

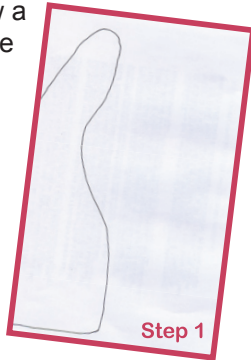
Bedtime Bunny

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Materials Needed:

- Two pieces of felt approximately 15cm x 10cm
- A few pins
- Two contrasting shades of embroidery thread and a fine needle
- A little wadding
- Small quantity of four ply knitting yarn, eg leftover sock yarn
- A pair of 3.00mm knitting needles
- Paper, pencil and scissors

Step 1: Fold the paper in half and draw a simple half bunny shape to the fold. Use your finger as a guide to the thickness of the ears and make the bunny shape about 14cm high. Cut out the template and open it up.



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Step 2: Pin it to the first piece of felt and cut round it. Then use that felt bunny as the template for the second one. That's the easiest way to make sure the two pieces are exactly the same shape.



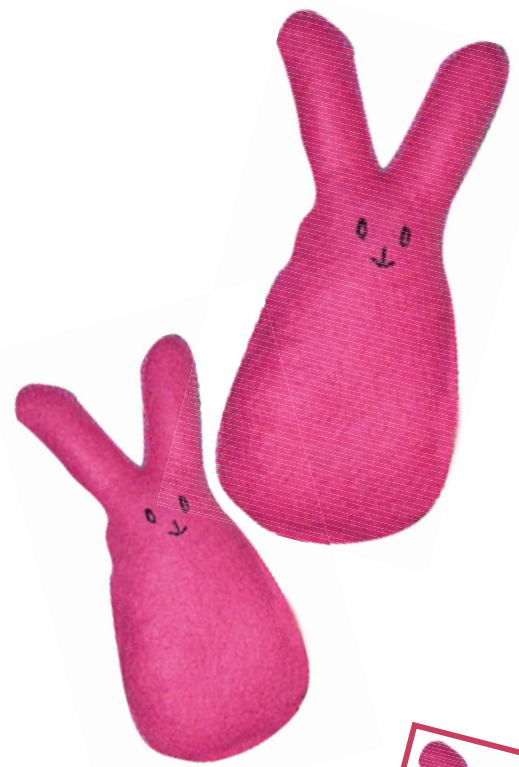
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Step 3: Cut a 30cm length of embroidery thread and separate the strands. Use two strands together and stitch a simple pair of eyes and nose onto one felt shape.



Step 3

Step 4: Pin the two bunny shapes together. Take the second colour of embroidery thread, cut a 45cm length, and thread up with two strands. Starting half way up one side, buttonhole stitch the front and back together with neat little stitches till you are within 5cm of your start point.



Step 5: Leaving the thread trailing, stuff the bunny with wadding - I use a chopstick to push the wadding into the ears! You are aiming for a firm but flattish shape. When it's stuffed, close the gap with buttonhole stitch and finish off the thread neatly.



Step 5



Step 6

Step 6: (making the sleeping bag) Cast on approximately fifty stitches and knit without shaping until the piece measure 13cm high. You can, of course, incorporate any stitch patterns you like. Cast off, sew up the bottom and side and pop the bunny in. His or her little ears should just be poking out of the top!



