



LEARNING TO SEW FOR BEGINNERS

Baby bunny blanket

AN ORIGINAL DESIGN

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Hi there!



Welcome. Thank you for purchasing the Bunny baby blanket tutorial & pattern.

Two in one baby blanket is cheerful, soft, with upright ears, hands for hugging, and snout for cuddling. One side is from soft fleece, the other from 100% cotton. You can use this baby blanket on both sides.

I can imagine my boys, when they were babies, how they would carefully explore the stars on the ears with their little fingers, the brown snout, handmade embroidery, dots on the hands, noticing the difference between soft fleece and colder cotton.

I hope you will enjoy sewing your Bunny baby blanket as much as I've enjoyed making it.

Maja

p.s. As SewToy customer, you have my full support. If you get stuck for any reason, message me, and we'll find the solution together.

Finished size

Finished size without the ears and hands approximately: 75 cm x 75 cm / 30 in x 30 in

STEP 1: Prepare all materials

- ☐ soft anti-pill fleece fabric for one side of the blanket and ears
95 cm x 78 cm / 38 in x 31 in
- ☐ matching light cotton fabric for the other side of the blanket and ears
95 cm x 78 cm / 38 in x 32 in
- ☐ anti-pill fleece for hands
- ☐ cotton fabric for hands
- ☐ brown embroidery thread for eyes, and mouth
- ☐ a little piece of wool felt for the snout—black or dark brown
- ☐ Sewing thread
- ☐ Pattern (page 7)

General requirements:

sewing machine, pins, needle, scissors, trick marker, or chalk.

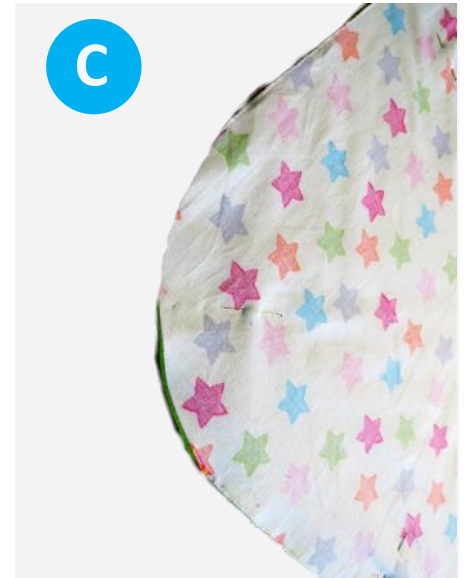


WHY I RECOMEND USING WOOL AND NOT ACRYLIC (CRAFT) FELT?

Wool felt is the most durable type of felt, has less fuzz than other felts, and it will not pill. Under the fingers has soft, luxurious fill. It is thicker, has a slight elasticity, so it can be manipulated and shaped. 100% natural wool is stain and water-resistant, flame resistant and self-extinguishing, anti-bacterial, anti-bacterial, ecologically and animal friendly. Although it is more expensive than acrylic (craft) felt, in my opinion, wool felt is in a long run totally worth a bit higher

STEP 2: Prepare base for the baby blanket

- A. Cut a 78 cm x 78 cm (31 in x 31 in) square from the fleece fabric.
- B. Use the fleece square as a template to make a cotton square for the blanket. -> Pin the fleece square on the cotton fabric right sides together. Make sure there are no wrinkles. Trace the fleece template with the trick marker or chalk to the cotton fabric. Cut. You should have two squares 78 cm x 78 cm (31 in x 31 in) big.
- C. Place squares on top of each other right sides together. Pin. With the help of an ordinary plate, mark edges for the rounded corners like on the picture. Cut the corners off. This is the base for the baby blanket.



STEP 3: Sew ears and hands for bunny baby blanket

- D. Print the pattern for ears and hands on the last page. Cut them out.
- E. Trace the template of the ear with the trick marker or chalk twice on cotton fabric and twice on fleece fabric. Cut the ears leaving a 0,5 cm (1/4 in) for the seam allowance.
- F. Place one cotton ear and one fleece ear on top of each other, right sides facing. Pin.
- G. Repeat all the steps for the hands.



- H. Sew ears and hands together with the regular seam on your sewing machine. Follow the line you made with a trick marker or chalk. Don't forget not to sew the bottom part together, since you will need it for turning the ears and hands around.
- I. Before turning the ears around, cut the tops of the ears off (see picture below).
- J. Turn ears and hands around through the opening. Position the edges from the inside, using a non-sharp pointy object.
- K. Iron and topstitch (regular seam on top close to the edge). For topstitching, I have used a blue thread to make the



TIP: Sew together with the cotton fabric on the top

To sew the cotton piece and felt piece together, place the cotton fabric on the top. Since fleece is more elastic, this will make sewing together easier, and the final product will be much nicer looking.

STEP 4: Create bunny's happy faces

Unpin the base for the blanket in one corner, wide enough that you will be able to sew the face on the right sides of the fabric:

- SNOUT: sew the felt snout using the regular running stitch
- EYES and MOUTH: mark with the trick marker or chalk the position of eyes and mouth. Embroider them using the **stem stitch**. For the lashes, make three stitches.



Let's connect & sew together!

THE STEM STITCH

The stem stitch is an embroidery stitch in which each stitch overlaps the previous stitch to one side. You start on one side and each time return back to the previous stitch, the thread being below or above the mouth all the time:



STEP 5: Sewing the bunny baby blanket together

- L. Place the ears and hands on the right side of the fleece blanket and cover with cotton fabric, right sides facing (see picture). Pin well.
- M. Sew the blanket together, leave an opening (approx. 12 cm / 5 inches). Turn the blanket around through the opening.
- N. Align all the edges from the inside nicely.
- O. Topstitch the blanket approximately 0,5 cm (1/4 in) from the edge.



And this is it! You have made your own cheerful bunny baby blanket you can use on both sides, on the soft fleece side and cheerful cotton side.



Congratulations!

You have made your very first playful & cute bunny blanket. Do you like it? I would LOVE to see how it turned out.



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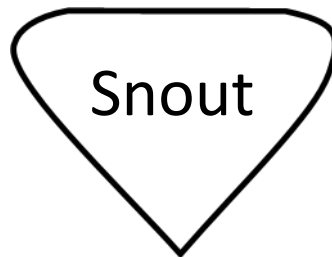


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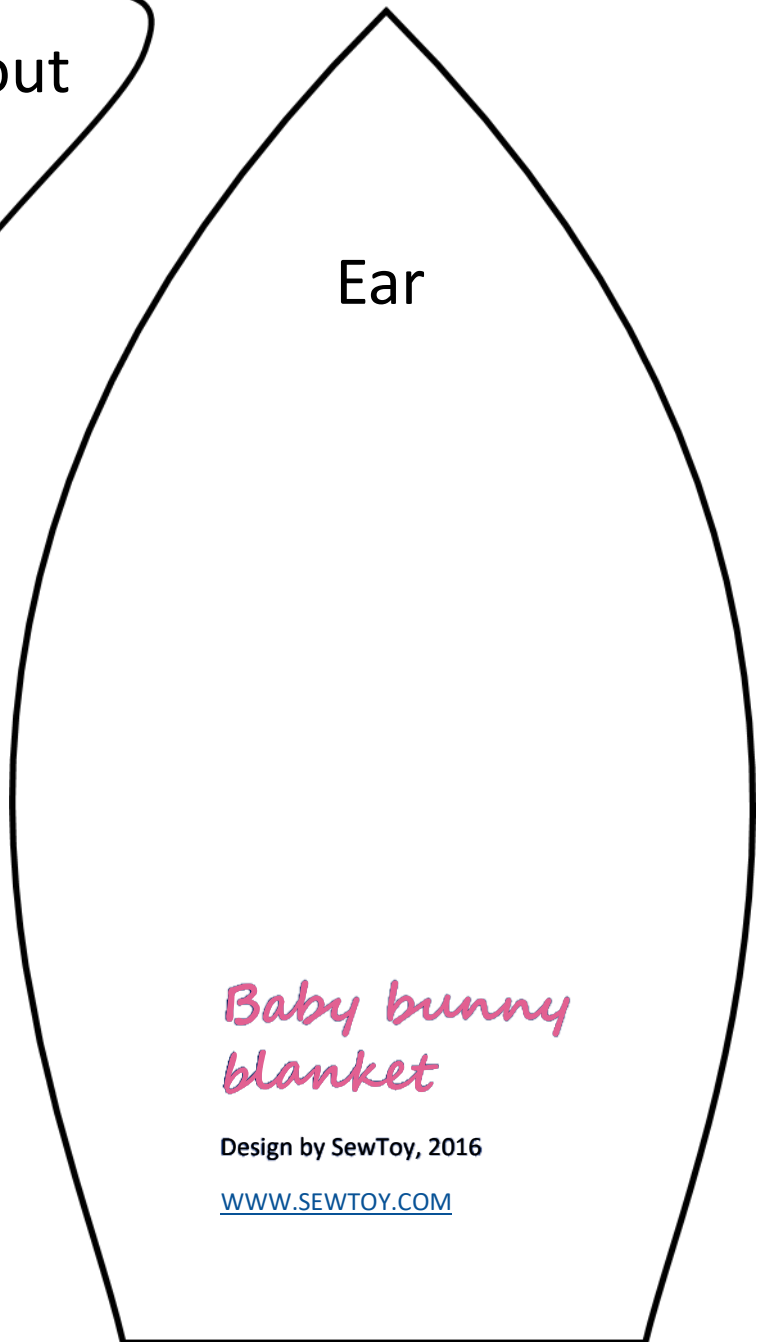
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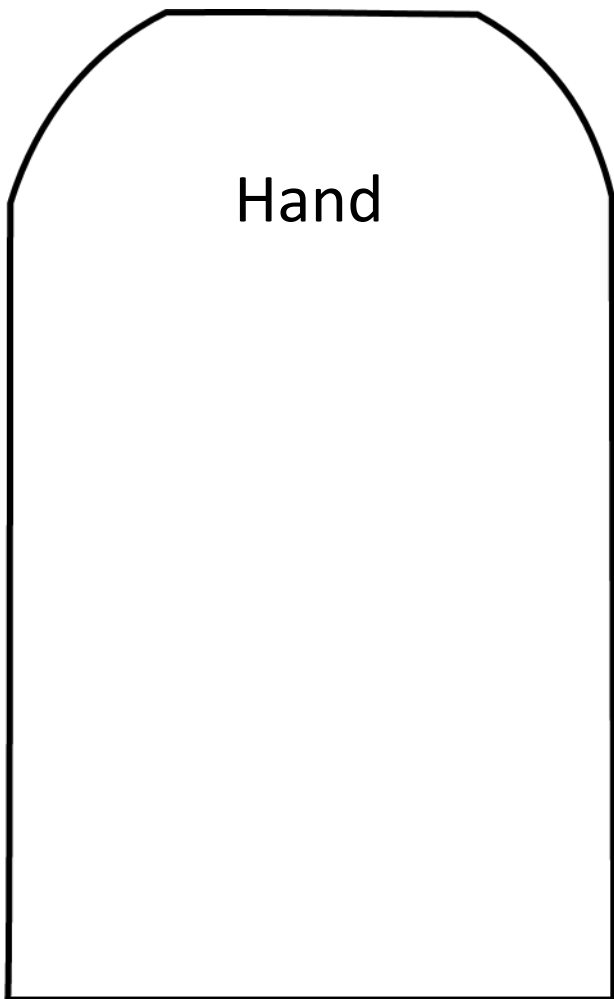
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Snout



Ear



Hand

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