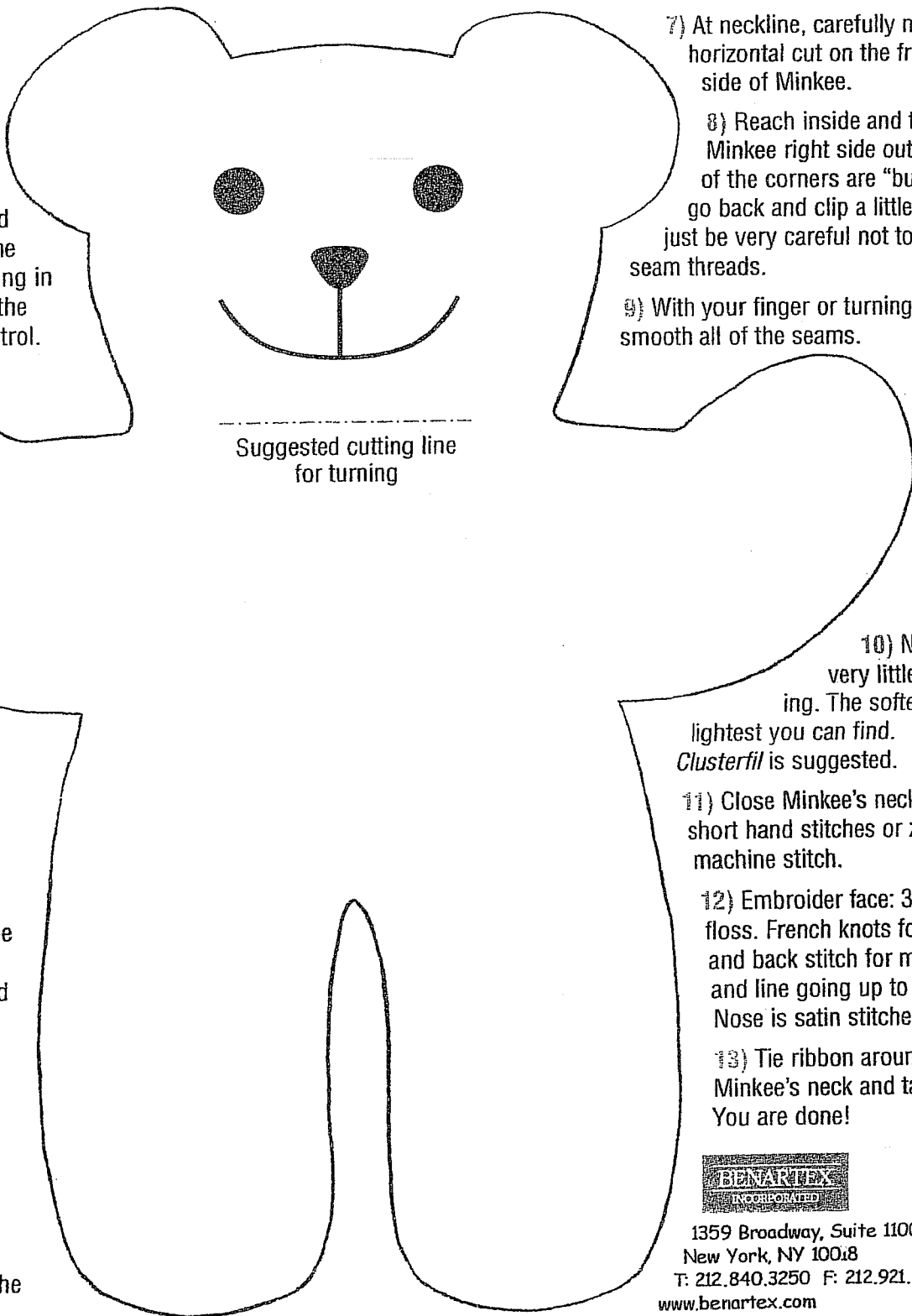


# MINKEE BEAR

Kit includes: 2—8"x 9" pieces of "Minkee" smooth.

1) Trace Minkee shape onto paper side of freezer paper and cut it out

2) Layer the two pieces of Minkee right sides together (finished Minkee is approximately 7-1/2" tall and 6-1/2" wide.) Be sure that the "nap" of both pieces are going in the same direction—if not, the fabric will be difficult to control.



7) At neckline, carefully make a horizontal cut on the front side of Minkee.

8) Reach inside and turn Minkee right side out. If any of the corners are "bunchy", go back and clip a little more. just be very careful not to clip seam threads.

9) With your finger or turning tool, smooth all of the seams.

3) Press the waxy side of the Minkee shape onto the top or spray with 404 to hold in place.

4) Stitch right next to the paper very slowly. You will need to carefully pivot around the curves. An easy way to do this is to leave the needle down in the fabric, raise your pressure foot and move fabric slightly, lower pressure foot and continue this method until you are around the curves. Stitch entirely around the shape.

5) Now remove paper and cut out shape leaving scant 1/8" seam allowance.

6) Carefully clip into all of the corners.

10) Now, add very little stuffing. The softest, lightest you can find. Clusterfil is suggested.

11) Close Minkee's neck with short hand stitches or zigzag machine stitch.

12) Embroider face: 3 strand floss. French knots for eyes and back stitch for mouth and line going up to nose. Nose is satin stitched.

13) Tie ribbon around Minkee's neck and ta-daaa! You are done!



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Kathy's NOTES: Use small stitch when sewing. May want to reinforce at corners.

I do the embroidery after the bear is turned but before stuffing. You can make a copy of the the face on freezer paper, making eyes, nose and mouth dark, place between layers, hold up to light and trace on right side of fabric. I used 2 strands of floss, satin stitch eyes+nose I stuffed bear full. See if you prefer light filling or completely full. Whip stitch closed. A 1/4 inch wide ribbon seems to work well.