

Bouncing Bunny



Materials List

- Calico or mottled fabric for bunny, 2 x pieces 20cm x 30cm.
- Printed fabric for dress, 40cm x 10cm
- 40cm of edging lace
- 40cm of eyelet insertion lace
- 40cm of narrow ribbon
- Universal Machine Needle size 80
- Cream polyester thread
- Fabric pen for face
- Hand sewing needle and heavy thread for whiskers (optional)
- Pillow stuffing
- Bernina ¼" Foot #37

This is a quick and easy project for any age group but especially for kids. Enjoy showing them just how much fun sewing can be!

Method

Note: If you can't find any bunny coloured fabric at home in your stash, try dyeing a bit of calico in some tea or coffee. It's ever so easy and you can create lots of different colours but don't forget to add a bit of salt to set the colour.

- Place the two pieces of fabric for bunny on top of each other, wrong sides together.
- Trace around pattern with marking pen onto top layer.
- Mark in the eyes, nose and mouth on the top layer of fabric, using a fabric pen. You may wish to place a piece of paper between the two layers of fabric in case it comes through the other side.
- Pin fabric pieces together in a few spots to hold.



- Set machine up with cream sewing thread.
- Insert a new sewing needle, size 80 and attach ¼" Foot # 37.
- **Note:** To ensure that you make nice smooth curves around head, arms and legs, use the needle down feature and your FHS (free hand system if you have one.) They help you to pivot a small amount every few stitches as you go around the curve.
- Place the outside edge of the foot on the marked line to create a ¼" seam allowance.
- Leave an opening unstitched as marked on the pattern and sew around the bunny shape, reverse stitching at beginning and end.



- Fill the bunny with stuffing so that all areas are nice and plump.
- Sew the opening together and your bunny is now ready to play.

Dress instructions:

- Change foot to standard sewing foot #1.
- Select zig-zag stitch, Width 1 1/2 and Length 1 1/2.
- Take the fabric piece you have chosen for the dress.
- Place the lace onto the right side of one long edge of the fabric so that the scalloped edge runs along the raw edge. Sew into place along the straight edge. This forms the bottom of the dress.
- Trim away fabric from behind using a small pair of scissors.



- Turn over and stitch a small double hem at the top edge of the dress.
- Place the piece of eyelet insertion lace approx. 1cm down from the top edge.
- Stitch in place on either side of the lace with a zig-zag stitch.



- Select straight stitch.
- Place the two ends of the skirt, right sides together. Using a small seam allowance, join the seam to create the centre back seam. Neaten raw edges with a zig-zag stitch.
- Press seam to one side.

- Fold fabric in half so that the seam is in the centre at the back. This then shows you where the side seams are.
- Make a slit down the side seams with your scissors starting at the bottom of the eyelet lace long enough for the arm to fit in. Do the same for both sides. There is no need to neaten the raw edges.
- Using a small safety pin, thread the ribbon through the eyelet lace, starting at the centre front.
- Place dress onto rabbit pulling arms through the holes and tighten ribbon. Smooth out the gathers and tie ribbon in a bow.
- If you wish, you can sew some whiskers onto the face to give the bunny its finishing touches.
- Now your bunny is ready to give to a special someone for Easter.
- Enjoy!

Note: Bernina would love to see your finished bunny so take some photos and share with us on Facebook.



