



Woollen Bunny

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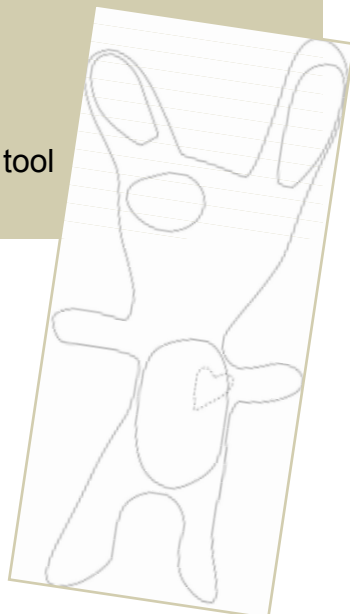
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This little bunny is inspired by my very own real-life muse, Potato. I started making little bunnies out of jumper scraps to give to my friends shortly after my husband and I adopted Potato. He spends days with me in my craft room 'helping' me sort fabric, chewing on my papers and hopping all over my projects. I couldn't live without him.

Materials:

Lightweight cardboard
Chalk-backed dressmaker's paper
Pencil
Paper scissors
Water-soluble pen
Felted jumper (for bunny body)
Assortment of felted jumper scraps (for details)
Straight pins
Fabric scissors
Size 7 embroidery/crewel needle
Embroidery thread in desired colours
Embroidery scissors
Two buttons, matching or in different colours as desired
Sewing machine
Sewing thread to match
Fibrefill stuffing
Chopstick or other pointed tool
Hand-sewing needle

Step 1
Use dressmaker's paper to transfer the bunny template onto cardboard and cut out template.



Step 2:

Pin template to jumper. Use water-soluble pen to trace bunny template onto wrong side of jumper. Cut out from both thicknesses. Cut details from scraps; pin to right side of bunny.

Step 3:

Use three strands of thread in needle and knot end. Sew details to bunny using whipstitch. Embroider nose using backstitch and satin stitch. Sew on buttons for eyes.

Step 4:

With right sides facing, pin front to back. Use straight stitch to machine-sew 12mm (1/2in) from edge. Leave 7.5cm (3in) opening in one side.

Step 5:

Clip corners and curves. Turn right side out, using chopstick to push out ends.

Step 6:

Stuff small pieces of stuffing tightly into all parts of the bunny body with a chopstick.

Step 7:

Turn edges of opening to inside and pin opening closed. Hand-sew opening closed using slipstitch.

