

**Security Bear** 



This cute flat bear gives babies something soft to cuddle and love.

## **Supplies Needed**

Arms and Legs

- 5x7 hoop
- 2 pieces of <u>taupe Cuddle® 3 Minky</u>, 1 piece large enough to hoop and 1 piece large enough to cover the front of the hoop

Bear

- 9.50x14 hoop
- Lightweight cutaway stabilizer (No show poly mesh)
- 1 piece of warm & natural batting 11"w x 17"h
- 2 pieces of taupe Cuddle® 3 Minky 11"w x 17"h

Additional Supplies

- <u>Tape</u>
- Water soluble topper. Use the plastic type as it will easily tear away. This is to keep the pile of the minky down so the stitching doesn't sink into it.

<u>Cuddle® 3 Minky</u> has a nap. Make sure when you place the minky the nap is going down and in the same direction on all pieces.

## Stitch the legs and arms first

Hoop one piece of the minky right side up with the nap going down. Place the 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of minky right side down on top of the hoop with the nap going the same direction. Pin through all layers in all 4 corners.

**Stitch step 1.** This step will stitch the arms and legs. Note all 4 pieces are the exact same size.

Remove them from the hoop and trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the stitching around the 2 long sides and curved bottom. Trim the straight end about  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the stitching. Turn all 4 pieces to the right side and set aside.

## Stitch the bear

Hoop the stabilizer.

Place the batting centered in the hoop.

Place 1 piece of the minky right side up, with the nap going downward on top of the batting. The minky is slippery. Pin it in all 4 corners out of the path of the foot and needle.

Place a piece of water soluble topper over the top third of the minky. Pin it in place.

**Stitch step 1.** This step will stitch the inside of the ears. **Stitch step 2.** This step will stitch the mouth, nose, eyes. **Stitch step 3.** This step will stitch the dots in the eyes.

Gently tear the topper from around the face.

\*If you want to add a name or any other personalization, it needs to stitch now. Use a topper when stitching it.

Stitch step 4. This step will stitch small placement lines for the arms and legs.

Place the arms centered between a set of top placement lines with the curved ends towards the inside of the hoop. Have the cut end even with the end of the placement lines. Tape the arm in place. Repeat for the other arm.

Place the legs with the curved ends toward the inside of the hoop. When placing the left leg have the right hand side even with the placement line on the left. Have the cut end even with the bottom of the placement line. Tape the leg in place. When placing the right leg have the left hand side even with the placement line on the right. Have the cut end even with the bottom of the placement line. Tape the leg in place.

Place the remaining piece of minky right side down centered on top of the hoop. Have the nap going downward. Pin in all 4 corners out of the path of the foot and needle.

**Stitch step 4.** This step will stitch the bear together leaving an opening.

Remove the design from the hoop.

Trim the stabilizer and batting only close to the stitching. This will keep the seam flat and help the ears to round out.

Trim the majority of the stabilizer from inside the bear.

Trim the minky 1/4" from the stitching all around the bear leaving it longer at the opening. Do **not** cut the ends of the arms and legs shorter.

Clip into all corners and curves.

Turn the bear through the opening to the right side. Push out the ears nicely and the seams. Round out the curves. Finger press the bear flat. Turn in the raw edges and hand-sew closed.

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