



Sew a Memory Bear (Funky Friends Factory)

Instructor: Patten Laurel

Location: Treelotta (In-person attendance is assumed. Please let us know if you plan to join us via Zoom instead.)

Class Description:

Learn how to sew an adorable Memory Bear using the popular Funky Friends Factory pattern. Our instructor will walk you through each step of the process—from cutting and shaping the pieces to assembling your bear with professional results.

This is a great introductory project for anyone wanting to learn how to sew stuffed animals from Funky Friends (and beyond). You'll pick up useful skills for creating keepsakes, using sentimental fabrics, or turning scraps into something truly special.

Skill level: Confident Beginner

Please complete before first class:

- **Read** the pattern to familiarize yourself with it and make sure you have all the supplies you need. The TIPS that are included on the pattern are very helpful. We will start construction with the HEAD on page 4 but will skip ahead to pin & sew other pieces together to improve efficiency. Please bring a pen or pencil to mark on your pattern or make a copy so you can make notes and such on it. I have divided the construction into 5 main steps before you attach the head to the body on page 6 and it will be helpful if you can number these on your pattern so you can easily follow along.
- **Test your sewing machine** to make sure it is in working order and you have all the feet needed for this project!!! Please pack extra needles and bobbins. If not very familiar with your machine, please bring your manual for your reference.
- **Cut ALL required pieces and keep them attached to the pattern pieces** – You can skip the first step on the layout of gluing all the pattern pieces onto heavier stock paper IF YOU WANT....but **DO** make a copy of all of the pattern pieces to cut from – leaving your original pattern intact.

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Supplies:

- [Pattern – Melody Memory Bear by Funky Friends Factory](#) (please see my notes and make a copy of the pattern instructions to take notes on!)
- Main Fabric – ½ yard (or various fabrics) – woven cotton fabrics – not knits!
 - IF you want to use a 10” charm pack, you will need 11-12 squares. You will have a seam on the tummy piece where the pattern says to “join piece here” and YOU WILL NEED TO ADD A ¼” SEAM ALLOWANCE to both pieces BEFORE CUTTING THEM OUT!
- Contrast Fabric (ear and footpads) – 8” x 8 1/2”
- Craft Eyes – 18mm
- Scrap of felt for nose or 3” x 2” *fabric* (not felt) IF you want to attach the nose at the beginning of assembly so it is sewn into the seams (as on our sample bear). The pattern will be given to you in class.
- Embroidery thread for nose and mouth (if sewing nose on AFTER construction).
- Stuffing – you will need about 1 lb. of fiberfill
- Thread to coordinate with fabrics. If using multiple fabrics and colors, I recommend a neutral color such as beige or gray.

Tools:

- Sewing machine, (don't forget your power cord and foot pedal!)
- Feet for your machine – **general purpose foot, quarter inch foot** (optional but *helpful*)
- Scissors, thread snips, clips, pins (LOTS OF PINS)
- Fabric markers

Treelotta Class Policies

We are a fragrance-free shop: As a courtesy to individuals who are sensitive to fragrances, we would ask that you refrain from wearing any perfumes, scented lotions or body sprays, or strong scents in general. Thank you.

Class cancellation: Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least three days in advance to receive store credit. Out of consideration for our instructors, cancellations less than three days

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before class (or no-shows) will be charged full price. If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us to let us know by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration of fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be canceled by the instructor. In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

Classes start on time. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

Parking: Parking is available on the street in front of the shop as well as in our parking lot behind the shop. For after-hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Recreation Center lot (which is across the alley from the parking lot behind our building). Please do not park in this lot on weekdays from 9-5 as you will likely be ticketed.