



Flower Fairy

Designed exclusively for TBCI by Megan Chamberlain, this little sweetheart will brighten up your day!

Chlöe is just 10cm (4") tall, but she has a big personality! This diminutive bruin was designed exclusively for TBCI by Megan Chamberlain of Essential Bears in South Africa, and once you have finished you can decorate her with flowers, bows or whatever takes your fancy! A 3mm seam allowance is included in the pattern and if you wish, you can also include a wobble jointed head using our instructions.

You Will Need:

- 23cm x 15cm miniature mohair
- Matching ultrasuede for paw pads
- 2 x 10mm joints and 2 round headed cotter pins
- 2 x 2mm onyx beads for eyes
- Black embroidery thread for nose
- Extra strong thread for jointing
- Polyester stuffing
- Trimming (optional) small piece of 4mm green silk ribbon, tiny velvet flowers and 2mm round pearl beads

Step by Step:

1 Trace the pattern pieces and make cardboard templates. Each pattern piece has an arrow which should follow the direction of the nap of the fabric. Lay out the templates, ensuring that you turn the pieces over the get the right

and left sides. Sew the bear with right sides together using a small back stitch, then turn out the pieces using a haemostat.

2 Sew the head pieces together from the base of the neck (B) to the nose (A). Starting at the nose (A), stitch the centre head gusset to the side head pieces ensuring that the centre point lies in line with the centre seam. Start from the middle and sew to the back of the neck (C). Repeat for the other side. Sew the ear pieces together and turn out.

3 Stitch the body pieces together, leaving a small hole on top of the body for the cotter pin to be inserted, and leaving an opening on the back for stuffing. For the arms, stitch the paw pads onto the inner arm from G to H, then sew the inner and outer arm pieces together, leaving an opening for stuffing at the back of the arm. Turn out.

4 Sew the leg pieces together leaving an opening in the back of the leg for stuffing and leaving the bottom of the foot open. Stitch the foot pads into place, starting from the front centre (D) and working around to E. Repeat from the other side, ensuring that the foot pad fits in neatly. Turn right side out.

5 To finish, stuff the head using small quantities of filling, ensuring that the nose is well-shaped. Insert the jointing disc and cotter pin into the base of the head.

Using two strands of very strong thread or dental floss, gather the base of the head tightly over the disc. Cut the thread, knot the two pieces of thread together tightly, then thread each piece singly and bury in the head.

6 Embroider the nose and mouth. Stitch the bead eyes to the head, pulling the thread tightly so that the eyes are embedded and forming an eye socket. Stitch the ears to the head using ladder stitch



and shape into a rounded curve. Push the cotter pin through the hole at the top of the body, place second disc on the pin and turn ends over tightly. The head should be firmly on the body. Stuff the body carefully ensuring that the stuffing is even. Close up the back opening. Stuff the arms and legs firmly and close the back seams using ladder stitch.

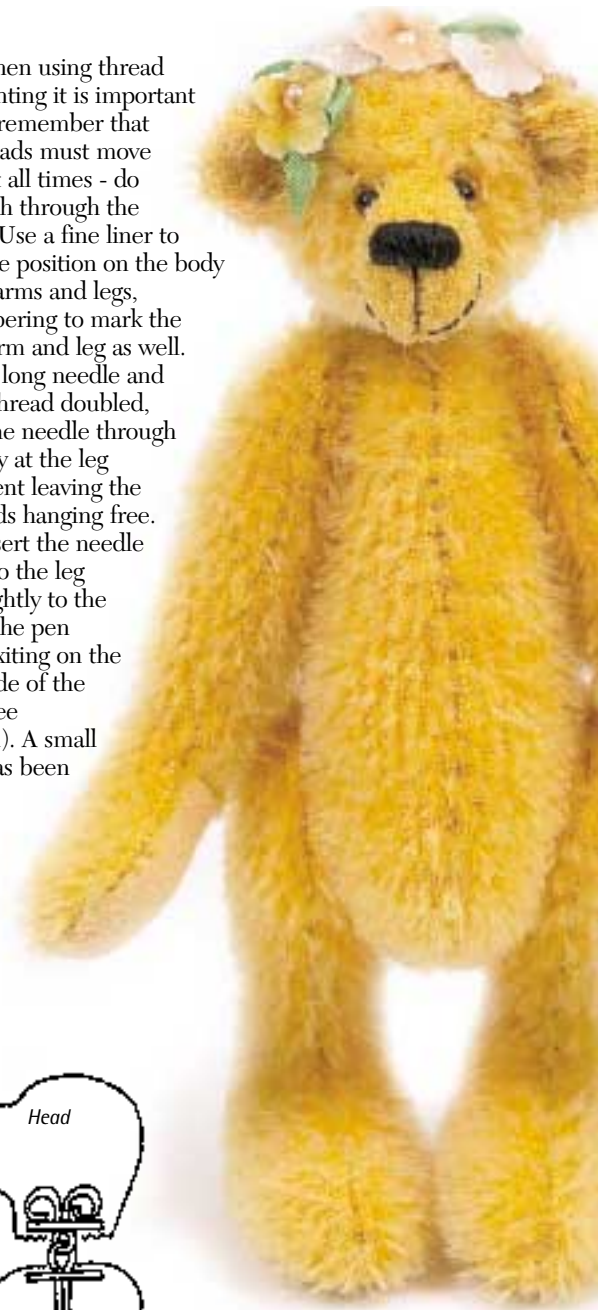
7 If you would like to include a wobble jointed head, thread the two round headed cotter pins together. Insert one pin into the joint and turn the ends over tightly (see diagram). Insert the joint with the two pins into the base of the head and close off as instructed above. Place the second cotter pin through the top of the body where marked, then insert into remaining joint and turn the ends over. The tightness of your joint will influence the wobble of your bear's head - if pulled too tight there will be less movement.

8 When using thread jointing it is important to remember that the threads must move freely at all times - do not stitch through the thread. Use a fine liner to mark the position on the body for the arms and legs, remembering to mark the inside arm and leg as well. Using a long needle and strong thread doubled, insert the needle through the body at the leg placement leaving the long ends hanging free.

9 Insert the needle into the leg slightly to the side of the pen mark, exiting on the other side of the mark (see diagram). A small stitch has been taken through the fabric and stuffing.

Go back into the body just slightly away from previous stitch and exiting on the other side, repeating the process as you attach the other leg to the body. Exit near the first stitch, remove the needle and knot all the ends together securely, pulling legs against the body. Thread the ends on the needle and bury in the body stuffing. Repeat for the arms. Chloe's arms and legs may be jointed using 10mm joints and cotter pins as per the joint marks on the pattern.

10 To trim, form small loops with green ribbon and stitch to the head using invisible thread. You can also attach flowers and beads if you wish.



Bear Facts

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