

Materials and Supplies:

felt
fuzzy fleece fabric
needle and thread
doll eyes or beads (optional)
embroidery thread
stuffing
pipe cleaners

Beginner sewing level.
Basic hand stitching.



Sew Your Own Mini Fleece Bunny Doll



A word about cutting felt:

There are more than one way to choose to cut your felt pieces.

1. Lay the pattern pieces over the felt and trace the outline of the pattern onto the felt with fabric chalk or disappearing ink.
2. Pin the pattern pieces to the felt and cut around the paper pattern pieces.
3. Use wide clear packing tape to tape the pattern pieces to the felt, covering paper and felt entirely. Trim around the pieces by cutting through the tape. This works best for small pieces and allows for more precision.

Begin by cutting the pattern pieces from the fabrics indicated on each piece.

To cut from fleece fabric, pair two pieces together with right sides facing. Lay the pattern piece over

the fabric, then trace the pattern shape onto the fleece with a fabric marker or chalk. Trim the fabric piece about 1/2-1 inch outside of the lines. Pin the pieces together.

Draw on a face on the wrong side of the fabric. Use this to embroider a face onto the opposite (right side) of the fabric. Use embroidery thread to create a nose and mouth. You can also choose to stitch in the eyes, or opt for doll eyes, small buttons, or beads.

Stitch the fabric together by stitching directly on the traced lines (using a back stitch). Stitch all the way along the traced line until you have about a half inch left open.

Trim the fabric closer all the way around the outside of your stitching (about 1/4-1/8 of an inch) everywhere around the edges except in front of the opening. (here you'll want extra fabric to sew shut after stuffing.)

Use the opening to turn the fabric right side out.

Stuff the inside of the bunny with fiber fill stuffing. Turn the extra flaps of fabric into the opening, and use a ladder stitch to sew the opening shut.

Now to sew the ears, arms and legs! Each of these pieces should be trimmed from felt.

Cut 4 each of the arms, legs, and ears. Cut two for the foot pieces.

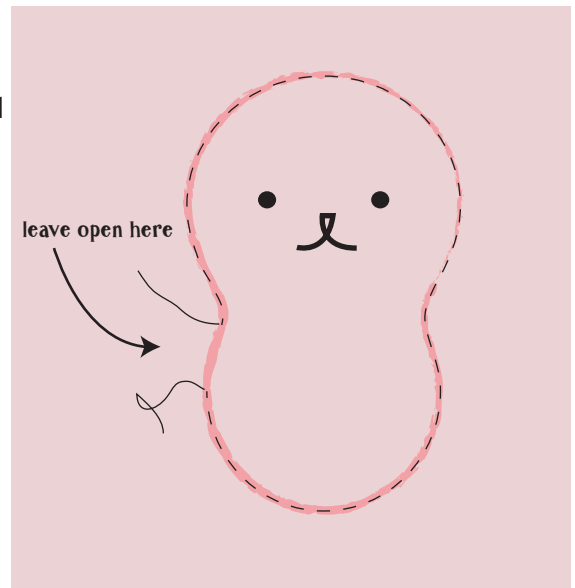
Pair two arm pieces together and begin stitching together at the edges. Sew all the way along the outer edge until there is only a small opening left. Stuff this small opening with stuffing. I like to use a toothpick to push the stuffing into place.

Sew the opening shut. Repeat for the second arm.

Pair two leg pieces together and begin stitching together at the front bottom at the foot, moving upwards and ending at the back of the foot. The bottom should be left completely open for now.

Leave the thread dangling while you stuff the leg full. Lay the bottom of foot piece on top and secure with a couple of pins. Stitch the bottom of the foot in place. Repeat these steps to form the opposite leg.

To create the ears, I like to use pipe cleaners stitched into the ears so that they will be bend-able! This part is completely optional. You can easily create ears that simply stick straight up.



To create bend-able ears, begin by cutting two pieces of pipe cleaners that are slightly longer than the bunny's ears (by about a 1/4" or so.)

I like to stitch the wire (pipe cleaner) straight onto the ear by stitching *through the width* of the felt. This way the wire will be held onto the ear, but you will not see any stitching on the back of the ear!

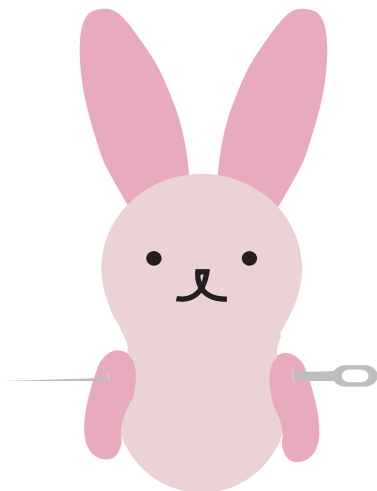
Another easier way to do this would be with hot glue gun, or liquid stitch.

Once you've secured the pipe cleaner to the inside of the ear, lay the second ear piece on top, sandwiching the pipe cleaner in between. Begin stitching the layers together starting at the bottom of one side of the ear and ending at the opposite side. Repeat these steps to complete the second ear.

Next you'll stitch the ears onto the top of the head. I like to first find placement of the ears by simply holding them in place to see where they look best. I then poke a small hole on the top of the head to insert the pipe cleaner sticking out of the end of the ear. This adds stability to the ear.

Pin the ears in place and stitch onto the top of the head.

To hold the arms and legs onto the bunny we will be using string jointing! String jointing is basically stitching over and over in one spot to hold the piece firmly in place, but in a way that it is still moveable!



Thread your needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the thread under one of the arms. Pass the needle through the body and out the opposite side through the top of one of the arms.

Send the needle back through again, just a very small stitch away from where the needle exited the arm (creating a small 1/8 inch stitch). The needle should go back through the body and out through the top of the opposite arm.

Repeat this over and over, sending the needle back and forth through the body, holding the arms in place and landing one stitch directly over another.

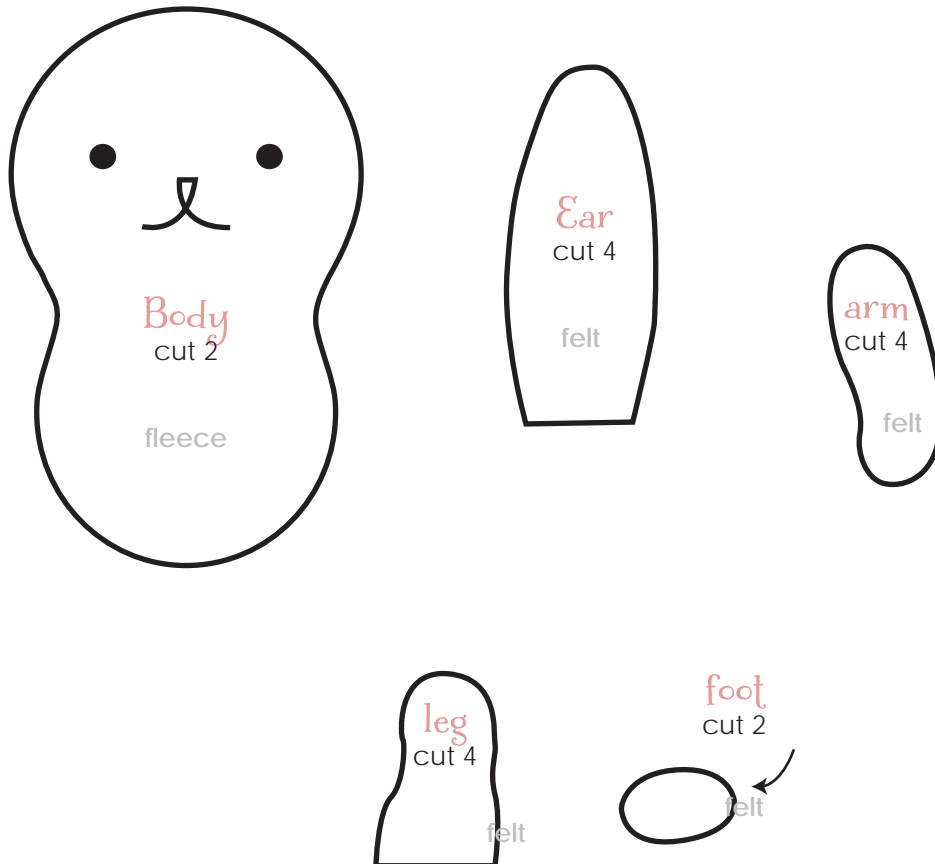
Pass the needle back and forth 4 or 5 times, ending by knotting the thread under the arm to hide the stitching.

Repeat this method to hold the legs in place.

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Fuzzy Fleece Bunny Pattern

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