10 Decorate the flower. Sew a sequin onto each felt petal using the sequin stitch. Tie a finish knot on the underside of the felt.

11 Match up the button to the holes in the felt flower. Sew the button and the felt flower onto the front of the bears’ head as shown.

12 Thread the needle with 16 inches of pink floss. Using the whip stitch, start at the inside part of one of the ears, and stitch around to the inside of the other ear, leaving the part between the ears open. You will need more than one length of floss to complete this step.

13 Gently insert stuffing into the bear’s body. Make sure to save enough stuffing for your other bear.

14 Complete the stitching along the top of the head with the whip stitch. Tie a finish knot on the underside of the felt.

15 Stuffing the Bear

Gently insert stuffing into the bear’s body. Make sure to save enough stuffing for your other bear.

16 Make sure to save enough stuffing for your other bear.

17 Complete the stitching along the top of the head with the whip stitch. Tie a finish knot on the underside of the felt.

18 Keep your friendship fun

Try these ideas for fun with a friend!

Make a time capsule to open together in five or ten years. Write down your dreams and predictions for the future. Include a description of life as you know it. Put it in letters from parents or friends, ticket stubs, and anything else that’s important to you today. Seal it up and store it in a safe place!

Write, direct, and produce your own show. Invite people you know to attend. Try to make a video of your production!

Sign up for a charity race. Train for it together, and collect donations. Whether you’re helping to find a cure for a disease or raising awareness of a problem in your area, you’ll be making a difference!

Start a business. It could be weeding gardens or walking dogs. Create fun flyers, and ask your neighbors or others you know to be customers. Do something special with the money you earn!

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Before You Start

Lay out all the pieces in your kit so that you can reach them easily as you follow the instructions.

Note: the supplies in this kit have been tested to work with your American Girl® doll. Other non-tested supplies are not recommended for use with your doll.

Sew and Stuff Bear Kit

So cuddly and so much fun! Each felt piece includes perforated stitch guides, making it simple to sew these friendly stuffed bears. Sew one for you and a mini stuffed bear for your doll.
Sewing needles are sharp, so have an adult supervise all sewing activities. There are 5 stitches in this project. When the instructions call for a certain stitch, refer to this picture to see how to do it.

**Stitches to Use**

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**Threading the Needle**

No matter which stitch you’re sewing, you’ll need to thread the needle first. Here’s how:

1. Cut a piece of colored embroidery floss. Poke the wire end of the needle threader through the needle hole.

2. Pull the threader through the needle eye. Remove the threader.

**Tying Start & Finish Knots**

**Start Knot**

1. Hold the end of the floss close to the eye of the needle. Wrap the floss around your thumb and finger.

2. Wrap the floss around the needle 2 or 3 times by holding the loop.

**Finish Knot**

1. Grasp the wrapped floss. Pull it toward the eye of the needle, and then slide it to the end of your floss. Pull tight.

**Sewing a Bear**

1. Locate and group all the felt pieces for the small bear. Do the same for the large bear. Instructions are the same for both bears.

2. Thread the needle with 16 inches of black embroidery floss, and tie a start knot. Sew black felt eyes onto the bear using the X stitch. The holes in the felt will guide you on where to put the stitches. Tie a finish knot on the underside of the felt.

3. Make the nose. Sew black felt onto the purple nose shape using the X stitch. Tie a finish knot on the underside of the felt.

4. Sew black felt eyes onto the bear using the X stitch. The holes in the felt will guide you on where to put the stitches. Tie a finish knot on the underside of the felt.

5. Using a running stitch, sew the purple nose shape onto the front of the bear’s body. Again, use the holes as your guide for the stitches. Tie a finish knot on the underside of the felt.

6. Thread the needle with 16 inches of black embroidery floss, and tie a start knot.