



Spring Bunny Wreath

All you need is an old embroidery hoop, some scraps and a hot glue gun to create this enchanting little bunny decoration. Treat your house this spring!

I used an 8" embroidery hoop, but you could easily make your wreath larger or smaller, just resize the bunny template to suit.



You will need:

- 8" embroidery hoop
- Strips of fabric to bind hoop - these should be about ½" in length and you will need approximately 2 ½ yards, but this depends on how closely you wrap your hoop. I cut my strips with pinking shears for a decorative effect, but this is optional.
- 10" square rabbit coloured felt and a tiny scrap of pink for his ear
- Tiny scrap of white or cream fluffy fabric for his tail.
- Scraps of coloured felt for the flowers
- Coloured embroidery floss for the flowers around the rabbit's neck. Floss to match your rabbit coloured felt to sew his body together and a slightly darker shade to add lines for legs and nose.
- Tiny black bead for eye (if unavailable then a few stitches in black floss will work too)
- Toy stuffing
- Hot glue gun
- Temporary fabric marker

Prepare your hoop:

- Place the inner ring inside the outer and tighten the screw as far as it will go to hold the ring securely in place.
- Starting at the top (the screw) place a dab of glue at the back of the hoop, then begin to cover it with your fabric strips, winding round and round, occasionally securing in place with a dab of glue at the back of your hoop.

- Begin and end strips at the back of the hoop and secure the final end with another dab of glue.

Make your bunny:

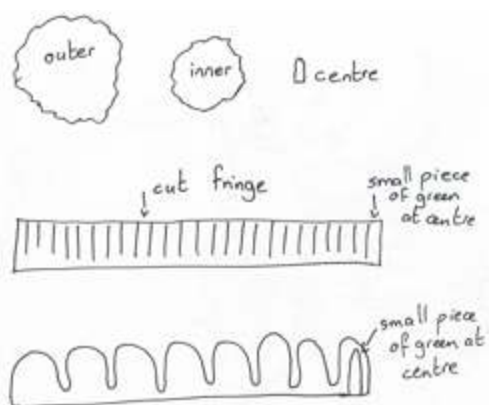
Note: use two strands of floss throughout except for whiskers which are a single strand of cream floss

- Take your rabbit coloured felt and fold in half. Press.
- Position the template (actual size) on your felt and draw around with your temporary fabric marker.
- Cut out your two bunny pieces, making sure you cut smoothly as the edges will show.
- Cut out ear shape in pink felt and stitch in place with pink thread.
- With temporary fabric marker pen draw in lines for legs and mark position of collar using photos as a guide.
- Place your bunny pieces together and stitch around the edges with cross stitch. As the legs and ear are quite narrow it's easier to stuff as you go.
- Stuff your rabbit nice and firmly so he won't wobble around on the wreath, and close the final gap.
- With darker thread stitch the legs - go through to the back and pull the thread quite firmly to make his legs a bit rounded.
- Stitch his nose with a few straight stitches.
- Secure bead for eye - again take your stitches right through to the back of the rabbit and pull firmly to give his face some contours.



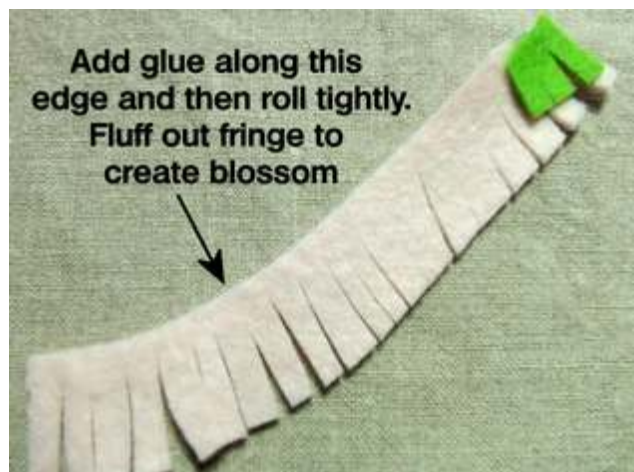


- Stitch collar - I used a selection of flosses that matched the felt I was planning to use for my flowers, as well as a green floss for the leaves. The flowers are simply five small straight stitches arranged in a star shape and roughly scattered along the line of his collar.
- Add whiskers in a single strand of cream floss.
- Cut a circle of white fluffy fabric and stitch into position for his tail.
- Erase any lines from your temporary marker that remain.
- Glue rabbit to wreath with your hot glue gun, using the photograph on the front of this pattern as a guide.



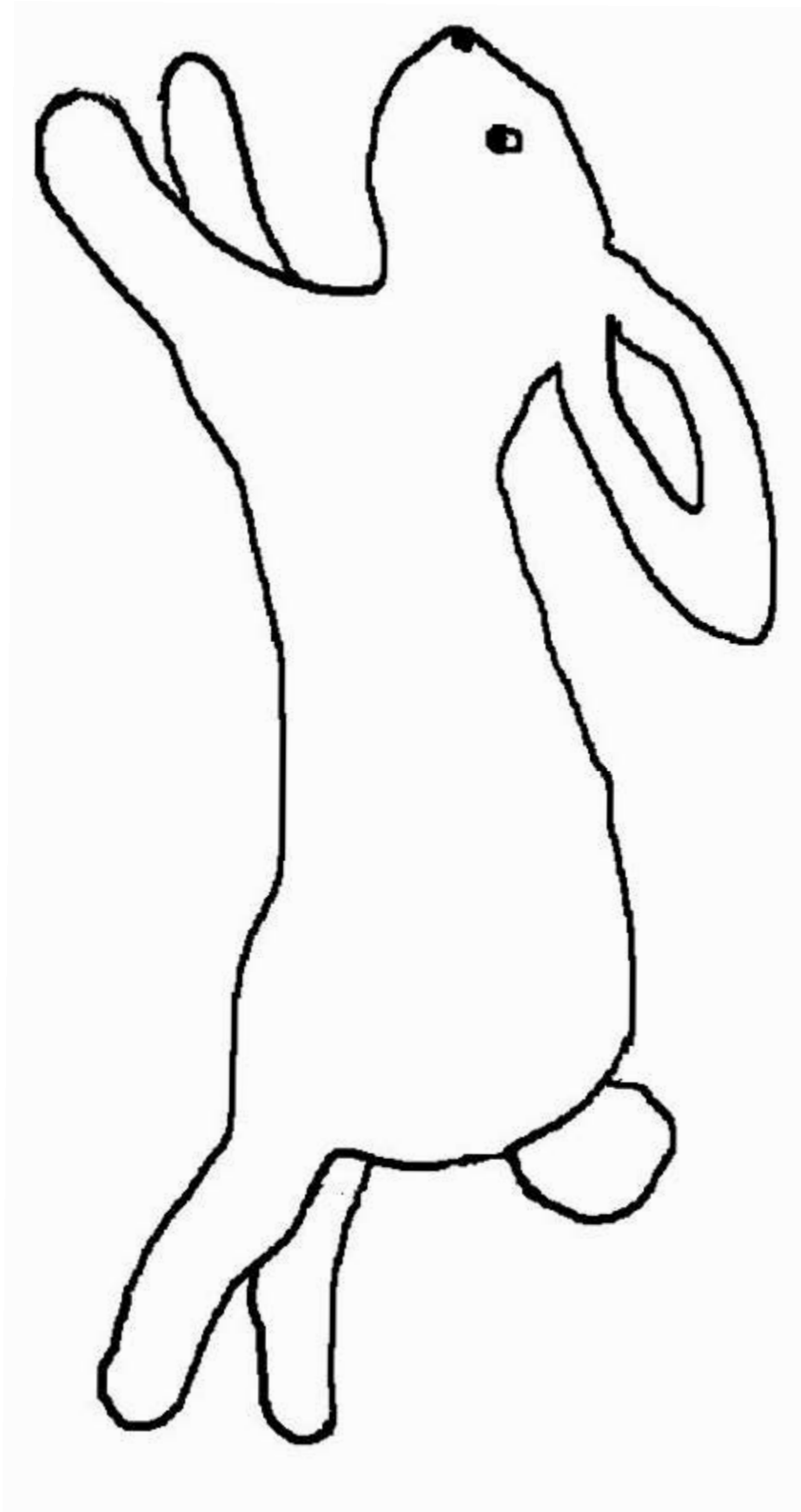
Make your flowers:

- There are lots of different ways to make felt flowers - I chose just three - making blossoms from strips of felt cut into fringes, with a small piece of green at the centre, flowers with strips of felt cut into a deep wavy pattern along one edge - and pansies which were created from two circles of felt scrunched around a central smaller piece.



- Create flowers of your choice, then glue in position at the bottom of the wreath between bunny's back and front legs and a small posy at the top to hide the screw. Add some leaf shapes in green felt too if you wish.
- Thread ribbon through screw and hang your wreath. Wait for compliments!







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