### Cute Bunny Doorstop

For something a little different this month, why not make our Cute Quilted Bunny Doorstop? This happy little fellow will be right at home propping your door open, and who knows – he might even hide eggs for you this Easter!



This doorstop is approx. 8½ inches long x 4½ inches wide.

#### You Will Need:

1/2 yard/metre mottled grey fabric for the bunny outer

1/2 yard/metre plain white fabric for backing and bunny's tail

Small amount pale pink fabric for inner ears

Small amount black fabric for eyes

Small amount fusible webbing for applique

Small amount of embroidery floss in black, white and pink

Water erasable fabric marking pen

Fat Quarter equivalent of batting

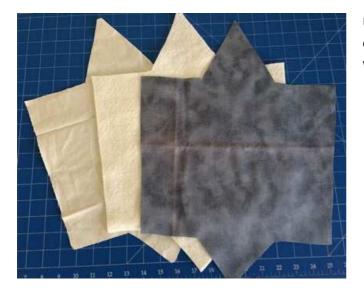
Toy fill / poly stuffing

Small amount of clean sand

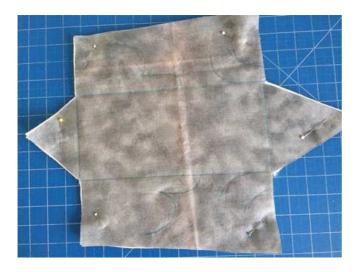
#### **Preparation:**

Print off the attached pages of templates and join together the four bunny body pages as indicated. Cut template out on the BLUE outer line.

#### Assembly:



Using the bunny body template, cut out one shape from each of the grey and white fabrics, and the batting.



Pin together in preparation for quilting. Layer the white fabric face down, then smooth the batting over it, and finally, the grey fabric facing up.

Pin the three layers together well.

Using the water erasable pen, transfer the markings for the four feet (dotted red lines) and the lines for the base of the doorstop (double red lines) to the grey fabric.

Sew two rows of stitching close together as indicated around the rectangular base of the doorstop.

Also quilt the front and back legs for the bunny.



As shown, with right sides together, bring the triangle ends up to meet the sides of the bunny side panels.

Pin and sew together. Note – the sides will not come to the top of the head end triangle.



Starting at the tail end, sew the tops of the side panels together, and stop about 3 inches from the head end.

Turn right sides out.



Now prepare the head.

Start with the ears. Trace the pink inner ear template twice on the paper side of your fusible webbing. Fuse it to the wrong side of your pink fabric, and cut out the shapes.

Position a pink shape as shown on two of the grey bunny ear pieces and iron in place.

Machine applique the pink inner ear in place.

With right sides together, pair up the grey bunny ears - one plain grey back with the pink ear front and sew around the shape, leaving the top edge open.

Clip the seam allowance on the curves – up to but not through the stitching, and turn ears right sides out.



Cut out one bunny head shape from the grey fabric, and run a gathering stitch around the outer edge.

Use the template to cut two black bunny eyes and fuse them in place as shown on the template.

Applique them in place. Using your embroidery floss, also stitch a white highlight in each eye, and stitch the pink bunny nose.

Put a teaspoonful of sand in each ear, then tuck in the raw edges at the top, fold the ears in half as pictured and hand sew each to the head as shown by the two red dotted lines on the template.



Use the gathering stitch to gather in the head. Stuff it with the toy stuffing, and stitch the gathered base securely closed.

Do exactly the same with the white tail. Use the circular template to cut one white tail. Run a gathering thread around the outside, then gather and stuff the tail as well.

Using matching thread, sew the tail securely to the tail end of the quilted bunny as pictured.

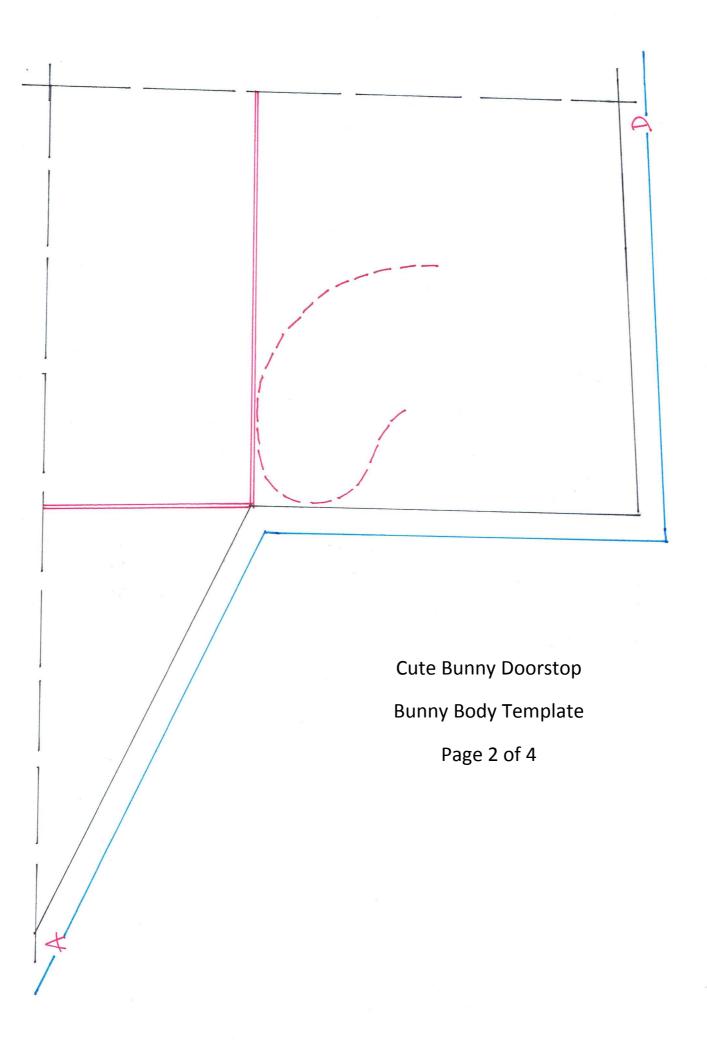
Fill your bunny with at least a ½ inch of sand evenly in the base, then top it up with more toy stuffing, and tuck in the triangle top and hand sew the gap in the bunny body closed.

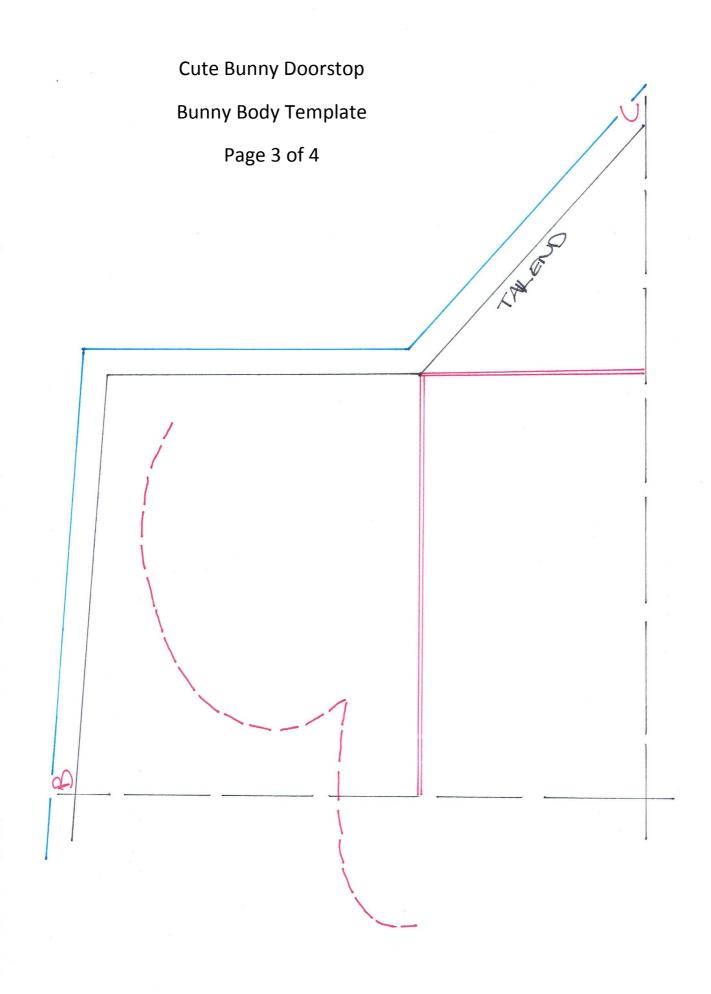


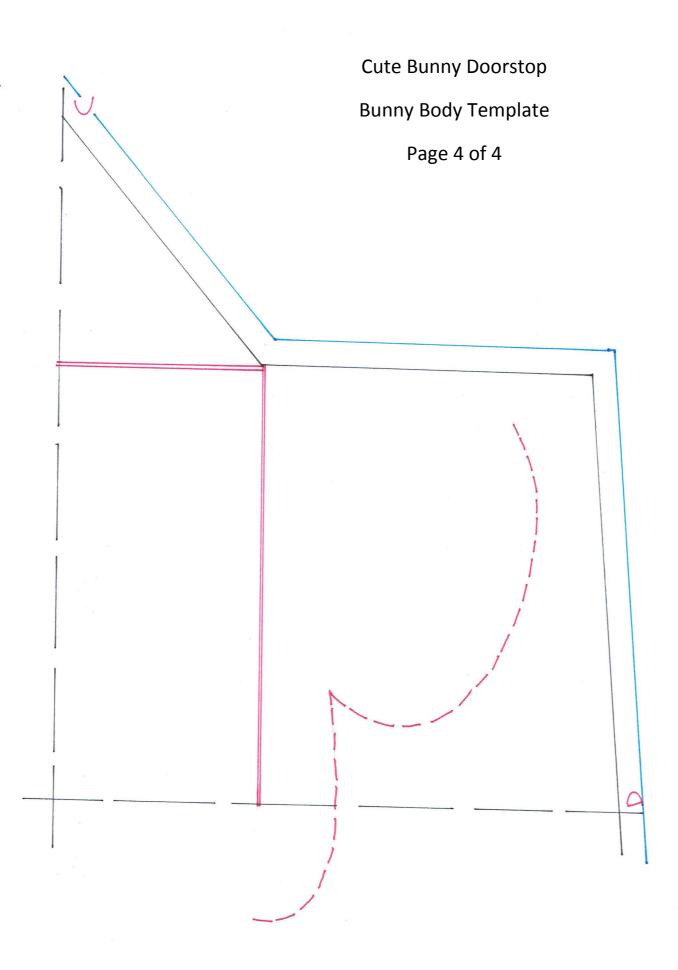
Hand sew the bunny head securely to cover the top corner of your bunny base, and find him a good door to mind for you!

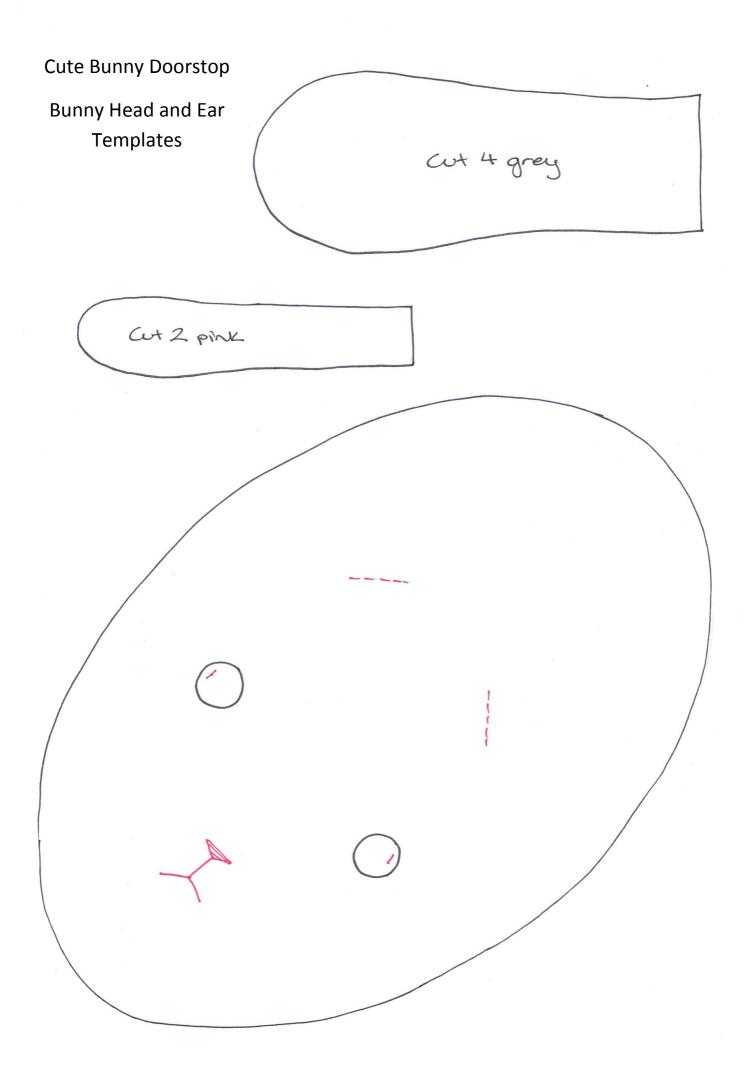
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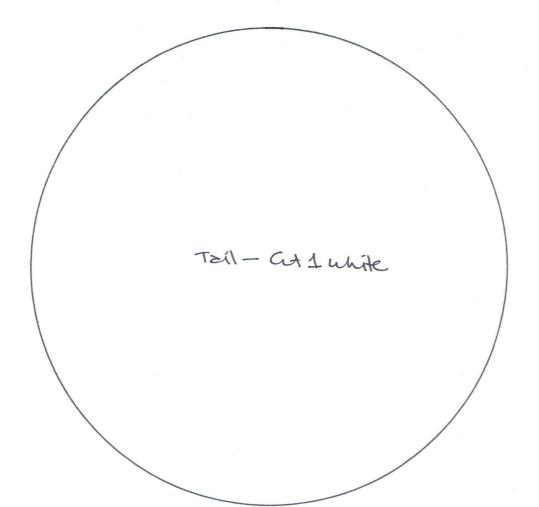
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### Bunny Tail Template