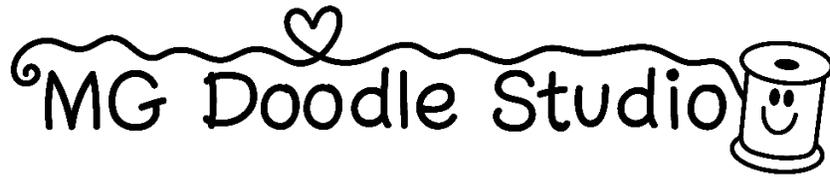


Unbearably Cute!

A fun and easy sewing project by Michelle Goggins



Supplies needed:

2 pieces of fabric, 8 X 10 inches, for the body, arms, legs and ears

1 piece of one-sided fusible fleece, cut slightly less than 8 X 10 inches

Scrap of fabric for the snout and inner ears

Scrap of fabric for the nose

Scrap of double-sided fusible web

Permanent fabric marker

Stuffing

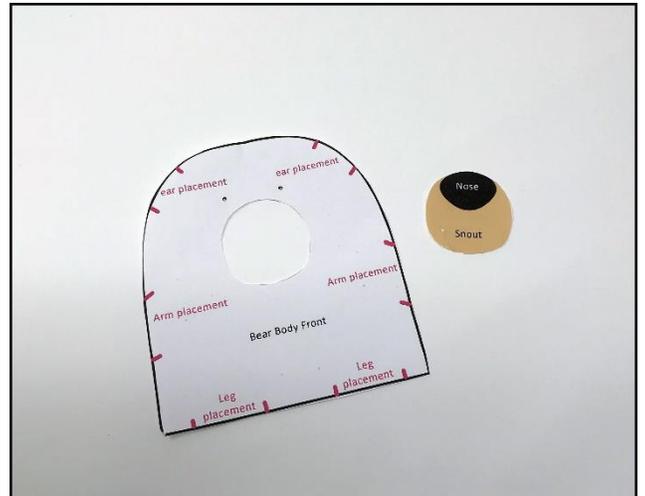
Thread to match your fabrics



How to sew:

Please read through all instructions before beginning to sew.

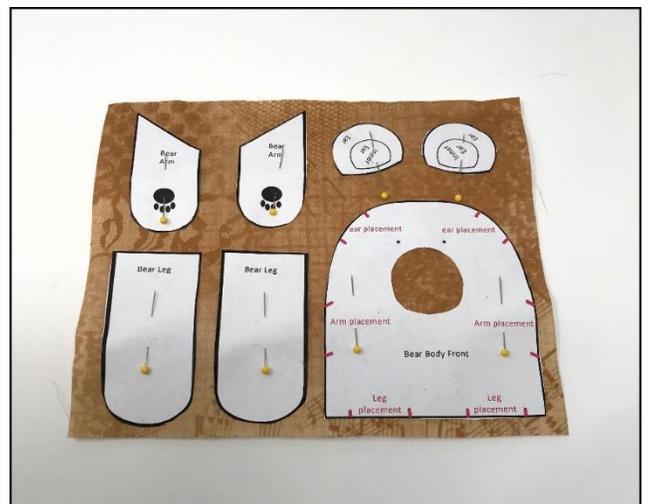
1. Print and cut out the pattern pieces.
Carefully cut out the snout as shown.



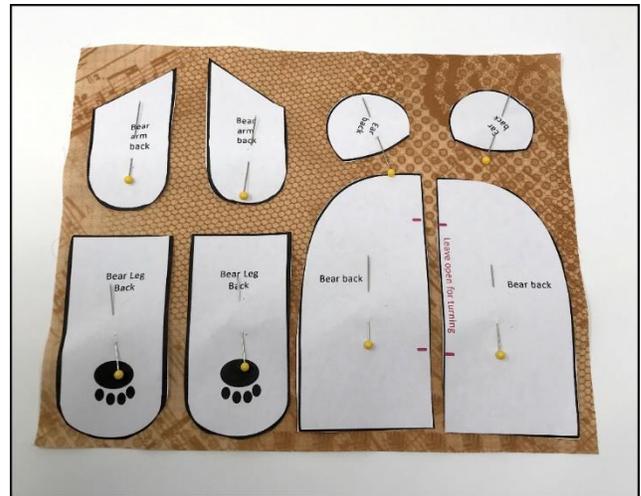
2. Fuse the one-sided fusible fleece to the wrong side of one of the 8 X 10 fabric pieces. (Follow manufacturer's instructions.) The fleece is cut slightly smaller, so you don't get fusible on your iron.



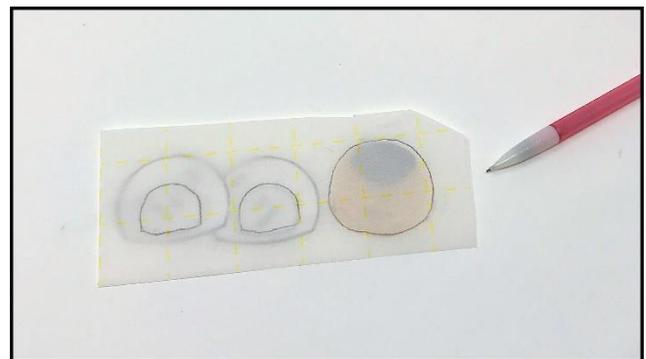
3. Pin the body front, 2 arms, 2 legs and 2 ears to the fused fabric and cut them out.



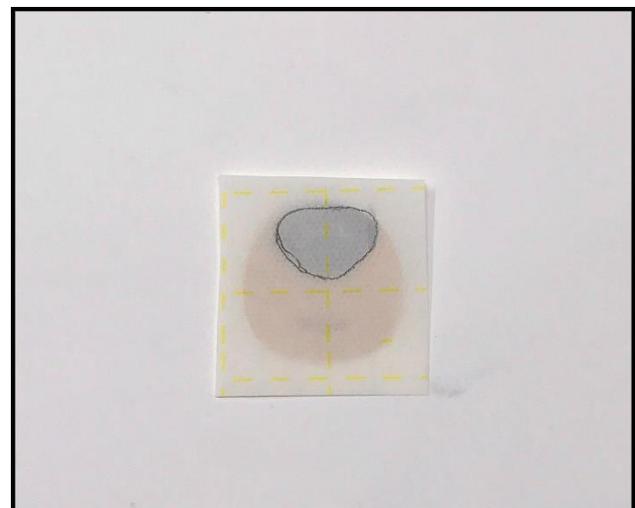
4. Pin the body backs, 2 arms, 2 legs and 2 ears to the un-fused 8 X 10-inch piece of fabric and cut them out.



5. Trace the snout and inner ears onto a piece of double-sided fusible web. Follow the manufacturer's instructions as to which side of the web to trace on. DO NOT cut them out yet.

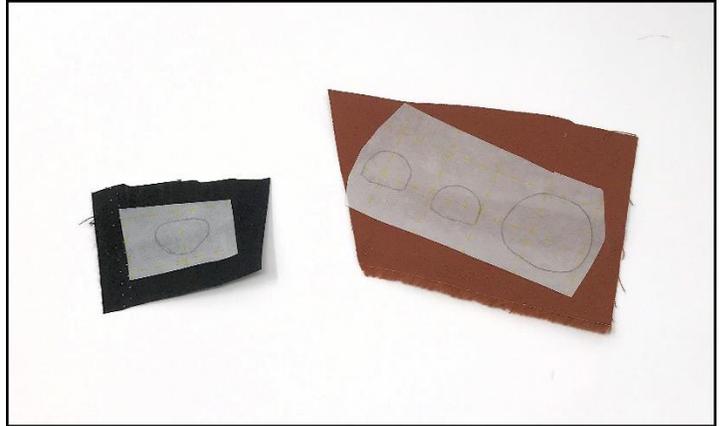


6. Trace the nose onto a separate piece of double-sided fusible web.



7. Peel the paper backing from the un-traced sides of the web.

8. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the web to the wrong side of the inner ear and snout fabric. Also fuse the web to the wrong side of the nose fabric. Cut them out.



9. Fuse the snout to the front body piece, using the pattern as a guide. Tip: Cut the snout out of the paper pattern to use as a template.

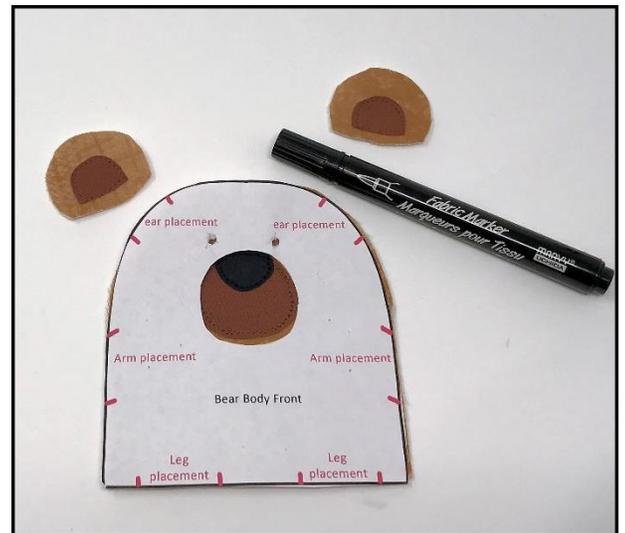


10. Fuse the nose to the snout. Fuse the inner ears to the right sides of the ear pieces with fleece.

11. Stitch around the inner ears, nose and snout if desired.

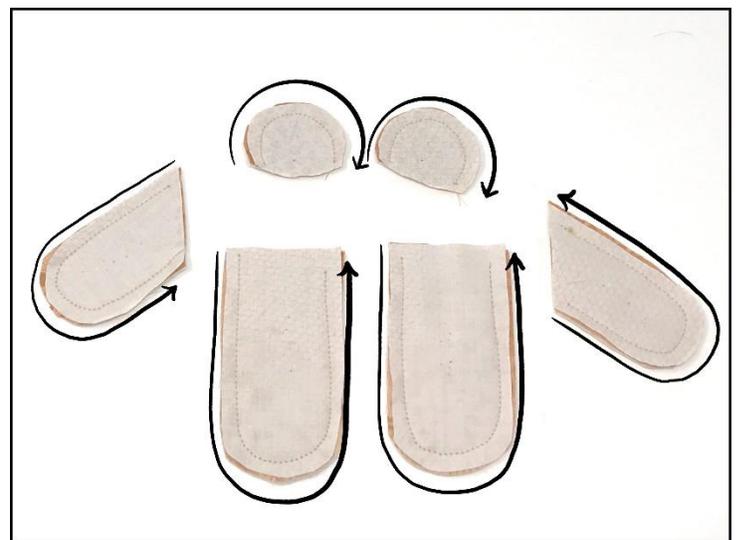


12. Use the pattern as a guide to mark the placement of the eyes. Use a fabric marker to draw two small dots for the eyes. Or use whatever you'd like to make the eyes: embroidery, buttons, googly eyes, safety eyes, etc. Please remember to keep the age of the recipient in mind when using other options.



13. Place the arms, legs and ears with right sides together. For each item, there will be one side with fleece fused to the fabric, while the other side has no fleece.

14. Sew around the arms, legs and ears as shown, using a ¼ inch seam allowance. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.



15. Turn the arms, legs and ears right side out and press well. On the arms, trim off the little triangle of fabric that remains.



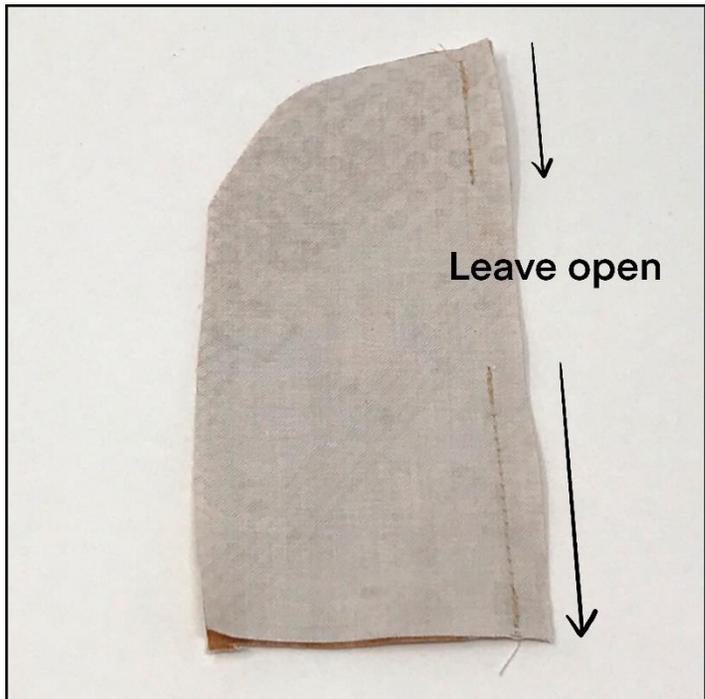
16. Place the arms, legs and ears onto the right side of the body front piece. Use the markings on the patterns as a placement guide. The inner ears should be facing toward the bear's face.

17. Baste the arms, legs and ears to the body front piece with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.



18. Place the body back pieces with right sides together.

19. Sew the back pieces together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Do this in two separate seams, leaving the indicated space open for turning. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.



20. Open the back piece and press the seams open.



21. Place the front and back pieces with right sides together. The arms, legs and ears will be tucked inside.

22. Sew around the entire piece with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Tip: Sew with the fleece side facing up so you can see the previous stitch line and make sure you're sewing to the inside of it.



23. Clip the two bottom corners and clip v-shaped notches around the curve, as shown in pink, being careful not to cut the thread.

24. Turn the bear right side out through the opening in the back. Press.

25. Use the fabric marker to draw the paws on the front side of the arms. Use a scrap piece of fabric to practice.



26. Use the fabric marker to draw the paws on the backs of the legs.

27. Fill with the stuffing of your choice.

28. Hand-sew the opening closed.

Tip: Use thread that exactly matches the fabric.



Enjoy your unbearably cute bear!



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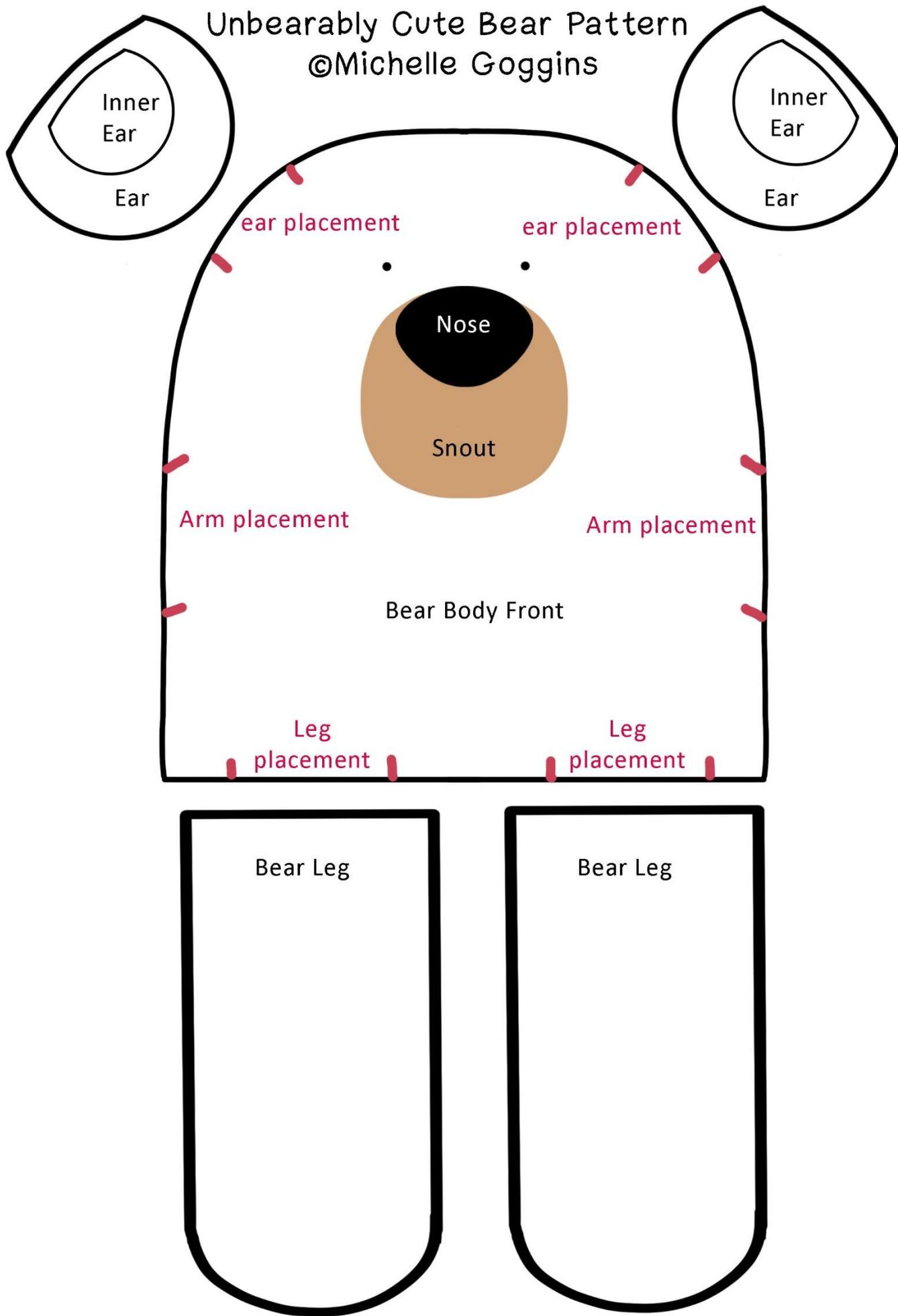
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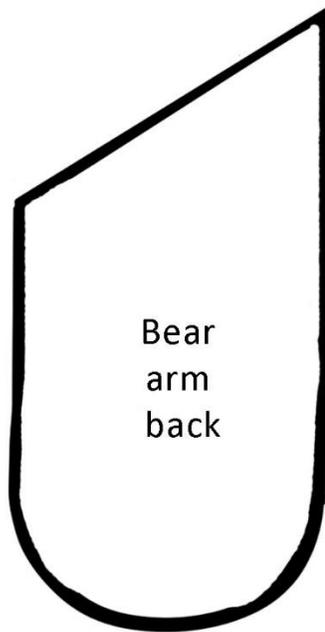
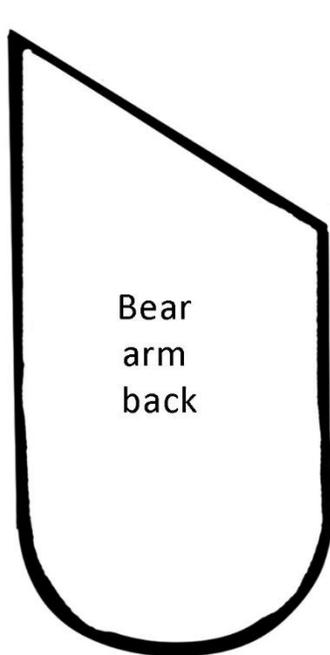
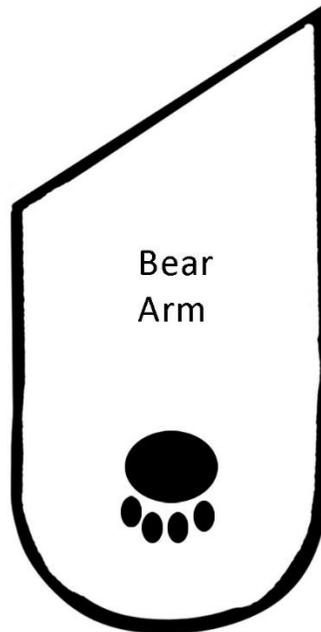
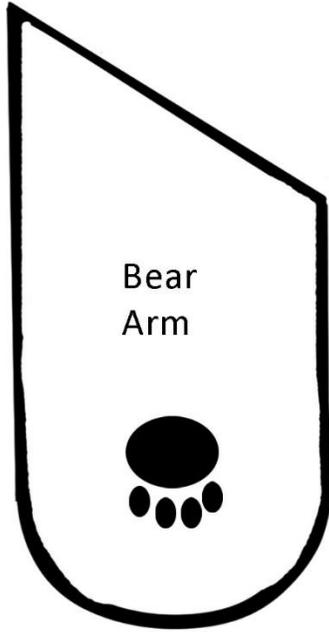
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