



During the Second World War, materials were in short supply so people were encouraged to 'make do and mend.' From clothes to toys, recycling and reusing items became part of everyday life. In the WW2 spirit, why not make your own teddy bear?

You will need:

- Teddy template
- Material – have you got an old shirt that you can use? (whatever you can find!)
- Scissors
- Needle and thread – please use these under adult supervision
- PVA glue (if needed)
- Stuffing or chopped up material to put inside your teddy bear

Instructions

- Cut out your template onto a piece of card – a cereal packet is good
- Draw round your template onto the material – make sure it is the *wrong side* of the material. You will need two pieces of teddy shaped material
- Put the two *right sides* of teddy together and sew carefully all the way round, near the edge. Leave a gap of about 3cm near the neck.
- Turn your teddy inside out. The *right side* of the material should be the outside of teddy
- Take the stuffing or chopped up material and push it into teddy through the hole in the neck. Make sure that you push this into the legs and arms. You can make a firm teddy or a floppy teddy – the choice is yours!
- Take your needle and thread and sew up the hole in teddy's neck. He is now complete!
- Use bits of material to make some eyes, nose and mouth. Sew these or glue these onto teddy
- Your WW2 teddy is now finished

