

Lions & Tigers & Bears - Oh My !

Requirements:

Lion 12" × 3685Y, 12" × 3646L and 8" × 3630C. 1 yard orange jumbo Ric-Rac.

Tiger 12" × 3690P, 12" × 3686Y and 8" × 3646G

Bear

12" × 3624L, 12" × 3690W and 8" × 3650P Small scrap pink wool felt.

All Bags

14" Iron on Pellon (Vilene H630).
Fusible web.
COSMO embroidery floss in black 600,
white 2500 & optional pink 506.
3" x 3" black wool felt.

1/4" seam allowance included.

-Magnify your templates to 200% before use. Please use the 1" legend to ensure that your templates are to scale.

-Fold your piece of main bag fabric in half, right sides together. Trace your chosen animal's main bag template once onto folded fabric and cut out on the traced line.

-Take your piece of iron on pellon (Vilene H630) and fold in half. Trace the main bag template once onto the folded pellon and cut out on the traced line. Iron pellon to the wrong side of your main bag pieces.

-Take a piece of your face fabric measuring 8 1/2" × 9 1/2" and iron fusible web of the same size to the back of this. Trace your face template onto the wrong side and cut out on the traced line. Peel paper from your fusible web, position and iron the face onto the bag front. -Take a piece of your muzzle fabric measuring 5" × 7" and iron fusible web of the same size to the back of this. Trace your muzzle template (and stripes for tiger bag) onto the wrong side and cut out on the traced line. Peel the paper, position the muzzle and iron into place.

-Take a piece of black wool felt measuring 3" × 3" and iron fusible web to the wrong side of this. Trace your nose template once and eye template twice onto the wrong side and cut out on the traced lines. Peel paper from your fusible web and iron the nose and eyes into place.

-FOR BEAR: Take a small piece of pink wool felt and iron fusible web to the wrong side of this. Trace the flower onto the wrong side and cut out on the traced line. Peel paper from your fusible web and iron the flower into place.

-Machine or hand appliqué your face, muzzle, (stripes for tiger, flower for bear), nose and eyes onto your main bag front.

-Mark the mouth, freckles, whiskers for lion/tiger and eyebrows for lion onto the bag front using a pigma pen or pencil.

-Using 4 strands of your black COSMO embroidery floss, backstitch all marked lines and create the freckles with French knots (alternatively you can use dark pink for the mouth). Using 6 strands of white COSMO embroidery floss create a pupil in each eye with a triple wrap French knot. -Take a piece of your ear fabric measuring 8" × 8" and iron pellon measuring 8" × 4" to the back of half of this. Fold in half, right sides together. Trace your ear template twice onto the folded fabric and cut out on the traced lines (giving 2 pieces with pellon and 2 without).

-Take a small piece of your inner ear fabric and iron fusible web to the wrong side of this. Trace the inner ear template twice onto the paper side of your fusible web and cut out on the traced lines. Iron the inner ears onto your ear front pieces (with pellon). Machine or hand applique the inner ears into position on the ear pieces.

-Place your ear front and back pieces on top of each other, right sides together. Sew the ears together leaving the edge open for turning as indicated on the pattern sheet. Turn and press.

-FOR LION: Take your bag front and place it right side up. Position the ears onto the main bag, right sides together, approx 1/2" down from the top edge. The raw edges of the ears should meet the raw side edges of the main bag. Tack in place.

-FOR LION: Position your jumbo ric-rac from under one ear to under the other. Approx 2/3 should be lying over the bag fabric and 1/3 will be lying outside the bag. Ensure that you angle the ric-rac out under the ears so that the ends can be trimmed later and will not get caught in your sewing. Tack into place. Take another length of your ric-rac and repeat for the top edge of your bag front. -FOR TIGER & BEAR: Take your main bag front and place it right side up. Position the ears onto the main bag, right sides together, approximately 1/2" down from the top edge of your bag. The raw edges of your ears should meet the raw side edges of the main bag. Tack in place.

-Take your bag front and your bag back pieces and lay them on top of each other, right sides together. Sew the bag together along the side and bottom edges leaving the top edge open. Snip curved and angled edges and turn right side out. Press.

-Take your lining fabric (same fabric as for face) and fold in half, right sides together. Trace the main bag template once onto folded fabric and cut out on the traced line (for tiger lining please omit tufts at the bag sides for lining pieces). These are your bag lining pieces. -Take your lining front and back pieces and lay them on top of each other, right sides together. Sew the lining together as per the main bag, ensuring you leave a 5" gap along the bottom edge for turning.

-Take your muzzle/inner ear fabric and cut a handle strip measuring 31" \times 3". Iron a strip of pellon measuring 31" \times 1 1/2" to the wrong side of half of this. Fold your handle strip in half, right sides together, along the length and press.

-Sew the raw edges of your handle strip together along the length and one of the short ends. Turn the handle right side out by pushing the sewn end in through the handle and out through the open end. Press and cut off the sewn end.

-Top stitch the handle along both long edges and press. Cut your handle into two 15" lengths. -Pin the bag handles into position on the front and back of your bag. Both raw ends of your handles should meet the top raw edges of your bag and they should be approx 1/2" (Tiger and Bear) or 1 1/4" (Lion) in from the side edges. Tack the handles into position.

-Keeping the main bag right side out and the lining bag right side in, place the main bag inside the lining bag. Push handles between the two layers so they are well clear of the top edge. Carefully sew all the way around the top of the bag catching the handles into this seam.

-Turn the bag right side out through the hole in the seam of the lining and push the lining inside the main bag. Topstitch the top edge of your bag and slip stitch the opening in your lining closed.



