



Fringed Nanju Bear

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Materials:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. will make 4 bears; with careful layout, 12" will make 2 complete bears, but it's tight!
- Chalk, pencil or disappearing marking pen; do not use permanent marker except to mark eyes
- Chopstick or similar object for stuffing poke-er; no sharp points though
- Black felt circles for eyes
- Red fabric (not felt) for heart
- Lightweight Fusible for heart (optional)
- Black embroidery floss for eyes; red embroidery floss for heart if hand stitching
- Poly-fil brand poly filling Good quality is important; some brands do not work well
- 1/8" x 16-18" ribbon for neck bow
- NOTE: **RST** means right sides together; **WST** means wrong sides together. For ease in tracing, glue patterns to lightweight cardboard & cut out front & back.

1. With 2 layers of fabric RST, trace bear(s) front & back with non-permanent marker. Mark stop & start for back seams; **allowing 3" is important so bear can be stuffed without ripping seam open**. Mark location of eyes from pattern; can use a small dot of permanent marker for eye location.
1. If using fusible for heart, trace hearts onto paper side of light weight fusible, fuse to red fabric, then cut out. Machine or hand stitch with blanket stitch to left front chest of bear. Don't place too close to outer seam line. Then stitch black felt eyes in place; do not use buttons to be totally child safe.
2. RST stitch center seam of front pieces using a generous **1/4" seam**; stitch over neck curve a second time.
3. RST stitch center seam of back pieces with generous 1/4" seam, **leaving 3" open for ease of stuffing & back stitching at each end**. Double stitch neck curve.
4. As per pattern, make clips at curves of head front & back, being careful not to clip into seam.
5. WST match front to back, aligning seams at head and body bottom. Stitch **1/2" seam** around entire body. You may wish to mark this seam in a few places, especially under arms until familiar with it. Also note or lightly mark the stitching line for across ears arms & legs until familiar with sewing them.
6. Stuff ears with a "half-thimble-full". Stuff legs and arms firmly, but not past stitching lines. Machine stitch across stitching lines for ears, legs & arms. You may find a "poke-er" like a chopstick helpful for this and other parts of stuffing, like the nose.
7. Firmly stuff head, making sure that nose is fully filled. Then finish stuffing body.
8. With stitches close together, whipstitch body opening closed, making sure to take extra stitches at beginning, end and midway to ensure it doesn't pop open.
9. Using sharp tipped scissors (spring loaded ones are easier on the hands!), fringe the bear by making snips about every 3/8" around entire bear. **Be very careful not to snip into stitching!**
10. Lastly, tie a ribbon around teddy's neck into a nice bow and double-knot it. Trim ends if too long.
11. Stand back & admire a cute bear some child will love!