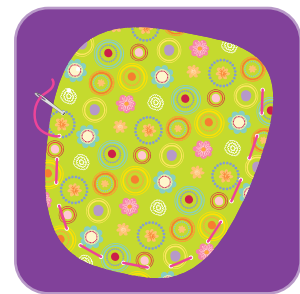
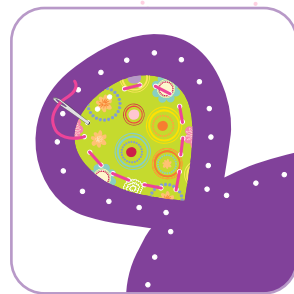


Sewing a Bear, continued



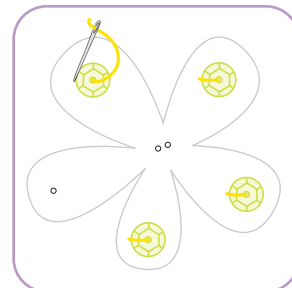
7 Make the pocket. Using the **running stitch**, sew the patterned felt shape onto the front of the bear's body as shown. Use the holes to guide your stitches. Tie a **finish knot** on the underside of the felt.



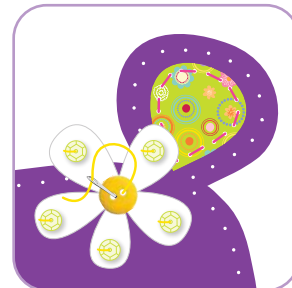
8 Make the ears. Continue with the **running stitch**, sew the pink floss, and use the **running stitch** to attach the patterned felt teardrop shapes to the ears as shown.

9 Thread the needle with 16 inches of yellow floss, and tie a **start knot**.

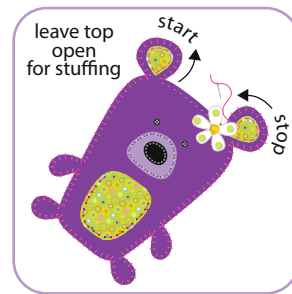
10 Decorate the flower. Sew a sequin onto each felt petal using the **sequin stitch**. Tie a **finish knot** on the underside of the felt.



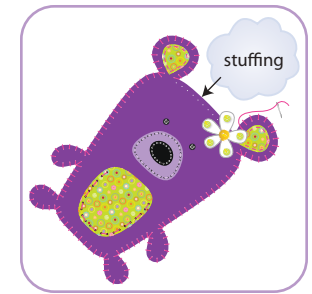
11 Match up the button to the holes in the felt flower. Sew the button and the felt flower onto the front of the bears' head as shown.



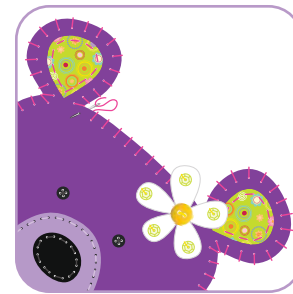
12 Thread the needle with 16 inches of pink floss. Using the **whip stitch**, start at the inside part of one of the ears, and stitch around to the inside of the other ear, leaving the part between the ears open. You will need more than one length of floss to complete this step.



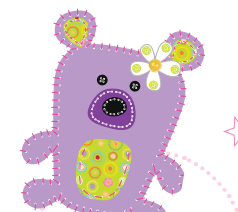
Stuffing the Bear



1 Gently insert stuffing into the bear's body. Make sure to save enough stuffing for your other bear.



2 Complete the stitching along the top of the head with the **whip stitch**. Tie a **finish knot** on the underside of the felt.



Keeping Your Friendship Fun

Try these ideas for fun with a friend!

Make a time capsule to open together in five or ten years. Write down your dreams and predictions for the future. Include a description of life as you know it. Put in letters from parents or friends, ticket stubs, and anything else that's important to you today. Seal it up and store it in a safe place!

Write, direct, and produce your own show. Invite people you know to attend. Try to make a video of your production!

Sign up for a charity race. Train for it together, and collect donations. Whether you're helping to find a cure for a disease or raising awareness of a problem in your area, you'll be making a difference!

Start a business. It could be weeding gardens or walking dogs. Create fun flyers, and ask your neighbors or others you know to be customers. Do something special with the money you earn!

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Sew and Stuff Bear Kit

Ages 8+

So cuddly and so much fun! Each felt piece includes perforated stitch guides, making it simple to sew these friendly stuffed bears. Sew one for you and a mini stuffed bear for your doll.

Before You Start

Lay out all the pieces in your kit so that you can reach them easily as you follow the instructions.

Note: the supplies in this kit have been tested to work with your American Girl® doll. Other non-tested supplies are not recommended for use with your doll.

Check your contents! Your kit includes:

- project & idea booklet
- 20 felt pieces
- 16 yards (14.63 m) of embroidery floss in 4 colors
- 2 buttons
- 15 sequins
- 1 needle
- 1 needle threader
- 100% polyester stuffing

You will need scissors, a ruler or tape measure, and an adult to help.

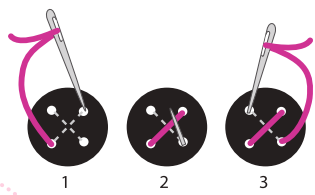
CAUTION: Product contains a functional sharp point. Adult supervision required.



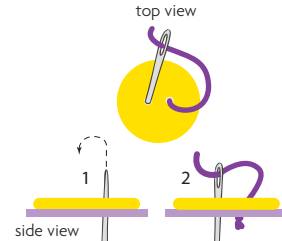
45 PIECES

Stitches to Use

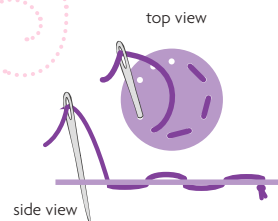
✦ Sewing needles are sharp, so have an adult supervise all sewing activities. There are 5 stitches in this project. When the instructions call for a certain stitch, refer to this picture to see how to do it.



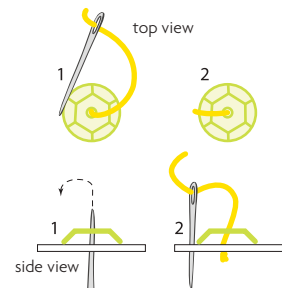
X Stitch



Button Stitch



Running Stitch



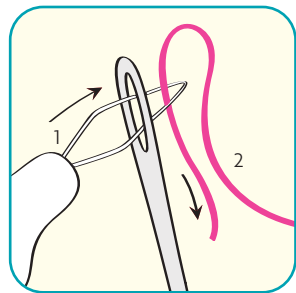
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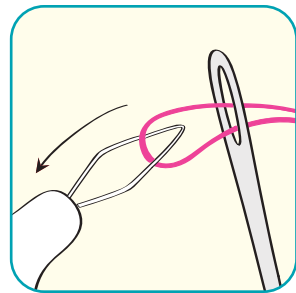
Whip Stitch

Threading the Needle

No matter which stitch you're sewing, you'll need to thread the needle first. Here's how:



1 Cut a piece of colored embroidery floss. Poke the wire end of the needle threader through the needle hole.

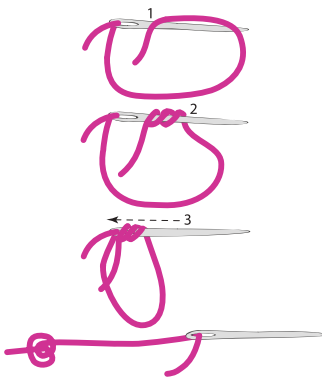


3 Pull the threader through the needle eye. Remove the threader.

Tip: About 16 inches of floss is a good amount to begin with.

Tying Start & Finish Knots

Start Knot

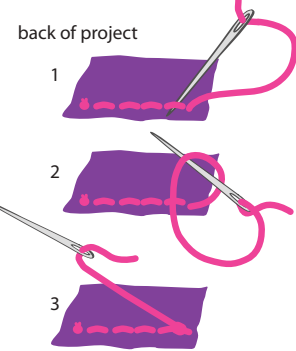


1 Hold the end of the floss close to the eye of the needle with your thumb and finger.

2 Wrap the floss around the needle 2 or 3 times by holding the loop.

3 Grasp the wrapped floss. Pull it toward the eye of the needle, and then slide it to the end of your floss. Pull tight.

Finish Knot



1 On the back side of your project, thread your needle underneath your last stitch (1) and then again through the loop (2) you have made. Pull the thread tight (3) to create the knot. Repeat for a double knot. Cut the floss.

Sewing a Bear



small bear

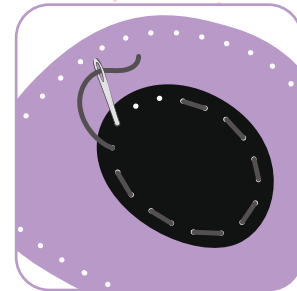


large bear

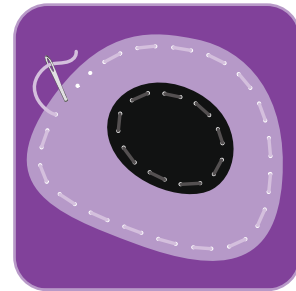
1 Locate and group all the felt pieces for the small bear. Do the same for the large bear. Instructions are the same for both bears.



2 Thread the needle with 16 inches of black embroidery floss, and tie a **start knot**. Sew black felt eyes onto the bear using the **X stitch**. The holes in the felt will guide you on where to put the stitches. Tie a **finish knot** on the underside of the felt.



3 Make the nose. Continue using the black floss. Make another **start knot**, and sew the black nose shape onto the purple nose shape using the **running stitch**. Tie a **finish knot** on the underside of the felt.



5 Using a **running stitch**, sew the purple nose shape onto the front of the bear's body. Again, use the holes as your guide for the stitches. Tie a **finish knot** on the underside of the felt.

4 Thread the needle with 16 inches of lilac floss, and tie a **start knot**.

6 Thread the needle with 16 inches of pink floss, and tie a **start knot**.

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