

Baby Bunny Instructions

Requirements:

20 x 50cm fabric - main body
10 x 15cm contrast fabric - ear
10 x 15cm fusible fleece

2 small black buttons - eyes
Black Embroidery Floss - nose and whiskers
Polyester Toy Fill - stuffing

Preparation:

Trace the templates onto template plastic or substitute (transferring any markings).

Fold main fabric in half, right sides together, and trace the main body and inner leg templates once each onto the folded fabric. Cut out along the traced lines.

Cut a piece 10 x 15cm from your remaining main body fabric.

Construction:

Take your 2 pieces of fabric measuring 10 x 15cm and interface one with fusible fleece. Place both pieces on top of each other, right sides together, and trace the ear template twice (flipping the template when you trace the second ear).

Sew the ears together by sewing along the traced line, leaving the crooked bottom edge open for turning. Cut out the ears 4mm outside the sewn line and turn.

Take one ear and fold the bottom corners in to meet at the centre bottom edge, tack in place and repeat with the remaining ear.

Take one of your main body pieces and place one of your ears, right side together onto the front dart edge. The raw edge of the ear should meet the raw edge of the dart and should be approx. 18mm down from the top of the bunny's head (refer to diagram). Tack the ear in place.

Fold the bunny, right sides together, so that the raw edges of your head dart meet evenly. Sew the dart into place, capturing the ear in this seam. Repeat this with your remaining ear and main body piece.

Take one main body piece and one inner leg piece, and place them on top of each other, right sides together. Sew the inner leg to the main body, ensuring that you start sewing right at the raw edge of the fabric, gradually turn into a 6mm seam and then taper to the raw edge again at the other end (please see diagram).

Repeat this with your remaining body and inner leg pieces (do not turn).

Take one of your inner leg sections and fold this in half, right sides together, so that your fold goes down the centre of your dart marking. Sew the dart into place in your inner leg only. Repeat with the remaining inner leg piece, and trim any excess fabric away from your darts.

Place your 2 body pieces on top of each other, right sides together (with the inner legs in between). Tack the body pieces together, and when you reach the inner leg section, you need to ensure you are tacking the top edges of the inner legs together, right sides facing. It may be easier to do this by folding the legs up against either side of the body (refer to diagram).

Sew the body together, ensuring that you do not accidentally catch the ears in your stitching, and leaving the turning gap open. Turn right sides out through the turning gap.

Stuff the bunny's body with good quality polyester body fill and then using strong polyester thread, ladder stitch the opening closed (filling a bit more as you go to avoid a dimple).

Sew 2 small black buttons into place on the face as eyes. If you are making this as a toy for a small child, then please omit the buttons and create the eyes with black wool felt, satin stitch or a large French knot.

Mark your nose and whiskers onto the bunny's face, and using 2 strands of the black embroidery floss, satin stitch the nose and back stitch the whiskers.