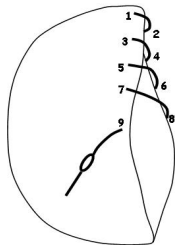
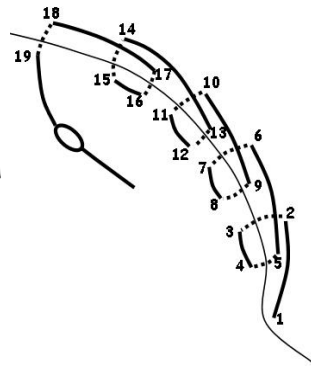


Basic stitches for Making Bears

Backstitch is the most popular stitch for putting bears together. If you haven't backstitched before, use the diagram on the right as a guide and practice on a piece of fabric before you start sewing your bear. (I prefer to stab stitch my tiny bears. This looks like a small running stitch on both sides of the fabric, and needs to be done with very small tight stitches if you want it to be strong.



Use whipstitch where a hidden seam is not necessary. For areas such as closing the bottom of the ears, whipstitch is quicker than ladder stitch.

Ladder stitch is the most valuable stitch for bear making. If you haven't ladder stitched before, or have trouble closing your openings neatly, use the diagram on the right as a guide to practice on a scrap of fabric. Use ladder stitch to close openings and attach the bears' ears to its head.

