

Upcycled Bears

(How to create a teddy bear out of a knit glove)

Materials:

- One knit glove
- Thread to match glove
- Black embroidery thread
- Two beads/buttons for eyes
- Ribbon (for scarf)
- Stuffing
- Needle for thread
- Needle for embroidery thread
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Sharpie or marker

Directions:

1. Take the glove and insert it out (inside out).
2. Draw a straight line across the middle finger where it meets the hand/palm.
3. Draw arched lines on the ring finger and index finger where they meet the hand/palm.
4. Draw a line from the pinky finger where it meets the hand/palm straight down to the cuff of the glove.
5. Draw a line from where the thumb meets the index finger (and palm) straight down to the cuff of the glove.
6. Sew along the lines you drew on each finger, using a needle and thread.
7. When all lines have been sewn and knotted off, cut off each of the fingers above the lines you just drew. Save these pieces!
8. Turn the glove to the correct side out (reverse of Step 1).
9. Stuff the glove as fluffy as you want your bear until you reach the cuff of the glove.
10. With the same needle and thread, chain stitch around the glove about $\frac{1}{2}$ way down the palm. When you reach the full circle, pull the thread tightly to create your neckline (break between head and body) and knot off your thread.
11. Finish stuffing your glove up to the outer edge of the cuff. Sew the cuff closed.
12. Sew a line (chain stitch) between the ring finger and glove palm to create the ear. Repeat with the index finger.
13. Using a chain stitch, sew (vertically) straight down the center of the cuff part of the glove, pulling the thread tightly to create two legs for your bear.

14. Take a leftover finger and cut it level, leaving between $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1" of the tip. Tuck the edge inside the finger tip to smooth out the end. Fill with a bit of stuffing.
15. Using 4 straight pins, pin the stuffed finger tip to the middle of your bear's head for the snout.
16. Sew the circumference of the finger tip to the bear's face.
17. Using the embroidery thread and needle, sew through the center back of the neck, through the head, and make one small stitch for each eye, pulling the thread snugly from front to back.
18. Stitching the same for a second time (for each eye), sew the button/bead where the marker stitch is, pulling the thread snugly to make sure the eyes appear to be in the bear's head.
19. Once the eyes are in place, repeat the procedure to create eyebrows for your bear (you do not need to pull the thread snugly, but rather keep it flush with the glove)
20. Continue using your black embroidery thread to stitch a nose on the snout of your bear, creating an inverted triangle in the center of the snout.
21. When the nose is complete, knot off the embroidery thread in the back of the bear's neck where you began.
22. Take two of the remaining fingers from the glove for the arms. Cut to make them even and flush along the finger opening. Tuck the edge of each finger inside to smooth out the end. Fill with a bit of stuffing and use a chain stitch to seal.
23. Position each arm along the side of the bear. Use a chain stitch to sew each arm to the side of the bear.
24. Take the fourth remaining fingertip and cut it level, leaving between $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1" of the tip. Tuck the edge inside the finger tip to smooth out the end. Fill with a bit of stuffing.
25. Using 4 straight pins, pin the stuffed finger tip to the back of the bear for the tail.
26. Sew the circumference of the finger tip to the bear's back.
27. Cut a piece of ribbon and wrap around the neck of your bear. Tie the ribbon into a bow.
28. Enjoy your new bear friend.