

Making Waves

Designed by Chubby Cubs, this curly haired hugster is sure to cause a stir!



Muffin is a truly tempting ted. Standing 38cm (15") tall, he is sewn from wonderfully wavy mohair. His inset eyes and pronounced muzzle add to his cheeky character. Softly filled, he has outstretched arms and is just waiting to be hugged! Follow these step by step instructions and Muffin could soon be joining your cuddly collection.

You Will Need

- 1/4 metre of mohair
- 15mm x 20mm suedette for paw pads
- Sewing thread to match
- Black perle cotton embroidery thread for nose
- Small amount of strong thread (for sewing up openings after stuffing)
- 1/2kg polyfibre filling (or similar) 1/4 kg of plastic pellets (optional)
- 5 x 45mm cotter pin joints
- 1 pair of 12mm black glass eyes
- Scissors - one sharp, pointed pair for cutting mohair plus another pair for cutting out the pattern
- Long needle for inserting the eyes
- Stuffing tool
- Long nosed pliers or a cotter key for making joints

(All above items are available through Chubby Cubs as a complete kit or individual items.)

Step by Step

1 Read through all the instructions carefully before you begin. All seams are 1/4" (6mm) unless otherwise stated. Trace the pattern pieces onto thin card and cut out. Remember that certain pattern pieces are cut in reverse, as stated on the pattern. Keep the original pattern intact as you may need to refer to it. Cut out the notches and pierce the holes in the cardboard for the eye and joint positions. Mark arrows to indicate the direction of the pile.

2 Lay your fabric the wrong side up, with the pile running towards you. Arrange the pattern pieces on the fabric with arrows pointing towards you. Draw around the pattern, then turn over the pieces marked "cut 2" and draw again, still with the arrows pointing towards you. Mark through the holes and notches. Before cutting, double check that you have marked the pattern pieces correctly.

3 To make the head, first sew the dart at the base of the neck then with right sides together, pin and sew the side heads from A to C. Sew the head gusset in two stages with right sides together, pin and sew the gusset to one side of the head from A to B. Repeat this process for the other side, leaving a gap for the filling as marked on the pattern. Now take the neck ring and sew in place at the base of the neck. Turn the material the right way through the gap in the side head. Next insert a joint through the gap and centralise on the neck ring, you can now stuff the head, shaping it as you go. Try to avoid making any lumps, then sew up the gap in the side head.

4 With right sides together, pin and sew the two ear sections together and turn to the right side. Turn under the bottom edge of the ear and stitch closed. Position the ear on the head in a position that suits you and ladder stitch the ear to the head.

5 To sew the nose, use black embroidery thread either in the style indicated or one of your choice. Carefully trim the mohair back to the lining around the nose, eye and mouth area. The eyes are crucial to the bear's overall personality and great care should be taken in the positioning of them to obtain the right look. Position the eyes, as in the pattern, and make a small hole where they are to be placed. Using strong, doubled up thread and a long



needle, pass the thread through the loop at the back of the eye.

6 Pass the needle and thread through the opposite ear (right ear to left ear and vice versa). Pull the thread fairly tightly, assisting with pressure on the eye using your thumb, and finish off securely behind the neck. Knot the thread a few times.

7 To make the legs, with right sides together, start sewing from the bottom of the leg around the entire leg, leaving an opening where indicated. Mark the centre of the foot pad and place the foot pad in the opening at the bottom of the foot. Centralise the footpad and sew it in, turn the leg to the right side.

8 To make the arms, with right sides together sew the paw pads to the inner arms. With right sides together, pin the outer arms to

the inner and sew around the entire arm, leaving an opening as indicated on the pattern.

9 To make the body, take the four body pieces and place each body front onto a body back right sides together. Sew down each side seam, from D to E then take the two sides then take the two assemblies and pin right sides together, sew all around and leave opening for stuffing. Turn the body onto the right side.

10 You can now add the joints to the body at points marked and to the arms and legs as shown on the pattern.

11 For a finishing touch you could give Muffin a lovely big bow or ruffle for his neck. Don't forget to tease out all the hairs from the seams and give him a gentle brush all over.

Bear Facts

- Chubby Cubs have a limited supply of ready-made Muffin bears which are available for £48 including postage and packing. Each one comes complete with an adoption certificate and presentation box. (Allow 28 days for delivery.)
- You can also purchase a kit with instructions to make Muffin containing the mohair, felt, joints, eyes and nose thread. The kit is priced at £24 inclusive of postage and packing (£2 extra is filling is required.) Please allow 14 days for delivery.
- To obtain either of these two offers. Please send a cheque or postal order made payable to C W & M Black with your name and address to: Chubby Cubs (C W and M Black), Maunleigh, Forest Town, Mansfield, Notts NG19 0PP.
- Telephone 01623 407 988 or fax 01623 645242 for more details. (postage is included for UK mainland only.)



