



How to Stuff & Dress Operation Gratitude “Battalion Buddy” Skins:

General Guideline – Each bear holds 4-5 ounces of stuffing; use enough stuffing material to fill the bear but still keep it huggable and pliable

- Grab a bear skin, a jacket, and a hang tag
- Open Velcro strip on back of the bear skin
- Fluff and break up each piece of stuffing as you get ready to use it
- Stuff the head of bear first
- Take a fist full of stuffing and push it into the nose
- Stuff arms and legs with stuffing
- Fill the body cavity with stuffing
- Close the Velcro strip on back (push stuffing inside and away from the Velcro strip)
- Place jacket on bear and close front of jacket with the Velcro strip
- Place hang tag on the bear on top of jacket, under collar, like a tie
- Fold jacket collar down
- Give “Battalion Buddy” a hug and squeeze and we will send it to its forever home with a Military child anxiously awaiting his or her parent’s safe return home.