

beary cute

Sharon Hawkins picked up this girl's hat for \$2 and embellished it with the cute bear for her niece, April. On reflection, she realised she should have taught April how to do the appliqué herself as it makes a great holiday project and would keep her occupied for hours!

Measurements

Design size: 9cm x 19cm
(3¹/₂in x 7¹/₂in)

Materials

- Ready-made hat of choice
- Pre-cut felt rectangles: tan, fawn
- Scrap of dark brown felt
- 2 sew-on goggle eyes
- Stranded embroidery cottons: fawn, tan, dark brown
- No 9 crewel needle
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pins

Stitches used

Backstitch, blanket stitch.
Refer to the stitch guide on page 126 to learn how to work these stitches.

Method

Trace the templates for the bear from the pattern sheet onto tracing paper with a pencil, then cut them out carefully along the line. Pin the face, the ears and the hands to the piece of tan felt and cut around the shapes. Cut the nose from a scrap of dark brown felt, and the muzzle and inner ears from the fawn felt rectangle.

Using three strands of fawn embroidery cotton threaded in the crewel needle, blanket-stitch the muzzle to the head. Do the same for the inner ears on the ear pieces. Blanket-stitch the nose with three strands of dark brown cotton, then backstitch the mouth with the same thread. Neatly sew on the goggle eyes.

Centre the bear's head on the front of the hat and pin it in place, then blanket-stitch it using three strands of tan cotton. Work the hands in the same way, using the photographs as a guide for placement. Blanket-stitch around the top of the ears, then position them very close to the head. Blanket-stitch the curved base of the ears to the hat to finish it off. ●

