

Bustle & Sew



Love to Sew and Sew with Love



Christmas Bunny Rag Wreath

Who said Christmas was just for robins and reindeer?

You will need:

Wire coathanger (the sort you get from dry-cleaners)

Light to medium weight fabric – equivalent to 150m (160yd) x 2 ½ cm (1") in strips. You can use any fabric – old sheets or duvet covers are perfect, but if you're planning on purchasing fabric as I did, then you'll need to buy 5 x ½ m (or yard) pieces of fabric in 5 different colours.

2 m tinsel garland (the thin, light-weight kind)

4 x 15 cm (6") squares of felt or other natural coloured fabric (non-fray) for your bunnies

4 1cm x 18 cm (1/2" x 7") strips of non-fray fabric for bunnies' scarves

Small amount pink and black stranded cotton floss for features

Fluffy white knitting wool for tails

Small amount stuffing (if you don't have stuffing, then use chopped up tights or even cotton wool if you don't pack it in too firmly)

Wide ribbon or raffia for bow

String or knitting wool to attach bunnies to wreath.

Darning needle (one with a big eye to sew wool)

Make your wreath

- Bend your coat hanger into a circular shape (doesn't have to be exact) and bend the hook downwards to make a hanging loop.
- Cut or tear your fabric into strips, each measuring roughly 1" wide x 5" long (2.5 x 12.5 cm) These don't need to be exact (see photo below)
- Knot your strips onto your coat hanger circle using a simple granny knot.
- Continue knotting until you can't add any more on. Push them up very tightly – the more tightly the knots are packed in the better as this is what will make your wreath fluffy.
- Starting at the top wrap your tinsel garland loosely around your wreath to add some sparkle. Fluff up your fabric around the garland. (see photo at top)



Make your bunnies

- Cut out two bunnies from each square of fabric using the template at the end. (actual size). If your fabric has a definite right and wrong side, then remember to reverse your template.
- Place the two bunny pieces wrong side together and stitch around the edges. I used a machine zigzag but if you don't have a sewing machine, then they can be hand stitched. Leave a gap just above where his tail will go for stuffing (see photo)
- Insert stuffing and sew gap closed.
- Add features using embroidery floss (see photo for guide).
- Make large loopy stitches with your fluffy white wool for his tail



- Tie scarf around neck.
- Repeat for the other bunnies. Make 2 facing left and 2 facing right.

Assemble and hang

- Tie a big ribbon or raffia bow at the top of your wreath
- Cut 4 x 40 cm (16") lengths of wool or yarn and take a big stitch through the backs of your bunnies
- Tie your bunnies onto your wreath using the wool and fluff up the fabric around them.

