cut 2 #

I (bottom arm): cut 2 \$

### **Legs**

J (leg): cut 2 #

### **Feet**

K (bottom foot): cut 2 \$

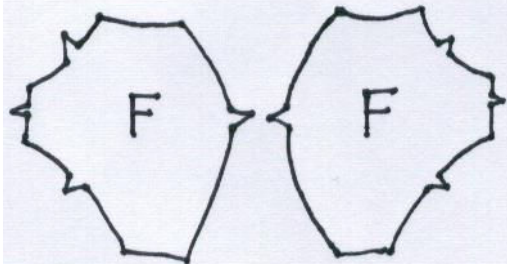
## ASSEMBLING YOUR BEAR

- ❖ Cut outside of pattern
- ❖ Always match seams before dots
- ❖ ¼" seam allowances throughout
- ❖ Please study the bear photograph later in these directions to see how everything comes together.
- ❖ Finished bear = approximately 17 inches long
- ❖ Please do not add a face to your bear – no noses, no eyes, no buttons, etc.
- ❖ Please do not attach individual notes to bears.

# Boggy Bear Directions

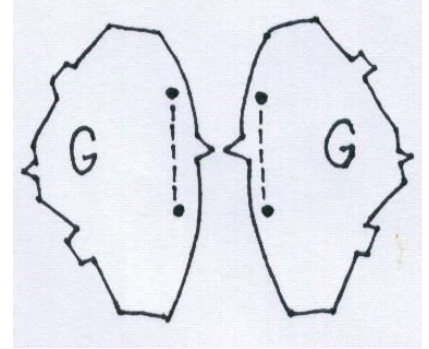
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Body **#1** Join body fronts, matching notches.

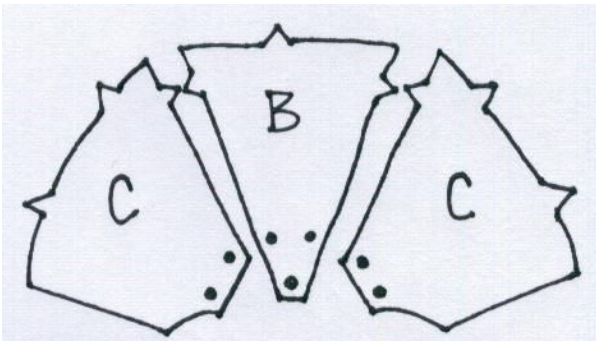


**#2**

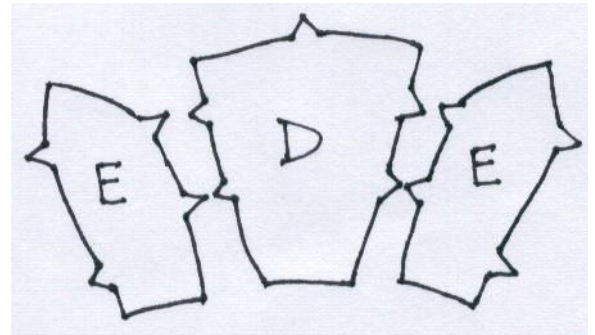
Join body backs. Reinforce stitch approximately 1/8 between dots on each back piece. Join the remainder of the back seam. The opening in the back is to allow for stuffing later.



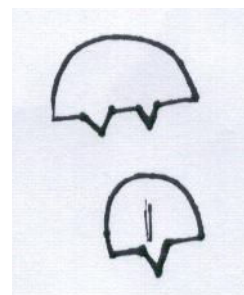
Head **#3** Join front side head pieces to front center head piece, matching notches. Match the dots to form the nose. (Please refer to the bear photo to see a finished nose.)



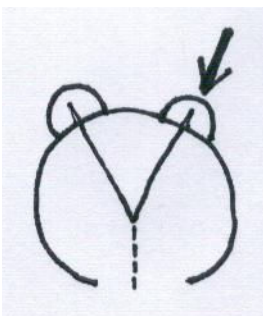
**#4** Join back side head pieces to back center head piece, matching notches.



Ear **#5** For one ear, place two ear pieces with right sides together. Stitch and turn right side out. Bring notches together to form a pleat and baste. Repeat for second ear.



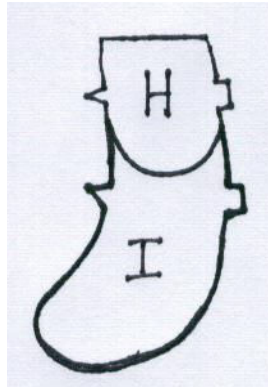
Attach ears to head **#6**



STUFF A LITTLE FIBERFILL IN EACH EAR. Then match the notch on the pleated ear to the seam lines that join the front center head to the front side head. Baste the ear to the front of the head with right sides together. Repeat with other ear. Then, with the ears tucked inside, sew the back of the head to the front of the head, matching notches. Turn and press.

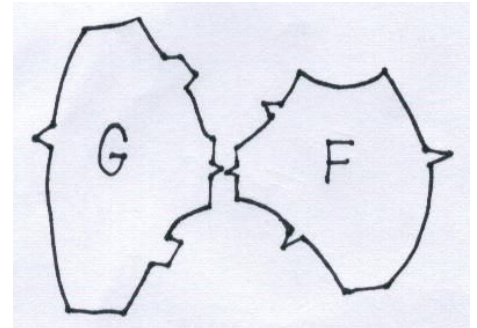
## Arm #7

With right side of top arm piece and bottom arm piece together, sew together, matching the notches. Turn and press. Repeat for second arm.



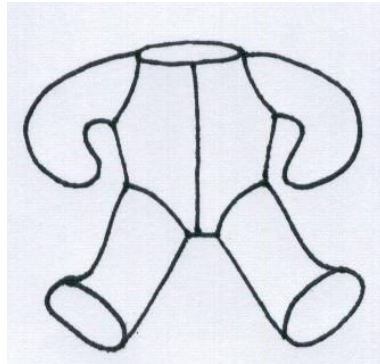
## Body #8

Attach front body to back body at short side seam, matching notches. Turn and press.



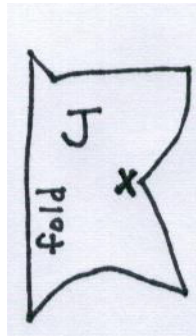
## Attach arms to body #9

Set arms in body, matching dots to side seams and matching notches. Be sure arms bend forward.



## Legs #10

Fold the leg piece so that right sides are together. Sew the seams. Reinforce the seams at the X mark. Clip the seams at the X. Turn right side out and press. Repeat for second leg.



## Feet #11

Set in the bottom foot piece in the leg, matching the notches. Repeat for second leg and bottom foot piece.

## #12

Turn all body parts inside out so right sides are facing each other. Attach head to body, matching chin seam to front seam. Attach legs to the body.

## CHECKING FOR PINS AND NEEDLES

You may have used many pins during your assembly and sewing. Please take your time to thoroughly check you bear and remove all pins. We do not want you to accidentally stick yourself while you stuff your bear!

## **STUFFING YOUR BEAR**

- ❖ Before you start stuffing, please PAUSE and EXAMINE your bear.
  - Are the arms slightly curving forward, toward each other?
  - Are the feet (toes) pointing up?
  - Are the ears stuffed with fiberfill?
  - Are the ears attached so that the pleat of the ear is in line with the front seam of the face?
  - Does the nose look like the photograph provided?
- ❖ If something does not look quite right, compare your bear to the photo later in these directions, and make any needed adjustments or corrections.
- ❖ Now you get to use those 1 – 2 pounds of fiberfill you set aside by stuffing them through the bear's hole in the back.
- ❖ Some people find it helpful to use a wooden spoon to poke the stuffing into the bear's arms and legs.
- ❖ How stiff to stuff? We want Boggy Bears to be not too hard and not too soft, but just right, so Goldilocks would enjoy them.

## **STITCHING UP THE BACK HOLE**

When you are finished stuffing the bear, please neatly stitch the remaining seam along the back hole.

## **ACCESSORIZING YOUR BEAR'S NECK**

When you are done stuffing and sewing, please add a cloth ribbon or a fabric tie to your bear's neck.

- ❖ If you are a seasoned Bear Maker who has the pattern for the fabric tie, you may choose to make that and tie it in a knot around the bear's neck.
- ❖ Otherwise, please use 32 inches of satin/fabric ribbon that matches your bear's fabric(s) and tie it around the bear's neck with a small bow hanging down in the front of the bear. A ribbon between ¼" and 1½" wide is best.

## **CHECKING AGAIN FOR PINS AND NEEDLES**

**Yes, please do it again.** Sometimes pins hide. Please closely examine your bear again and remove those hiding pins. **We do not want anyone to accidentally get stuck, especially not our campers!**



**AN EXAMPLE OF A TWO-FABRIC BEAR**



## **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BOGGY BEARS AT CAMP?**

Almost all of our teddy bears are given to our campers and families. In the summertime, bears go to all of our campers. During the spring, winter, and fall, the bears go to our campers and their siblings, who get to attend camp, too, for our family retreat weekends. This equals approximately 2,950 bears a year!

Once in a while we give a few of our teddy bears to our large corporate supporters, large donors, and medical partners as a form of tribute to them. Infrequently we have auctioned or sold bears to raise money for Camp Boggy Creek. One of our Boggy Bears once raised \$26,000 at an auction! A little Boggy Bear magic can go a long way!

Thank you for allowing us to use the bears you create in the best way we see fit to help camp.

## **WHAT DO I DO WITH MY BOGGY BEAR WHEN I AM FINISHED?**

Please mail or deliver your completed items to the address below:

Camp Boggy Creek  
c/o Camp Operations  
30500 Brantley Branch Road  
Eustis, Florida 32737

Please include a note with your name and address, so we can send you a thank you letter! Just throw in a note, and we will find it. There is no need to pin it to a bear – we do not want any pins in there after you took the time to remove all of your sewing pins!

## **QUESTIONS?**

Please call (352) 483-4200 extension 215 or toll-free 866-Go-Boggy extension 215.

*On behalf of our campers, thank you for your time, skills, and energy in making this Boggy Bear! We need many different types of help from many different people to keep camp going. You are now a part of the Boggy Creek family.*

**\*THE PATTERN STARTS ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

**\*IT IS SIX PAGES LONG.**

