

BUNNY BOO PATTERN



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CUTTING OUT

With a bit of fiddling you should be able to get the bunny out of a fat quarter with some scrap for the ear contrasts. The arms and legs have been drawn around which is the line to follow for the stitching and need to have enough space between for a seam allowance. The body and ears have the seam allowance included.

Step 1 Fold your fabric in half, right side to right side and pin the pattern pieces in place. Use a biro or pencil to draw around the pieces and then cut out the body and ears first. **Without** cutting them out yet, pin the two pieces of fabric together in the middle of the arms and legs and stitch around the drawn lines leaving the tops open. **Now** cut them out leaving a 1/4" seam allowance apart from across the top where you'll be stuffing. As these are quite curvy take your **stitch length** down to 1.5 to help get smoother curves.



Step 2 Having cut the contrast set of ears, place one main and one contrast right sides together and stitch around turn through, press and top stitch if you like. Fold the ear in half and slot between the v cut in the bunny head. Make sure the contrast fabric is facing down. Stitch across the slot to secure the ear, there should be a 1/4" of seam with no ear in it where my thumb is.

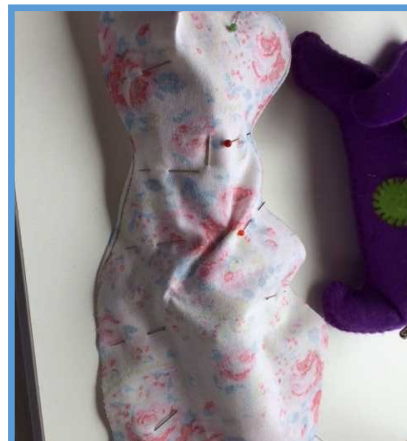
Step 3 The 1/4" will make joining the front and back body pieces less lumpy. **If you want the ears to be less floppy add some iron on interfacing to the main fabric first.** Pin the ears down so they won't get in the way when you sew the front and back body pieces together. Having turned out your legs and arms stuff them well.



Step 4 For the arms fold under 1/2" turn at the opening and pin in position (marking guide is on the pattern. Stitch across by starting in the middle, stitch to the end, turn and stitch across to the other end, turn and stitch across to the middle and finish with a couple of back stitches. Make sure the arms are secure as the bunny will possibly get swung around by them!

Step 5

Having pinned the ears out of the way pin or clip the body pieces together, right side to right side and stitch around with a 1/2" seam allowance leaving the bottom where the legs go open. Be careful not to catch the ears or arms in the seams as you go. Again, take your stitch length down to about 1.5. When making stuffed things this makes it far less likely the stuffing will creep out through the seams.



Step 6

Clip around the curves before turning through and smooth seams out with a lolly stick rather than something pointy. Stuff the head and body firmly. If giving to a young child please use proper toy stuffing with safety standards BS1425, BS5852 and EN71. (Trimmits is widely available and is child safe)



Step 7

Along the body bottom fold under a 1/2" turn and press so it will hold while you are fiddling with the legs! Match the centre seams and sit the legs in either side and pin in place..check the feet are the right way !! (ask me how I know!)



Step 8

Now baste the legs and body in place by hand before going to the machine so you have no pins in your way. You'll have much more chance of no dislocated hips if you do this! (for the bunny ..not you!)



Step 9

Machine across, starting in the centre going to the edge back across and back to the centre again so the start and finish points are not on the outside edges as these are the places that will take the strain (if being given to a small person!)



Step 10

If this toy is going to be given to a small child I would recommend embroidering on the eyes, nose and whiskers with black thread. Use a long needle for the eyes so you can pull in slightly to give some shaping to the face. Alternatively use beads, buttons or googly eyes. All done!

