

Comfy, Cosy, Winter Warmer - Hot water bottle



Materials List

- 0.5mtr of fur/fleece,
- Felt squares – pink for lamb, brown and fawn for cow
- Woven interfacing for body front
- Wadding for body back and head
- 2 x buttons or animal eyes
- 1 x Nose for lamb
- Fibre Fill
- White embroidery thread for lambs mouth and black, brown for fawn for cows face.
- Sewing thread to match fabric
- Open Embroidery Foot #20
- Reverse –Pattern Foot with Clear Sole # 34/34C
- Hot Water Bottle

Tips and tricks for sewing with fur fabrics.

- When cutting these types of fabric, they tend to make a bit of a mess by leaving bits of fur all over the place so make sure you have nothing else laying around that the fur can attach itself and that includes you. You may want to wear an apron to protect your clothing or use a lint roller when your finished.
- Use a piece of the scrap fabric to clean up all the fur. It attaches to itself very easily.
- You may need to shake off all the excess fur from the cut pieces once you have finished cutting but make sure you do it outside otherwise it will be all over your sewing area.
- Use wonder clips instead of pins as the pins tend to distort thick fabric were as the clips hold the fabric together really well.
- Make sure to lengthen your stitch length, it will help feed the fabric through more evenly. Sew a little test piece before you begin your project to make sure the fabric feeds properly.

Have fun this winter with the must-have fashion accessory that's designed to keep you comfy and cosy on a cold winters day or night.

With just a few changes to the pattern and fabric choices, you can turn your hot water bottle into a cute and cuddly Lucy the Lamb or Clarabelle the Cow. Apart from the faces and additional horns, the pattern is the same.

I'm sure any little boy or girl would love to cuddle up with one of these fury friends.

There are so many wonderful fur/fleecy fabrics to choose from. Here are a few tips and tricks to read before you start sewing.

Method:

- Trace out all pattern pieces.
- For Pattern front- Join top and bottom section of body back along dotted line.
- Cut out pattern pieces for fur fabric according to the design you have chosen. Front, back head, back body, and one set of ears.

Lamb

- Cut face and one set of ears from pink felt.
- Mark placement point for eyes, nose and mouth onto felt.
- Attach Open Embroidery Foot #20
- Select zig-zag stitch, Width-2, Length- stain stitch. Thread up with white thread.
- Stitch from the nose down to the base of the mouth.
- Stitch mouth.
- Attach eyes and nose.



- Position face onto front panel.
- Select blanket stitch, Width-2, Length-2- 2.5 and needle position far right. This allows you to place the inside edge of the foot on the edge of the fabric.
- Stitch around face leaving a small opening so that you can insert a small amount of fibre fill to puff out the face.

Note: the free hand system makes pivoting around the curves so much easier.

- Sew opening closed with blanket stitch.

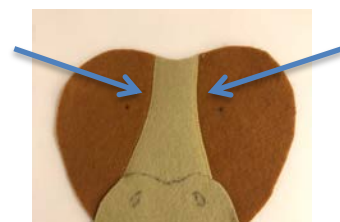


Cow

- Cut face, one set of ears and 2 x sets of horns from brown felt.
- Cut brow/nose/mouth piece from the fawn felt.
- Mark in lines for nose and nostrils with marking pen.
- Place into position onto face.
- Mark in eye position.



- Attach Open Embroidery Foot #20 and thread up machine with fawn coloured thread.
- Select blanket stitch, Width-2, Length-2- 2.5 and needle position far right.
- Place the inside edge of the foot on the edge of the fabric and stitch both sides of the brow.



- Attach eyes.
- Position face onto front panel.
- Blanket stitch along the top of the brow and bottom of the mouth.
- Change to brown thread and applique around face.
- Change to black thread.
- Select zig-zag stitch with Width - 3 and Length - 0.7 (satin stitch) and stitch around nose.



- No... ate... ball type satin stitch and singe pattern function or by sewing a varied satin stitch width, tapering from wide to narrow for the curve.
- Have a look through your decorative stitches to see if you have any other alternatives. Test sew on a sample first to see what works best.

Construction:

- Change to Reverse Pattern Foot with Clear Sole # 34/34C. This foot allows for very accurate sewing which is very helpful when sewing fur/fleece fabrics.
- Select straight stitch. Depending on the fleece you have chosen, you may wish to increase your stitch length slightly to help it feed better while stitching.

- Separate ears and sew one felted and one fleece piece together leaving the straight edge open. Do the same for the other ear.
- Clip and turn through to the right side.

Note: make sure you have one set, of ears, a left and a right. Not two the same.

- Fold ears so that they are almost in half, felt sides together. Stitch together using a small seam allowance.
- Pin or clip ears into position on either side of the front panel, raw edges together.
- Open out the ears to make sure they are in the correct position.
- Stitch into place using a small seam allowance.



- Sew horns together, clip and turn through.
- Fill horns with a small amount of fiber fill.
- Pin/clip horns into position and stitch onto head.
- Reinforce the wrong side of the body back and head section with some batting. This can either be sewn in or ironed on to help give them a little more support and insulation.



- Neaten the raw edges with a zig-zag, overlock stitch or Overlocker.
- Hem the long edges of both back sections, head and body by turning up a 1.5cm hem and stitch into place.

Note: This creates the opening for the water bottle to be inserted.



- Place body front right side up, and fold in the ears/horns.



- Place top section (head) of body back right sides down onto body front. Pin/clip into place.
- Place bottom half of body back onto the front and pin/clip into position. There will be a small amount of overlap so that the two pieces become the same size as the front pattern.
- Stitch all the way around the body.
- Trim and clip seam allowances where necessary.
- Turn through to the right side.
- Sew along stitch line for hands and feet.
- Attach a flower/bow on ear for the lamb or a bell around the neck for the cow to add a bit of character.
- Fill water bottle as suggested on the instructions and enjoy having a nice warm furry friend to snuggle up with on a cold winters night.

