



Halloween Bunny

Sometimes it's fun to take an element of an old pattern - and re-work it into a new design. This little Halloween Bunny was adapted from one of my "Muddle of Bunnies" skittles - a pattern I first released in autumn 2012. If you'd like to make the skittles and storage tub too, then you'll find the full pattern on the [Bustle & Sew website](http://www.bustleandsew.com) - this is just instructions to make your Halloween bunny.

Bunny measures 10" tall to tips of ears.



You will need:

10" square fabric for body – use a medium to heavy-weight fabric

3" square fabric for tummy– a lighter weight quilting fabric is nice – choose a print that works well to contrast with the body

3" squares fabric for insides of ears – felt is nice – needs to be medium to heavy-weight so ears will stand up nicely

4" x 2" orange felt for pumpkin and tiny scraps of green and brown for stalk and leaves

4" square black felt for hat

small (no larger than ½") button for nose

½" pom poms for tails

Pink and black embroidery floss

Perle thread or cotton floss to stitch bunny's seam – choose colours that work well with your fabric

Strong dark brown thread

Bunch of twigs for broom and yarn to bind twigs with medium weight card for base

A smooth beach pebble to weight base (you can use polybeads or rice)

PS. Don't use rice if you think you might want to wash your bunny

Toy stuffing

Hot glue gun (optional)

To make bunny

- Cut one body piece on fold of main fabric as indicated for each bunny.
- Cut two ears and one base in main fabric
- Cut 2 ears in contrast fabric
- Cut 1 tummy in printed fabric
- With 3 strands of cotton floss or Perle cotton and wrong sides of bunny together stitch bunny seam from A to B and C to D.
- Use half cross stitch working first in one direction in half- cross stitch, then returning the other way. Then if a thread breaks, the second should hold the bunny together until you can repair him.
- Stitch base to main body
- Stuff bunny firmly to point B, then insert cardboard base (use the circle on the template, but cut it a little smaller to fit comfortably into base).
- Wrap pebble in stuffing and place on top of cardboard base, then finish stuffing bunny and close seam from B to C.
- Stitch fronts and backs of ears together with half cross stitch, fold in half vertically at base, securing with a few stitches.
- Position ears on side of head, and when you're happy with their positioning, stitch into place.
- Position tummy and secure with random straight stitches
- Stitch eyes with black floss and cheeks with pink floss (make sure they're level on either side of head!)
- Secure button to tip of nose
- Add whiskers using strong thread, angling your stitches towards your bunny's nose and take tiny small stitches before coming out on the other side for the whiskers – this will keep the whiskers from slipping out.
- Stick on tail using glue gun or PVA craft glue

Your bunny is finished!

Witch's Hat

- Cut out two circles from the template in black felt and one (slightly smaller) in card.
- Make a sandwich of these circles with the card in the centre, then slip stitch around edges.

- Cut out crown of hat and stitch along seam at back.
- Stuff lightly and slip stitch crown to brim.
- Stitch hat to top of rabbit's head.

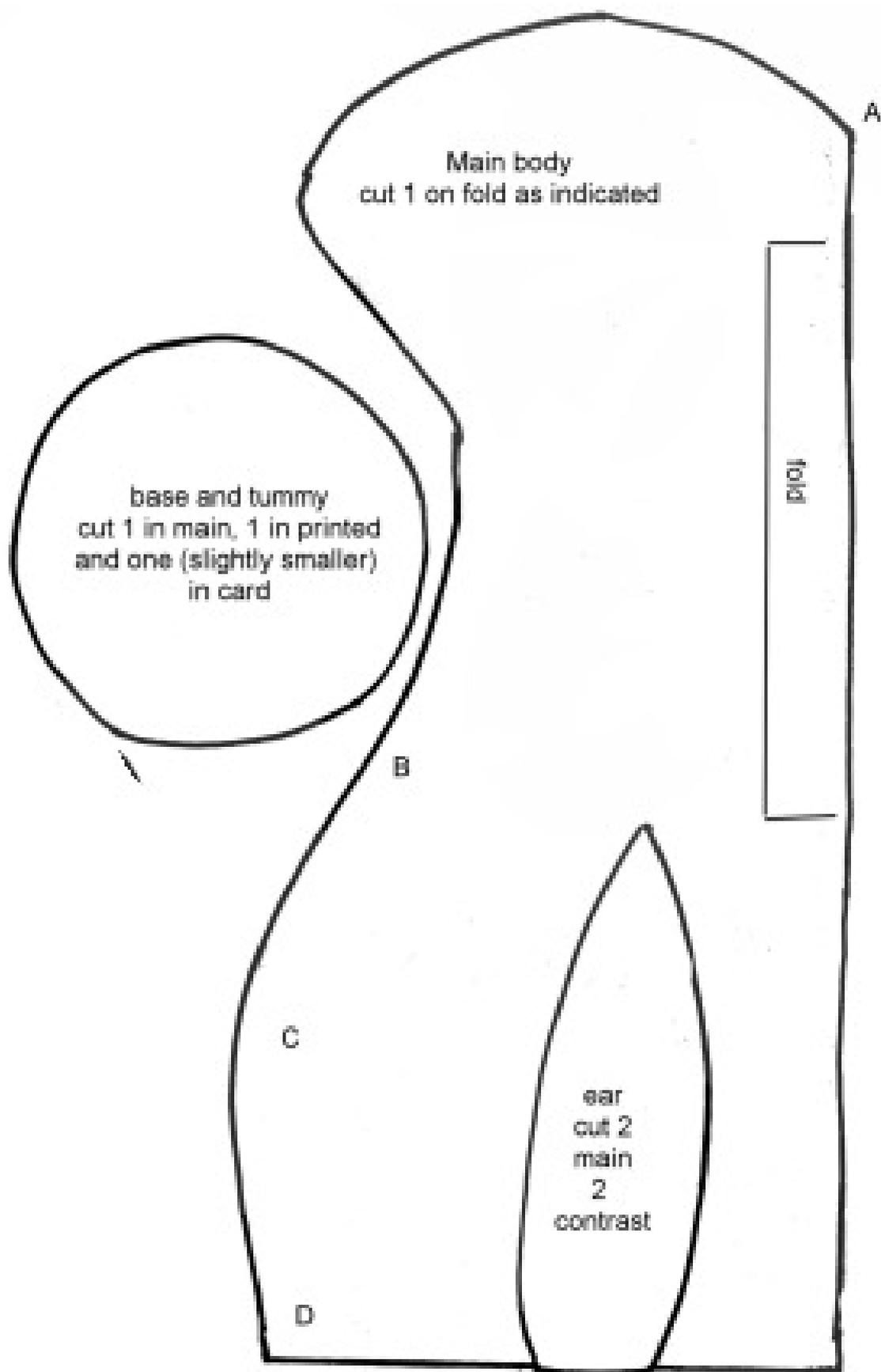
Make broom:

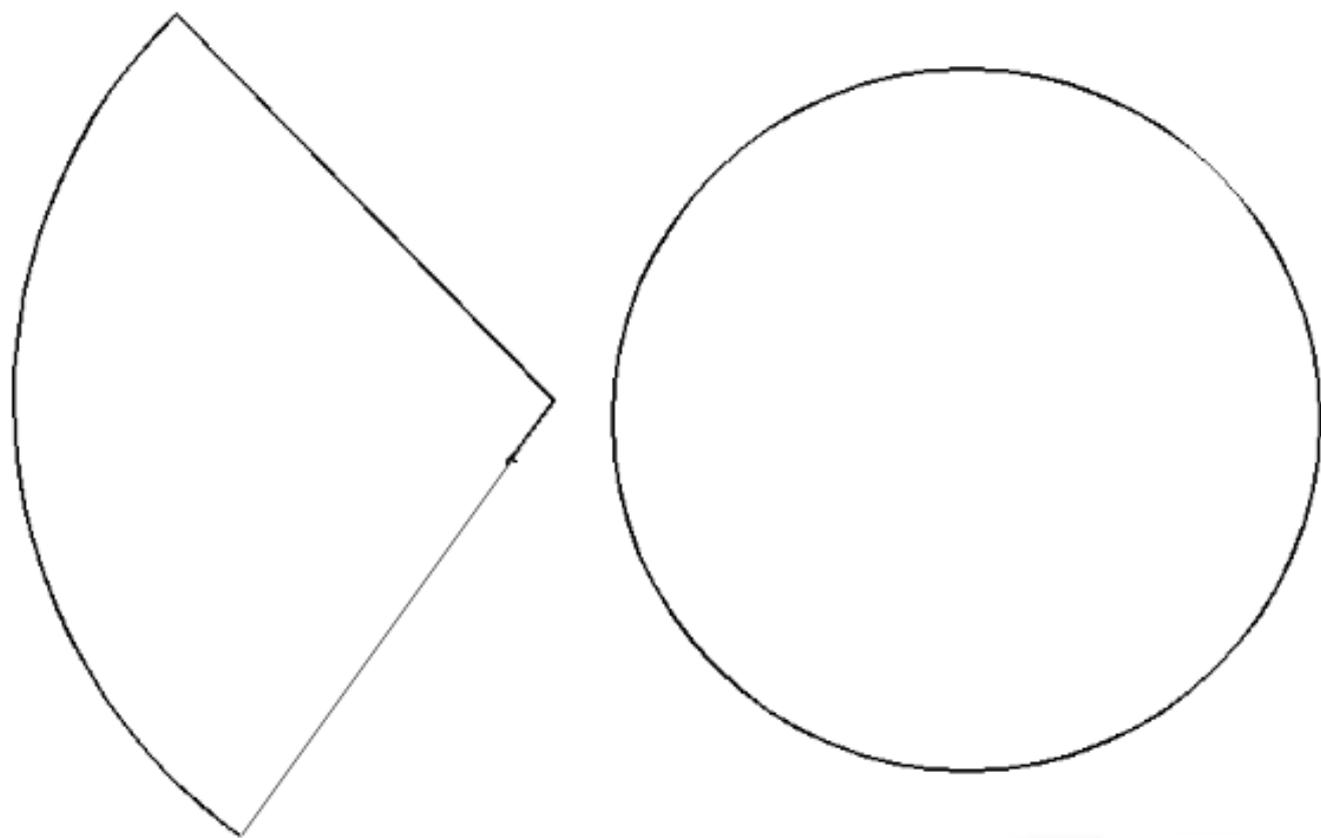
- Take bundle of twigs (I used lavender stalks) and wrap yarn around tightly about 2" from the top.
- Trim away some of the stalks and continue wrapping with yarn to hold broom together (see photograph).
- Stitch broom to rabbit's tummy.

Make pumpkin:

- Cut out two circles of orange felt about 1 ¼ to 1 ½" in diameter and 1 circle of card a little smaller.
- Cut out triangle of brown felt for stalk and insert pointy end between circles of orange felt.
- Stitch around edge of circles and up and down middle in orange floss (see photo for guide)
- Add leaves and then stitch pumpkin to rabbit.
- Done!!









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