

November Stir Crazy Polar Bear Ornaments

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It's that time of the year! Let's celebrate the upcoming holiday season by creating polar bear ornaments! Make one for you or several to share with friends and family.

Be sure to post a photo of your polar bear ornaments on Facebook and Instagram using [#stircrazyvam](#) and [#vam-bearornament](#).

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- 10"x 14" premium felt
- 10"x14" white fabric (wool, fake fur, blanket flannel)
- Lightweight iron-on interfacing
- Black and white thread or black embroidery floss
- Polyester fiber fill
- Black 1 ¼" grosgrain ribbon
- Scissors, pins, marker, cardstock or cardboard for pattern



INSTRUCTIONS

- Iron interfacing to the wrong side of white fabric.
- Cut felt into four pieces - 5"x 7" each.
- Cut white fabric into 4 pieces - 5"x 7" each.
- Trace bear onto wrong side of white fabric.
- Cut out bears.
- Mark eye and ear on right side of white fabric.
- Stitch eye and ear using very small stitch gauge or by hand using black floss.
- Center bear on felt and zigzag in place. Leave 1 ½" opening at top for stuffing.
- Lightly stuff bear with fiber fill.
- Insert loop of grosgrain ribbon behind stuffing and felt. Pin closed.
- Stich bear closed. Trim away felt so that 1 ½" of color shows around bears.
- Be careful to NOT cut the ribbon off.



POLAR BEAR PATTERN

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