

Teddy bear construction suggestion:

1. Lay freezer paper over the teddy bear pattern.
2. Trace the dotted sewing line (not the heavy outline of the bear) on to the freezer paper.
3. Cut out the freezer paper bear shape, cutting on this line that was traced.
4. Fold fabric, right sides together, and position the freezer paper bear shape onto the fabric.
5. Iron freezer paper bear pattern to the wrong side of the fabric. Now there are 2 layers of fabric, right sides together, and the freezer paper bear pattern ironed on top of these layers.
6. Sew the outline of the bear, sewing just next to the bear pattern, beginning and ending along one inner leg seam, leaving about a 2 or 3 inch opening for stuffing the bear. When doing this sewing, rather than doing sharp pivoting in the corners, sew gentle turns so you have curves instead of sharp corners.
7. Gently remove the freezer bear pattern and carefully set aside to use again.
8. Leaving about a  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch seam, cut out around the bear, which is now outlined with machine sewing.
9. Clip curves and turn bear right side out.
10. Stuff bear to be cuddly and sew up the opening that was left on one of the legs.