

Bear Hugs - set of two cushions
Approx sizes 14" x 16" and 9" x 19"



- Tea or coffee dye Stitchery if desired, fuse pellon and stitch over all lines, press well and trim back to:
 - Main pic: 7" x 5"
 - Star pic: 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"
 - Bear hugs: 2 1/4" x 2 3/4"
 - Flower strips: 1 1/4" x 6 1/2"
- Cut first borders 1" wide
- Cut second borders
 - Sides large cushion – 3" x 8"
 - Top/bottom large cushion – 2" x 11 1/2"
 - Chenilled sides long cushion –7 pieces 7" x 9" *see notes below
 - Top and bottom green long cushion – 2" wide strips
 - Green ends small cushion – 3" wide strips
- Cut Third borders
 - Sides large cushion – 3" wide strips
 - Top and bottom large cushion – 2" wide strips
- Backing
 - Large cushion – cut 2 pieces approx 14" x 10"
 - Long cushion – cut one piece approx 10" x 20"

Construction – all seams are 1/4"

- Large cushion
 - Attach narrow borders to sides then top and bottom of large Stitchery
 - Attach side floral borders then top and bottom
 - Attach top and bottom green borders
 - Make scallops from floral fabric, sew right sides together, clip curves, trim allowance, turn through and press.
 - Lay raw edges even on right side of block and baste. Attach side green borders sandwiching scallops in between.
 - Turn under seam allowance on 'Bear Hugs' Stitchery and press. Pin into position and attach using a running stitch and DMC thread.
 - Double fold a hem on one long side of each backing piece. Lay right sides together with cushion front with the hemmed edges overlapped. Stitch around outside edge, trim corners, turn through and press. Insert cushion insert through opening.
- Long cushion
 - Attach narrow borders to sides then top and bottom of star Stitchery panel.

- Chenilled pieces – lay approx 7 layers on top of each other. On the wrong side of the bottom layer mark with your ruler diagonal lines $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart. Stitch on all drawn lines. Cut through all but the bottom layer of fabric in between the stitch lines. You may now choose to wash your piece or brush with a wire brush to get chenilled effect. Cut two pieces 4" x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from your chenilled panel.
- Attach chenille pieces to sides of stitchery panel.
- Attach flower border strips to sides.
- Attach long green strips to top and bottom.
- Make scallops as before and lay raw edges even with the ends. Join green strips to ends again sandwiching the scallops to secure. Press well.
- Lay cushion right sides together with backing fabric. Stitch around all sides leaving a 2" opening on one end. Trim corners, turn through opening and press well.
- Stuff evenly with fibrefill toyfill or cushion stuffing and slip stitch opening closed.