

# Timothy

***You will need:***

Fat ¼ Mohair/Synthetic Fur  
20cm square of Ultra Suede for paw fabric  
10mm Black Glass Eyes  
1 set 30mm Joints  
Stuffing  
Polybeads (optional)  
Doll Needle  
Superglue  
Black Pearle Embroidery Thread  
Matching thread  
General Sewing Supplies  
Template Plastic  
Very strong thread or Unwaxed Dental Floss  
Marking Pen  
Ring Spanner & Screwdriver  
Small Sharp Pointed Scissors  
Decorative Ribbon for Bow



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**\*\*\*Please read all instructions carefully before starting\*\*\***

## **Method:**

Trace the pattern pieces from the pattern onto the template plastic. All seams are 6mm (¼) and are already included in the pattern pieces. Determine the direction of the fur pile and lay down the pattern pieces with the arrows matching the same direction as the fur pile. Using the marking pen, trace around each pattern piece on the wrong side of the fur. Reverse the relevant pieces to make a pair of arms and legs and, where indicated, carefully mark the joint and eye placements.

Using small sharp pointed scissors snip the backing fabric only, not the fur pile. When assembling the pieces before sewing, push the fur pile inwards and pin at right angles to the cut edge. Paw pads can be made from Suede, felt or leather.

## **Head**

With the right sides together, pin and sew the centre front seam from A to B. Pin and sew the head gusset along one side of the head starting at the nose A and finishing at D. Repeat for the other side.

If you have chosen to use safety eyes, turn the head right side out, then make a small hole for the eyes and insert them now. If using glass eyes, insert those after you have stuffed the head.

The head can now be stuffed. Ensure the nose is well stuffed or it will not be possible to embroider the perfect nose later. Mould the shape of the head as you fill it.

Using a heavy thread or dental floss, run a gathering stitch around the base of the neck, leaving a length of thread to pull in later. Place the neck joint metal washer on a wooden disc, then put the bolt through the hole. Glue into place with superglue. When dry place joint disk into head opening leaving the bolt protruding and pull up gathering thread tightly to completely cover the disk. Fasten off thread securely.

If using glass eyes mark their position, and make small holes. Thread a long piece of strong thread (or dental floss) through the loop on the back of the eye, then thread both ends through the eye of a long doll needle. Push the needle to the base at the back of the head, leaving the thread dangling. Do the same for the other eye, bringing this one out, close the first one. Draw up both sets of thread firmly and tie off in a triple knot. Secure the thread back into the head.

## **Body**

With right sides together, pin and sew, remembering to leave a gap where indicated on the pattern and also a small hole at the top of the body for the bolt. Poke a small hole with pointed scissors at each joint marking and turn the body right side out.

## **Arms**

Pin a paw pad to each inner arm piece, right sides together and sew from points A-B. Now pin an outer arm piece to each inner arm. Stitch around arms, leaving open where indicated. With pointed scissors, poke a small hole at each joint marking. Turn the arms right side out.

## Legs

With right sides together, sew around the legs, leaving an opening where shown on the pattern. With the right sides together, pin the footpads onto the legs. Ease the footpad around evenly, then hand-sew it in position. Poke a hole through each leg marking with scissors and turn right sides out.

## Ears

With right sides together, and matching in pairs, sew around the curve of the ears. Turn the bottom of the ear under 6mm (¼) and over sew across the base. Set the ears aside until bear is complete.

## Assembly

**Body:** Poke the long bolt shank attached to the head into the body of the bear through the opening. Thread a wooden disc, washer and nut and tighten firmly.

**Arms:** Insert the bolt with the disc and washer through from the inside of the inner arms to the outside. Push the bolt through the body at the arm markings. Working from inside the body, place a washer, disc then a lock nut. Tighten the lock nut with your fingers, and then use a ring spanner on the lock nut and a screwdriver on the screw head to secure the nuts.

**Legs:** Follow the same instructions as for the arms.

**NOTE: the arms and legs must be firmly tightened as they loosen up once the stuffing is added and the fur compresses over time.**

## Finishing

Now the body parts are assembled you can begin to shape him and give him his own character. You can fill the base of Timothy's belly with polybeads and back fill with stuffing. (polybeads are optional, you can use entirely all stuffing). Ensure neck, arms and leg joints are covered well with stuffing. Close the openings with ladder stitch using strong thread and small stitches so that the closing will not be visible.

Pin the ears to the head in a position that suits your bear, curving them slightly forward at each end. Ladder stitch securely in place and finish off thread firmly. Enhance his good looks by trimming, and plucking, the fur around his eyes and on his muzzle (optional).

Using the pearl thread, make an outline of the nose shape you want and fill it in with satin stitches. Embroider his mouth in with double straight stitches. Tease all of the fur out of Hamish's seams, and then give him a nice brush, and a bow around his neck. Or dress him however you please and don't forget to enjoy a cuddle now and then.

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