



'Love Bug'

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Materials:

- Handmade felt
- Buttons for eyes
- Contrasting thread for the love bug
- Beads/sequins for the arms and legs
- Thick thread for the arms and legs
- Needle
- Stuffing
- Pins, scissors and paper (for template)
- Any other embellishments are optional

Step 1:

Decide on the shape of your love bug and draw this onto the paper to create a template.

Step 2:

Cut out two of the same shape.

Step 3:

Pin the two templates onto the handmade felt.

Step 4:

Cut the two love bug shapes out of the felt.

Step 5:

Take a length of contrasting thread and tie a knot in the end. Thread the needle and stitch each of the buttons in place for the eyes (this forms the front of the love bug).



Step 6:

Using the same thread; tie a knot in one end and stitch through where the arms and legs will be. Feed beads and sequins onto the thread to act as feet and hands and tie a knot in the end.

Step 7:

At this point you can embellish the love bug with any additional items. (Here I added a heart in contrasting felt). Try beads, more buttons, sequins and charms. The list is endless!

Step 8:

Place the two love bug shapes together (right sides facing out) and start to stitch around the outside of the love bug stopping about 3cms from the end. (I choose a blanket stitch in contrasting thread but straight running stitch works just as well).



Step 9:

Stuff the love bug with the stuffing. A knitting needle or pencil will help to push the stuffing to the ends of the love bug shape.

Step 10:

Pick the thread up where you left off and finish stitching up the final 3cms. Tie the thread end and your love bug is complete!

