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Hello again quilters, and happy Valentine's Day! Here we are thinking of the 2024 Boutique again. This month I want to tell you about plush toys. I started making them last year and I quickly got hooked. I confess, I may have a problem...everyone on my holiday list got a plushie last December (yes, even my husband). Here are a few links to freebies on the internet. Note that some of the blogs do require you to sign up for the newsletter to get the free pattern. I have tried all of these sites and they seem honest—that is, I did get the patterns after signing up.

*How to Sew a Carefree Cat From Scraps- The tutorial/pattern is exactly as described in the title.

<https://sewtoy.com/free-tutorials/how-to-sew-carefree-cat-from-scraps-free-pattern/>

*Seahorse Pattern and Tutorial- A really cute and easy plushie.

<http://www.handmadiya.com/2013/09/igrushki-iz-nosok.html>

*How to make a Stuffed Frog Toy by Me and My Sister Designs- This tutorial makes a very easy and cute frog. Where you see the comments just click "See More" and you will find a link to the free pattern.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIFYQE1445k>

*Shark Softie- Also lots of other ideas on this site.

<https://sewmamasew.net/tutorials/shark-softie-free-pattern-tutorial/>

*Easter Chick Softie Pattern- You can also find many free patterns here.

<https://so-sew-easy.com/easter-chick-softie-pattern/>

*Secret Notes Stuffed Monkey- Such a cute funny monkey!

<https://abeautifulmess.com/secret-notes-monkey-diy/>

*Ladybug Stuffed Animal Sewing Pattern-

<https://scratchandstitch.com/ladybug-stuffed-animal-sewing-pattern/>

*Humpty Dumpty- I love this pattern. A great gift for a kid.

<http://www.ikatbag.com/2009/07/humpty-dumpty.html>

*Stuffed Fabric Turtles- I made a turtle as a holiday gift and I wish I had found this pattern first because the one I used was too difficult.

<https://makeit-loveit.com/stuffed-fabric-turtles-with-pattern-pieces>

*Super Soft Plush Wampa- For the Star Wars fan in you.

<https://wildolive.blogspot.com/2014/04/project-super-soft-plush-wampa-with.html>

*Lisa Pay has lots of free tutorials on her YouTube channel. I haven't tried to make one yet but they are really cute and look doable.

<https://www.youtube.com/@payitforward9442>

There are so many more free patterns and tutorials for plushies out there; I could fill pages and pages. For those of us who want to try more intricate patterns, I can recommend patterns for purchase from these two websites:

*Funky Friends Factory- The patterns are really well written and each one includes a photo tutorial you can follow on the website. I have made several of them and have not been disappointed. The patterns are downloadable as PDF's and cost \$12.99, but the price goes down the more you buy.

<https://www.funkyfriendsfactory.com/>

*Rustic Horseshoe- These are beautiful PDF patterns. They have plushies, ride on toys, wall art, bags, and pillows. I discovered this site after I was done sewing my holiday gifts so I haven't tried them yet, but I am looking forward to sewing them. Prices vary from \$5.99 to \$11.99 and a portion of all sales is donated to support conservation efforts.

<https://rustichorseshoe.com/>

If you have any patterns you would like to share, please send me a message at albrico5@yahoo.com and I will add it to next month's list.

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