Although September 9th was “National Teddy Bear Day”, we had other celebrations then; so here’s the rest of the story: This holiday is for honoring and celebrating the best friend of most young children around the world... the huggable and cuddly teddy bear.

The name Teddy Bear comes from one of American President Theodore Roosevelt's hunting trips to Mississippi. There were several other hunters competing, and most of them had already shot something. A suite of Roosevelt's attendants, led by Holt Collier, cornered, clubbed, and tied to a willow tree an American Black Bear after a long exhausting chase with hounds. They called Roosevelt to the site and suggested he shoot it. He refused to shoot the bear himself, deeming this unsportsmanlike, but instructed that the bear be killed to put it out of its misery, and it became the topic of a political cartoon by Clifford Berryman in The Washington Post on November 16, 1902. While the initial cartoon of an adult black bear lassoed by a white handler and a disgusted Roosevelt had symbolic overtones, later issues of that and other Berryman cartoons made the bear smaller and cuter.

A Brooklyn store owner, Morris Michtom, saw the drawing of Roosevelt and the bear cub and was inspired to create a new toy. He created a little stuffed bear cub and put it in his shop window with a sign that read "Teddy's bear." The toys were an immediate success and Michtom founded the Ideal Novelty and Toy Co., which still exists today. http://www.gone-ta-pott.com/national_teddy_bear_day.html

So we give you “teddy bear” blocks: (pieced) Bear Paw, “B” for Bear (with optional free bear applique) and (applique) Ted E. Bear. Go wild, use any colors, especially scraps for details and embellishments. All blocks should be 12 ½” unfinished, applique blocks on 13” (or greater) background.

b for bear

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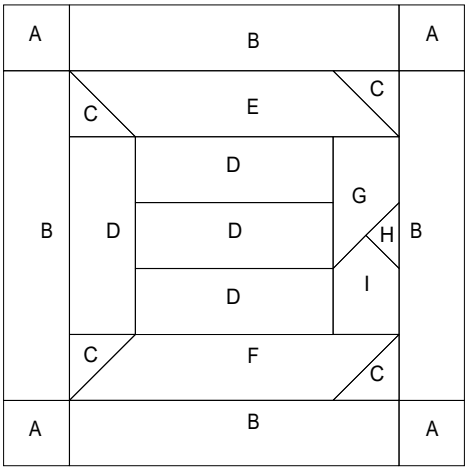

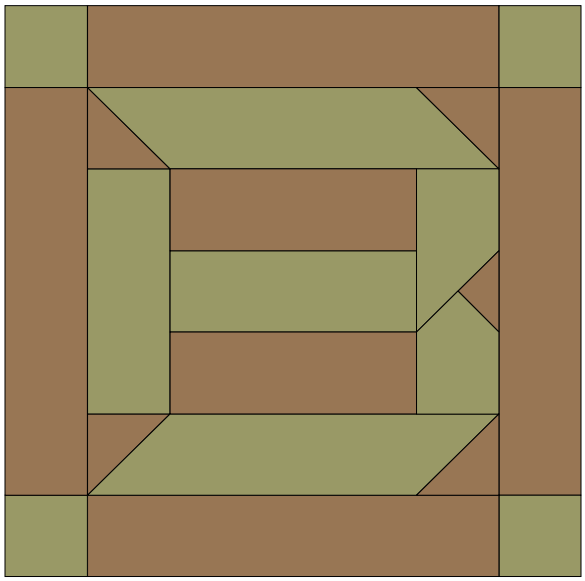

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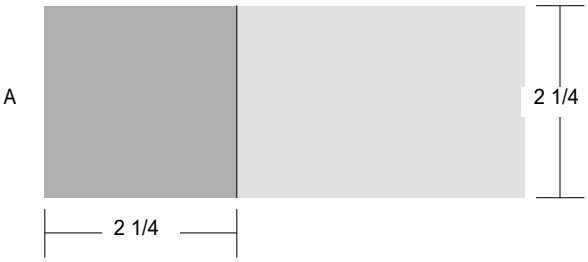

Patch Count

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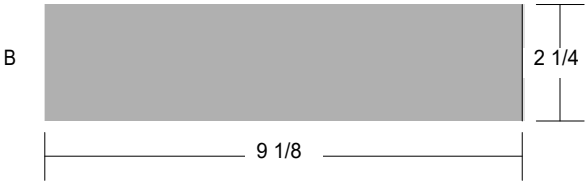

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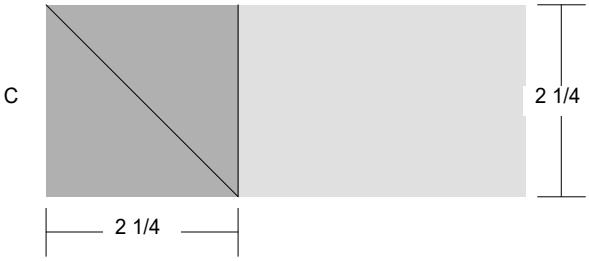

4 half square triangles

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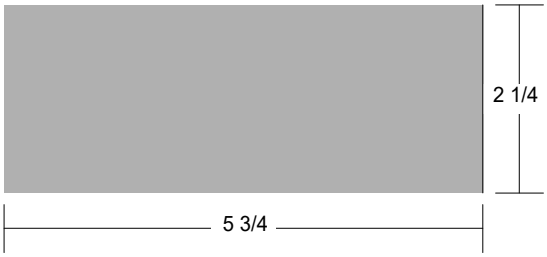
D



2 patches

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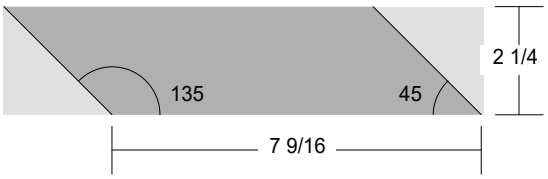
E



1 patch

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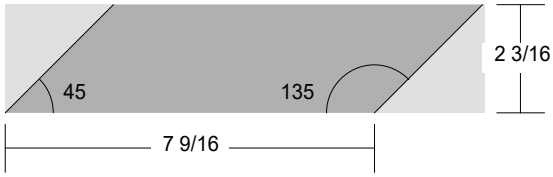
Easier option is to cut rectangles the same size as B, add C squares and sew on the diagonal then cut off excess.

F



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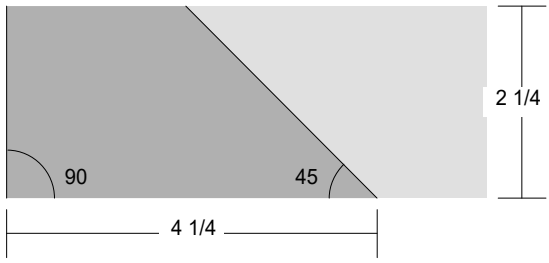
G/I



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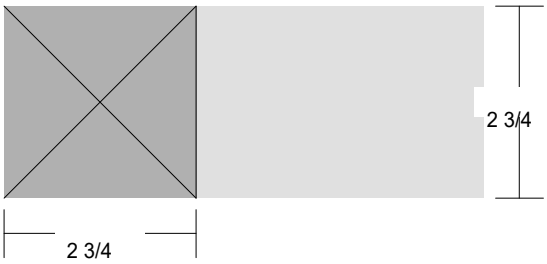
H



1 quarter square triangle

Ted E. Bear

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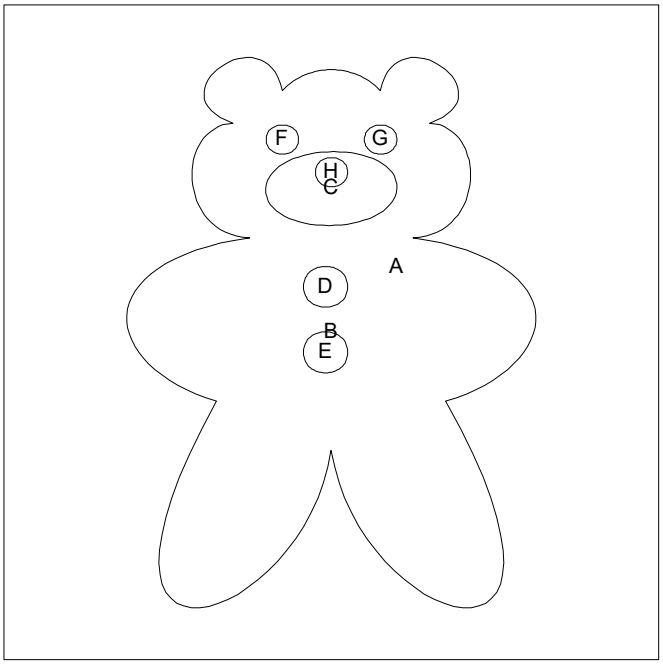

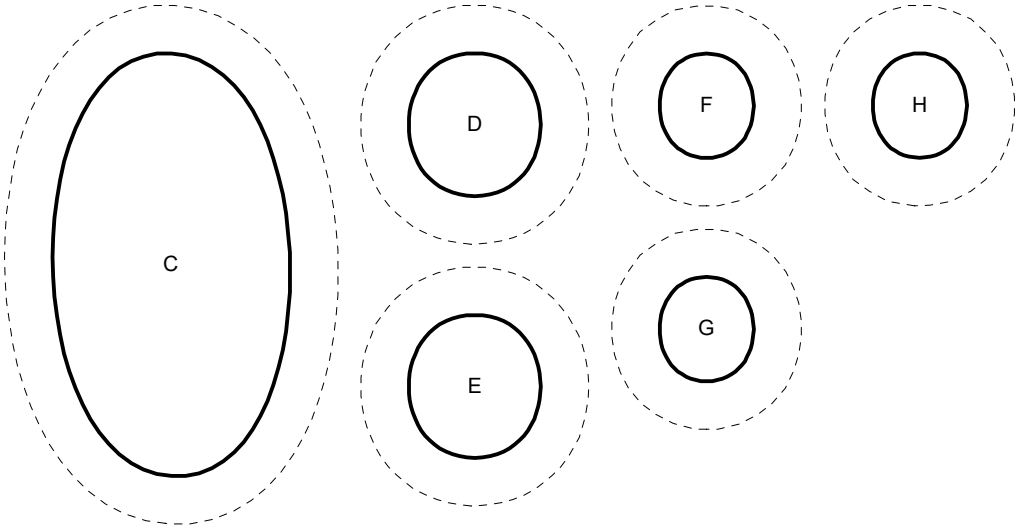

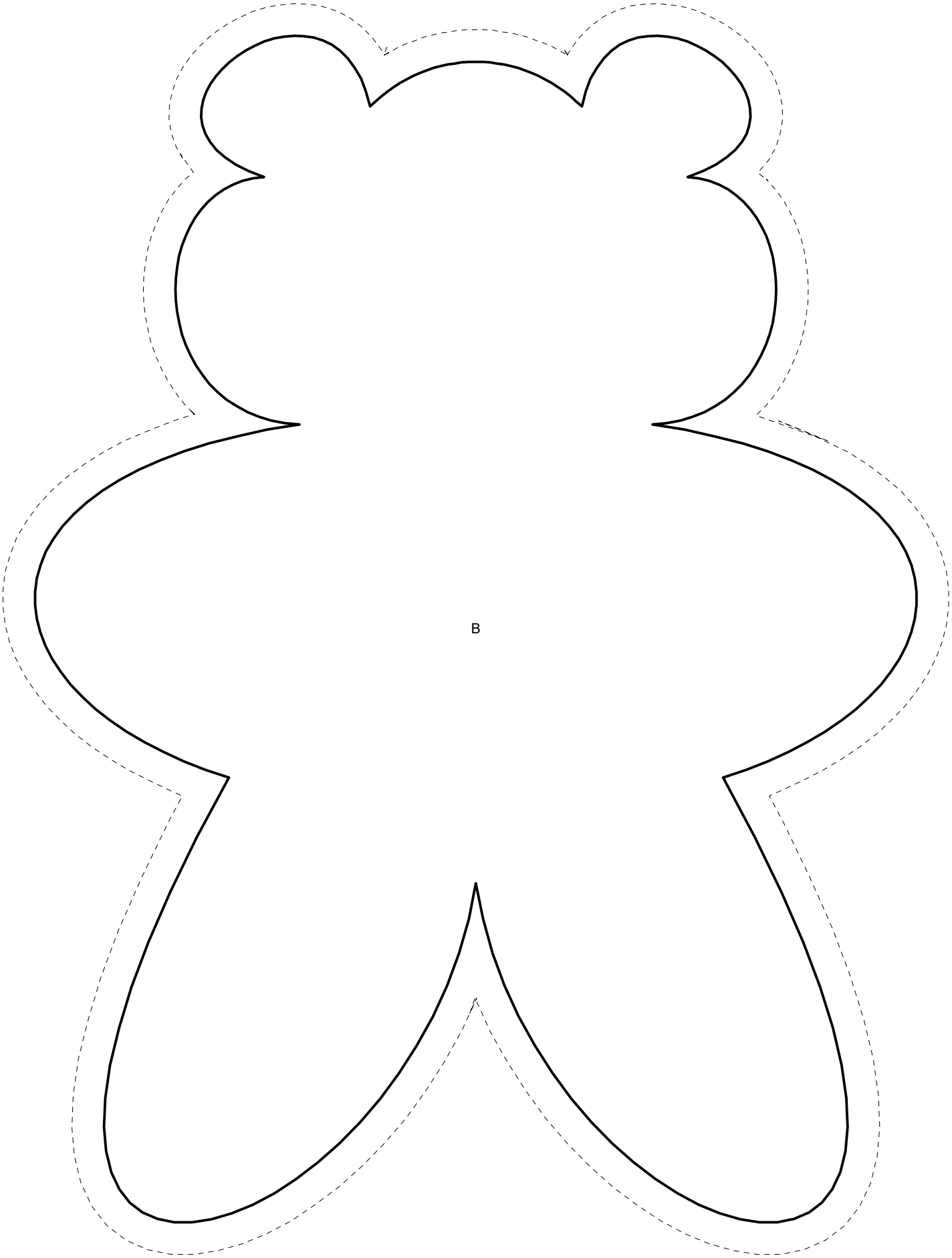
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Bear's Paw

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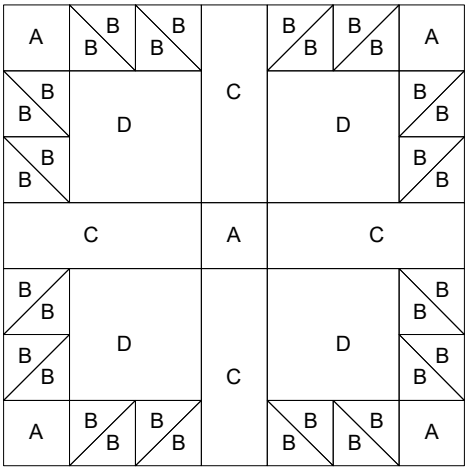

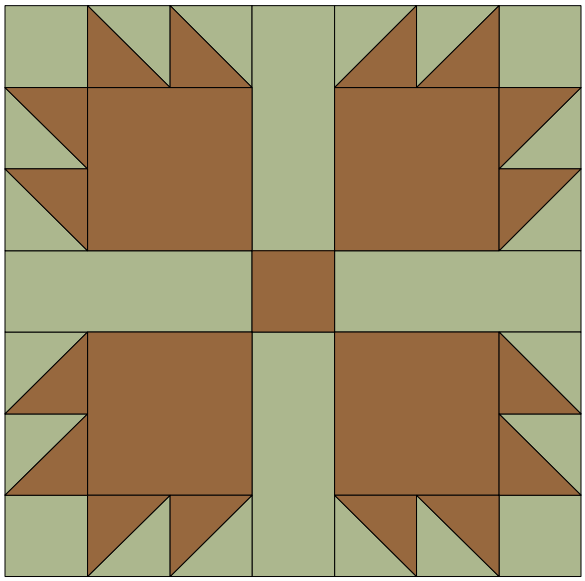

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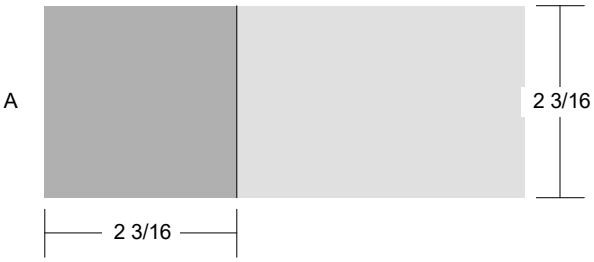

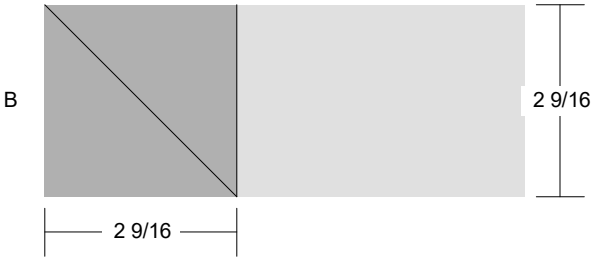

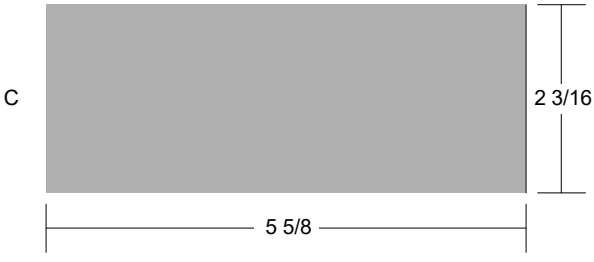

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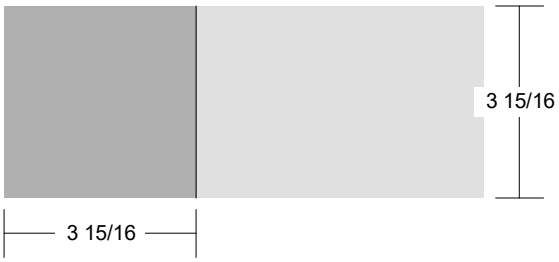

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