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Bunnies are not just for Easter - oh no - you can enjoy a lot of fun with bunnies the whole year round!

Much nicer than "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" is our "Pin the Tail on the Bunny" party game. It would be a lovely addition to a country or vintage style wedding to keep kids (and the young at heart) amused, and looks good on your wall whatever the time of year.

Easy to assemble - I used a 18" quilting hoop that I painted with white chalk paint for the frame.

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Materials

- 24" x 16" stripey medium weight cotton fabric
- 24" x 7" dotty medium weight cotton fabric
- 14" x 10" brown tweedy fabric
- Stranded cotton floss in light and dark shades of blue, green pink and yellow. Also very dark green and black.
- Bondaweb
- Embroidery foot for your sewing machine
- Six or however many you like 2" pre-made white pompoms (or make your own)
- Double-sided adhesive pads.
- Glue gun



Method

- Join your two pieces of background fabric along one 24" edge so that the dotted fabric is at the bottom. Use a ¼" seam allowance and press the seam open to minimise bulk.
- Transfer the embroidery design and work flowers and text. Use two strands of floss except where otherwise stated. The colours are shown below and the stitches are:

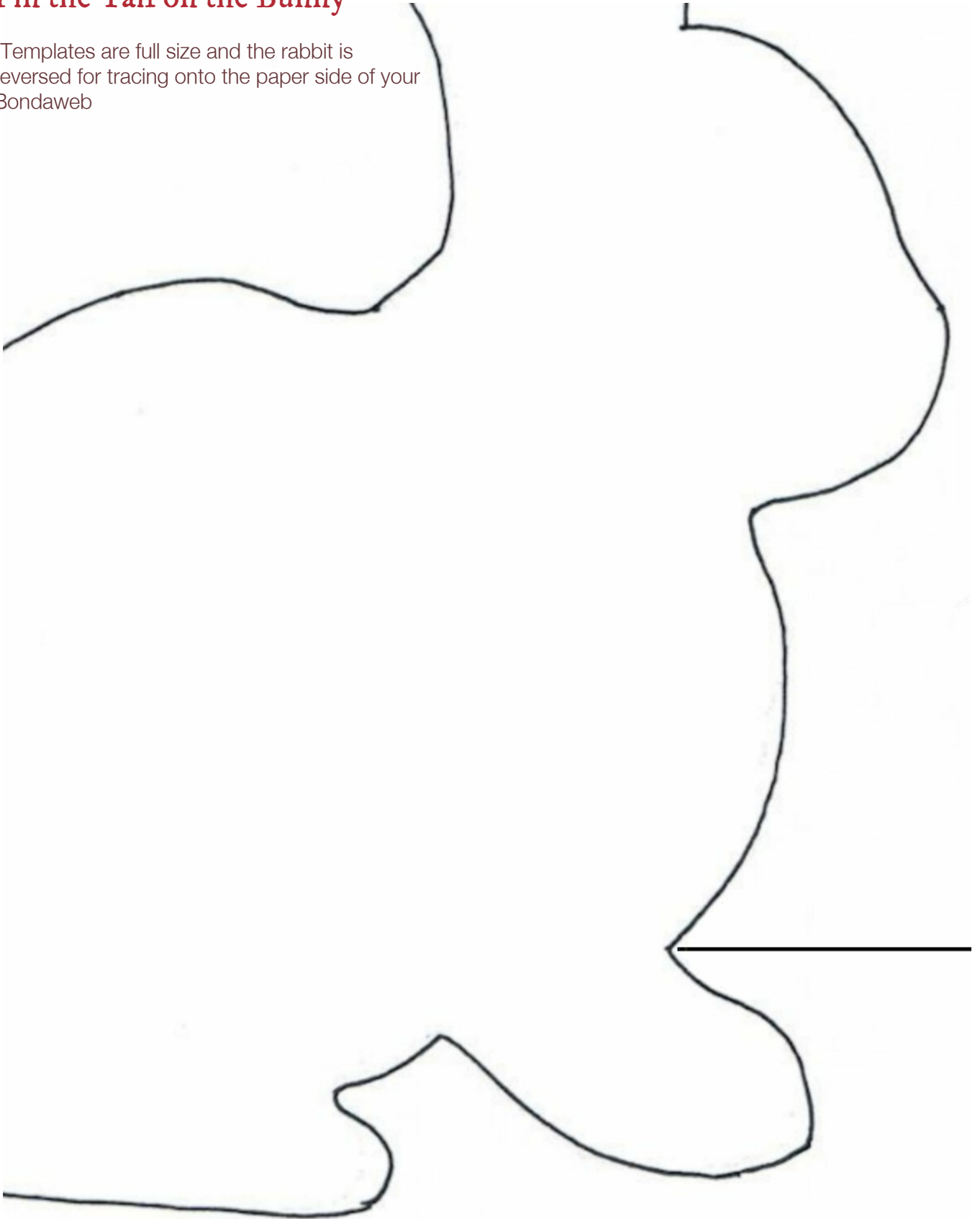


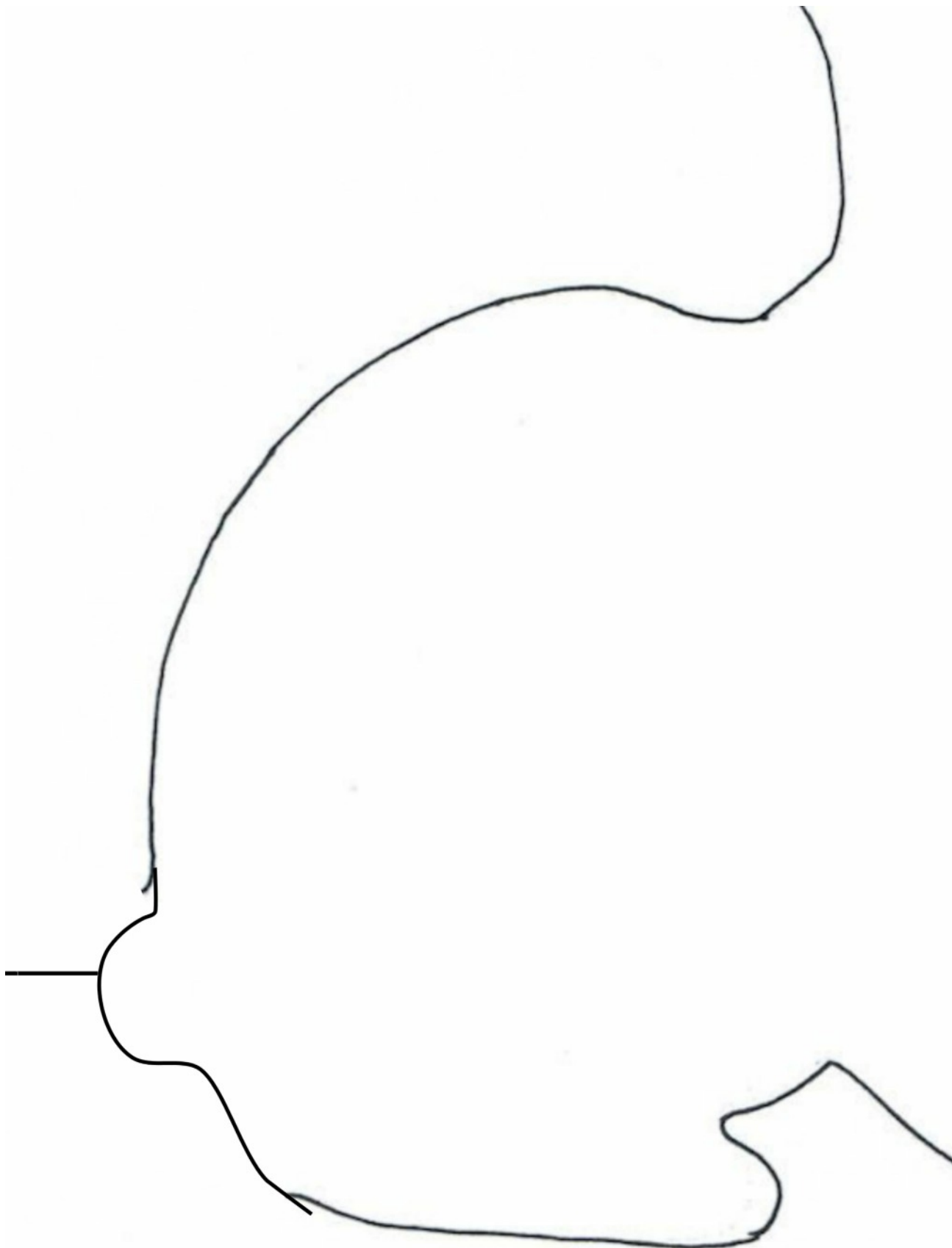
- Capital letters "PIN THE TAIL" split stitch
- Capital letters "BUNNY" chain stitch using three strands of floss.
- The flowers are worked in radiating straight stitches. I like to work stitches at 12, 3, 6 and 9 o'clock first, then go around and fill between these stitches. This helps me make sure that my stitches are all pointing evenly towards the centre.
- The centres of the flowers are worked in tiny (1 twist) French knots.
- When you have finished your embroidery press your work lightly on the reverse.

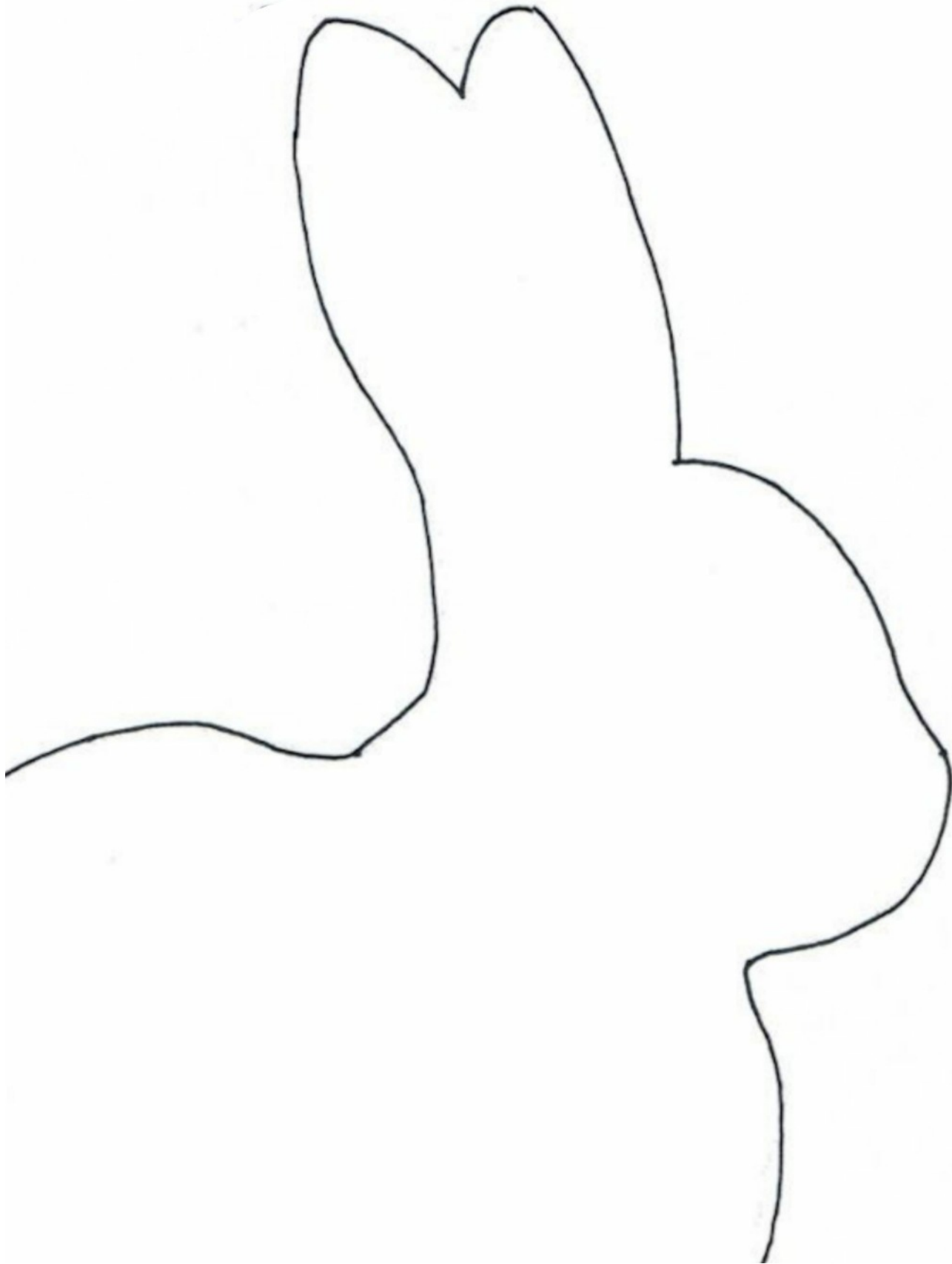
- Print the rabbit templates and join together.
- Trace the shape onto the paper side of your Bondaweb and cut out roughly.
- Fuse to the reverse of your tweedy fabric and then cut out carefully using long smooth strokes of your scissors so the bunny has nice smooth edges. It's easiest if you move the fabric around the scissors rather than the other way round.
- Peel off the paper backing and position your bunny in the centre of your design. When you're happy with the positioning fuse the bunny into place protecting your work with a hot iron if necessary.
- Fit the embroidery foot to your sewing machine and drop the feed dogs. With black thread in your needle and cream or another pale colour in your bobbin stitch around the edge of the bunny twice. Don't be too neat, you are aiming for a sort of sketchy scribbled effect. Stitch in his hind leg and back ear too (see photograph).
- Press your work on the reverse and mount in your quilting hoop.
- Trim fabric to 1" beyond the edge of the hoop. Turn to back and glue with your hot glue gun.
- Attach adhesive pads to the pompoms. Mine said they would permanently stick to anything - but you will find that the threads and fibres of the fabric quickly adhere to the pad so it doesn't form a permanent bond with your bunny.
- Hang and enjoy the game!

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Templates are full size and the rabbit is reversed for tracing onto the paper side of your Bondaweb







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Why do we love to stitch? After all you can purchase mass-produced textile items at many high streets stores for very little cost. These days handmade means something special - a unique item created with love, a gift from the heart, not one that can be bought.

Hand stitching is also a great way to personalise an item, or perhaps to breathe new life into an old favourite that has seen better days.

[Bustle & Sew](#) offers my own unique patterns, designed to appeal to all skill levels and bring out all your natural creativity. And you can keep up to date with all the latest news from Devon where I live as well as the newest patterns and much more over on the [Bustle & Sew Blog](#).



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Helen xx



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