



Let's stitch together



For Bunny Bag you will need.....

For Main Bag Fabric 2 x 15" Squares of main colour

(OR for stripey version) 2 x 5" x 15" strips of colour 1

2 x 4" x 15" strips of colour 2

2 x 3" x 15" strips of colour 3

For Handles Cut 2 x 4" x 14" strips

For Lining Cut 2 x 15" squares of contrast colour

From Felt/Stabiliser Cut 2 x 1" x 15" for handles

Cut 2 x 15" squares

For bunny 3" x 7" scrap

(Same sizes for each of the bunting bunnies and letters with contrasting pieces of felt)

You will also need some bondaweb or similar

Step 1



Cut your wadding /felt pieces to the pattern shape and then, if using only one fabric do some quilting to hold in place or if using the strips use the flip and stitch method...Lay the bottom piece on the felt, right side up , lay the next strip on top right side facing down...stitch along the top edge and then flip the second strip up and press . Repeat with the next strip.



Step 2

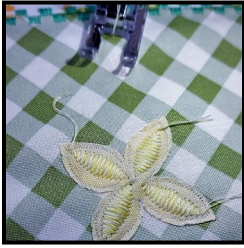
What does look nice is to either top stitch along the top of each strip or use one of your decorative stitches , perhaps in a contrast colour thread. Once this is done trim away the excess fabrics so you are back to the felt/ wadding bag shape.



Step 3

Add any applique such as a bunny and flowers and using a small zigzag stitch .Now using either a blanket stitch or a satin stitch (ie take your zigzag stitch length down from 2 to 0.6 ish so it is nice and close. If you are unsure of the setting go on to your buttonhole stitch and see what the recommended stitch length is). Make sure the zigzag width is enough to cover the bunny fabrics rough edges and take your time following the shape and to get you round the curves ,remember...stop, needle down, lift presser foot move fabric, presser foot back down.





Step 4

Add any extra details you may want to the flowers, for example if you have a satin leaf stitch.

To make the handles, fold in half and press lightly to give you the centre and then press each side in to the centre, fold in half and clip/pin now top stitch



Step 5

Now clip /pin the bag pieces right sides together and stitch down the sides and across the bottom. DON'T stitch the corners yet! Do the same with the lining but this time leave a 'birthing' hole of at least 2.5"' (if it's too small it will need forceps....nobody wants that!)

Now to box the corners. Open up the L-shape corner and match up the side seam with the bottom seam. Open up the seams so you can spread the thickness and clip to hold in place .Using a longer stitch again go across the corners. When you get to the bulky part take it slowly one stitch at a time so you can ease the foot



Step 6

Now to put the bag together! Find the centre of the main bag front and back and mark with pins. Find the centre, mark with pins. Measure 1.5"' inches either side of the bag centre and pin the handles in place. Make sure they're not twisted . The handles should be facing down onto the bag.

Sit the main bag inside the lining (right sides facing) Make sure the handles are hanging down in between the lining and the main bag. Clip or pin all the way around the top ,take out the pins holding the handles etc now as you won't be able to see where they are now ! Sew around the top of the bag (1/2" seam) at least twice to make sure the handles are well and truly stitched in .



Step 7

Now everything gets pulled through the birthing hole! If it's a bit small you may need to go in with the seam ripper (ouch!!) Push the lining back inside the bag and pull up the handles and twiddle around until it's all sitting neatly.. Sew up the birthing hole .

The topstitching around the top of the bag is optional. If you have quilted your bag you may find it a bit thick. If you have only used interfacing then it is easier and actually looks quite effective. Pin so you can pull the heads out towards you as you go round. I usually run the side of the foot along the edge and move the needle across to the left hand side.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR EASTER BUNNY BUNTING

Step 1



Firstly, draw out your bunny and letter shapes onto bondaweb (no seam allowance is needed and remember to draw around the letters on the rough /gluey side of the bondaweb so they are the right way round!). Iron the shapes onto the wrong side of your chosen fabrics and then cut up to the lines and remove the paper backing. Now put each onto out onto a double layer of felt with at least 3/4" in between. **Do use baking paper when doing this to protect your iron from melting felt!!!**

Step 2



Now using either a blanket stitch or a satin stitch (ie take your zigzag stitch length down from 2 to 0.6 ish so it is nice and close. If you are unsure of the setting go on to your buttonhole stitch and see what the recommended stitch length is). Make sure the zigzag width is enough to cover the bunny fabrics rough edges and take your time following the shape and to get you round the curves, remember...stop, needle down, lift presser foot move fabric, presser foot back down....you get the idea. If you haven't done this kind of applique before, trust me after 11 letters and 3 bunnies you will be an expert!!

Step 3



Using a pair of small, sharp scissors trim around the shapes close to your stitching and then add a pom pom tail to each of the bunnies. I also made a little 1" slit in the back first layer of felt to create a secret pocket for the egg hunt! Just make a little nick and then carefully feel your way along with the scissors.



Step 4



To make the carrots, cut out several carrot shapes (these do include a seam allowance). Fold in half lengthwise and stitch along the side. Snip across the point at the end, turn through and carefully poke out the point with a large size knitting needle. Now stuff a little bit at a time.

Step 5



Using a doubled thread with a big fat knot do a running stitch around the carrot top, turning under 1/4" as you go and pull up tight to gather the top and stitch closed. Now stitch on the green leaf tops cut from felt and add a loop of thread for hanging.



Step 6



And finally add some eyes ..because obviously carrots can see in the dark! As an alternative to bunting maybe get some branches in a vase and hang with bunnies, letters and carrots or even just carrots to entice the Easter Bunny to stop by!

