## <u>Scruffy Duffy</u> <u>Created by The Teddy Bear Ladies</u> Personal use only – not for resale

#### Instructions for making your Bear Pattern

1/ Stick you pattern pieces on to card and carefully cut out.

2/ Lay your pattern on to the reverse of your fabric and carefully draw around the pieces. Follow the pile direction with the arrows.

3/ Cut out your pieces with sharp scissors. Cutting the backing fabric and not the pile

#### Sewing

We have allowed a seam allowance of approx <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cm Back stitch and then over stitch for strength Use small stitches Always sew with right sides together (inside out) Match your thread to the back of your fabric

### Ears

Pin 2 pieces, right sides together. Back stitch around the curved edge leaving A - B open. Turn in the right way. Use a running stitch from A - B and pull tight to create a crease in the ear. Repeat as above for second ear.

### <u>Head</u>

Trim the pile from the seam allowance around Scruffy Duffy's muzzle. Cut open along line A –B. Pin ear into position and stitch into place. Repeat for other side. Take your 2 head pieces pin and sew (right sides together) from A – B. Take the head gusset and carefully pin the gusset into position (right sides together). Take care to match the points A, B & D. Leave open at B – D for neck joint. Turn in the right way.

#### **Body**

With right sides together pin and stitch around leaving an opening where indicated. Turn in the right way

#### <u>Leg</u>s

There are 4 leg pieces. Two facing one way and two opposites. Place matching pieces, right sides together (sew A-D & B-C) sew around leaving opening where indicated.

Pin paw pads in place matching up points A-B this can sometimes be a bit fiddly. Sew carefully into place taking care to keep the seam as smooth as possible. When finished turn in the right way. Repeat for other leg

#### Arms

With right sides together pin and sew all around leaving an opening where indicated. Turn in the right way. Follow the same procedure for other arm.

#### **Stuffing & Jointing**

#### Head

Stuff the head carefully with the stuffing. Use small amounts of stuffing at a time. Take care to firmly stuff, particularly in the nose area. When you have filled the head and you are happy with the shape you are ready to place the neck joint inside the head. Place one of the metal washers over the split pin then one of the hardboard discs. Place this inside the head opening. Now sew a gathering stitch around the disc and draw in tight to cover the disc. Tie off securely. You may feel you want to sew round more than once to make sure the head joint is safe. This is fine as long as your stitching is neat.

You now have a head with a split pin sticking out at the neck. Well Done!

You can now attach this to the body. Push the split pin through the top of the body. Place the other disc followed by the metal washer on to the spit pin (inside the body). Now use you pliers to curl the ends of the split pin over so that the head is securely attached to the body (see diagram)

#### Eyes

Thread a long piece of thread through the loop on the eye and tie in a double knot. Decide where you are going to position the eyes (experiment before committing yourself. You will find that moving the eyes into different places will change Scruffy Duffy's expression). Thread a long needle with the thread attached to the eye. Push the needle through the head at the eye position and out at the back of the head. Pull tight so that the eye fits snugly and doesn't protrude from teddy's face. Repeat this procedure for the other eye finishing in approximately the same place. Now you can tie the ends together to secure the eyes, lose ends inside teddy's head using a needle.

Trim away the fur around the nose area

Embroider Scruffy Duffy a nose and mouth that appeals to you. Big nose, small nose, smiley mouth, sad mouth. The face really is an individual thing. Make your teddy's expression personal to you.

When you are happy take the thread through to the back of the head and secure. Lose the ends in the head so that they don't show.

#### Filling arms and legs

Fill the limbs with the poly pellets and a small amount of stuffing. Not too full as this Scruffy Duffy is designed to be floppy. Now using a ladder stitch close the opening as neatly as possible.

Now fill the body with pellets and stuffing. Again do not over fill. When you are happy close the opening so that the filling can't escape.

You are now ready to string joint your bear. Thread a long needle with strong thread. Follow the diagram and tie off securely under the arm.

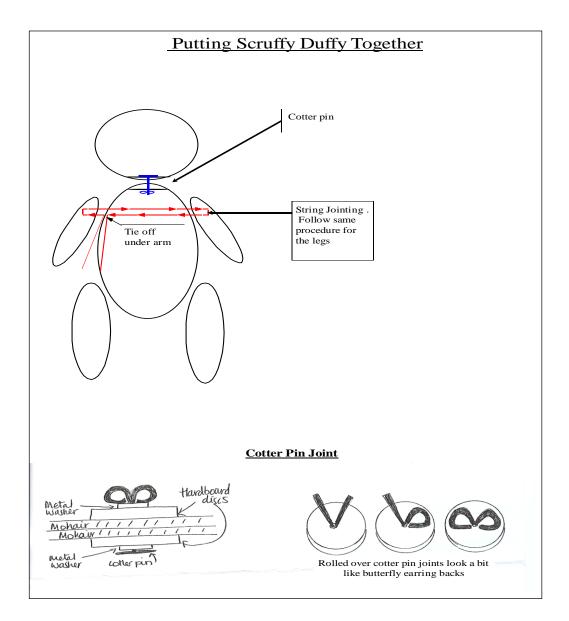
Follow exactly the same procedure for the legs and tie off securely on the inside of the leg

#### Finishing

This is the bit where you can make your Scruffy Duffy as scruffy or as smart as you like. It is entirely up to you. Suggestions:

- Claw stitching
- Pretend darns/ repairs
- Leave lose threads
- Trim away some fur to look like bald patches
- Add a bow

Congratulations you have completed your very own Scruffy Duffy. We're sure he will give you hours of love and hugs.



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## **Materials**

1/8 meter of sparse mohair 7mm glass eyes Matching thread Extra strong thread Embroidery thread Stuffing Poly pellets 25mm Cotter pin joint

# Tools

Sharp Scissors Sewing Needle Extra long Needle Pins Stuffing tool (chopstick will do) Pointed pliers



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