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Letter from the Editors

Hi Sewers,

When it comes to Easter celebrations, it's all about pastel goodies and jelly beans. Although Easter is a special religious holiday, you can bring it some light-hearted cheer with fun sewing projects like the ones you'll find in this eBook. At AllFreeSewing.com, we believe that every holiday should be celebrated with the ones you love, doing what you love to do. Since you enjoy sewing, we've found Easter projects that are perfect to make this time of year.

Happy Easter!

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Happy Sewing,

The Editors of AllFreeSewing

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Easter Basket Tutorial

By: Sarah for Create Studio

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Ditch that boring old Easter Basket and make your own plush, adorable one with this Easter Basket Tutorial. You're sure to get more than a few compliments on this creative Easter bunny basket craft.



Materials:

- 2 yards of fabric to be used for your base, inner liner, handles and ears (I used solid blue in this tutorial)- I will call this fabric "A"
- 1 yard of fabric to be used for the outer sides of your basket and handles (I used seer sucker)- I will call this fabric "B"
- A 19"x 3" strip of fabric for the inner part of the ears (I used green)- I will call this fabric "C"
- 2 button eyes
- Embroidery thread
- Cotton Ball
- Spray Adhesive
- 7.5" x 10.5" piece of cardboard (for the base)
- 28" x 20" piece of fleece batting
- Stiff stabilizer (for the ears)
- We used Hallmark Christmas from FreeSpirit Fabrics.

***All seam allowances are 1/4 inch.**

This is a big project, but if I can do it, so can you! I've divided this tutorial in to 5 sections to understand it a little better:

1. Body of Basket
2. Handles
3. Ears
4. Liner
5. Embellishments

****Keep in mind that you may need to double click on these pictures to make them larger. I shrunk them for this tutorial.****

1. Body of Basket

Cut two strips of fabric 19" x 8". This fabric will be the outer sides of your basket (Fabric B). Cut one strip of fabric 19"x 12". This will be the bottom of your basket (Fabric A). Pin them with the right sides together and sew them into a large rectangle like the picture below.



Next, place your rectangle on top of the piece of batting (with the right side up) and pin it in place. There should be about an inch of batting all around the edges. Sew the batting in place with straight stitches down the two seams in the middle first and then all of the outer edges. After the sewing is done, trim the excess batting.



Fold the rectangle in half so that the two smaller strips of Fabric B are together. Sew down the right and left sides, leaving the upper open like in the picture below.



Next you're going to box the corners. I made sure that the distance from the pointy tip to the needle was 4 inches, which means that the distance from the center seam to the outer edge was also 4 inches on both sides. Trim the tip. Repeat on the other side. Your first step is done!

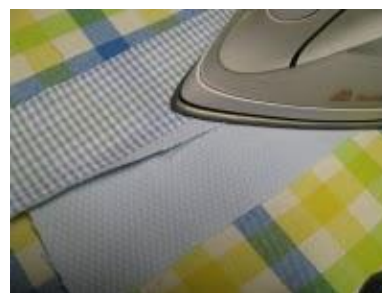


2. Handles

Cut two 21" x 2" strips out of your Fabric A and two 21" x 2" strips out of your Fabric B. Press them. While you've got your iron out you may as well cut your ears and press them too. The ears will be two 9.5" x 2.5" strips of Fabric A and two more of Fabric C with a curve at the top. Press these and set aside.



Grab two of the handle strips and sew them with the right sides together. Open them up and press the seam open.



Next fold the outside edges in towards the middle.



Finally, fold it in half so that the handle is a width of 1 1/4" wide.



Sew down both edges of the handles. Repeat these steps for the other handle.



Sew the handles on to the basket 2" away from the side seam as shown below. Be sure that the handles droop downward.



3. Ears

Grab your pressed ears that you set aside earlier. With the right sides of the fabric together, pin them to a piece of stiff stabilizer. Sew around the outer edges, cut the excess stabilizer, turn the ears right side out and fold over one side to make them look a little more ear-like!



Next, attach your ears to the center of one side of your bag (obviously not on the side with the handles.) Be sure that the ears droop downward.



Sew them to the basket.



4. Liner

You're over halfway there now! Next step is the liner. Cut a piece of Fabric A in a rectangle that is 18" x 27". Fold in half with the right sides together and sew all the way up one side. On the other side, leave a 2 inch opening. Trust me, it will make sense soon. (Side note: Be sure you backstitch well on both sides of the 2 inch opening on this side. You'll be flipping the basket through that opening.) Square off the edges like you did before, with 4 inches from the pointy tip to the needle for your seam.

Turn the main body of the basket inside out (tuck in the ears and handles) so that the batting side is facing out. Put the liner you just made inside the basket so that you can see the

wrong side of the liner. Pin it all the way around the top to secure and sew.



There's your little hole. Turn the whole basket inside out through that hole.



Stitch around the top of the basket.



5. Embellishments

Remember that piece of cardboard I asked you to have in the beginning? Pull that out, along with a piece of your Fabric A. Cut the fabric with pinking shears so that it is about one inch larger than the cardboard all the way around. Trim the edges like I've done below. Next,

cover the cardboard in stray adhesive and attach your fabric. Be sure that the fabric is smooth across one side and the other side with the edges folded in doesn't matter. This will be placed inside your finished bag to serve as support.



Finally, attach your button eyes, cotton ball tail, and embroider a face and you're done! Happy Easter!

Sewn Spring Chickens

By: [Heather Parsons](#) for Small Fry and Co.

Looking for an adorable sewing Easter project? Look no further. This tutorial gives you the steps it takes to make your cute Easter chicks.



Materials:

These can be made for scraps you have laying around your house. They are super-fast to make but do involve sewing. I used my sewing machine but you could do them by hand it would just take longer. Hot glue is also needed.

Instructions:

1. Cut out [pattern pieces](#) and the appropriate number of pieces of fabric according to the pattern. The pattern has a piece for the beak but I keep it as a general rule of thumb that I never cut out a pattern piece that small, I always just eye ball those kind of pieces.



2. Sew together the body pieces-right side's together-leaving a small opening for turning. Backstitch both sides of your opening. Repeat for the head. Turn right sides out.



3. Using beans, rice or popcorn pour some into the bottom of the body to weigh it down. I used popcorn. This isn't necessary depending on what you will use these for but if you want them to stand on their own like in a little nest then you will want to do this.



4. Fill the remainder of the body with stuffing and the head too. Don't over stuff.



5. Sew openings closed. I didn't bother tucking in my opening edges or even trying to hide the opening in any way because both will be hidden when you assemble the chick.



6. To make some hair gather a small bunch of yarn like so and....



7. Glue it to the back of the head like so with hot glue. Then cut the folds and trim to uneven lengths.



8. like this.



9. To make the beak, take the beak piece you cut out and put a small dab of hot glue in the middle and fold it in half. This will make the beak so that it stays partly closed on the chick and doesn't just flap open. Hot glue the beak to the head piece. Add eyes. I drew mine with a marker and I used some chalk to make cheeks. Then glue the head to the body.



10. Here is a side view.



11. Finally take the scarf/blanket piece and tie it around your chick with a knot. I tied mine to the side a bit. This will cover up the seam on the head. You could glue this in place. I didn't.



Easter Bunny Applique Pillow

By: Megan of [Boutique Nutmeg Designs](http://BoutiqueNutmegDesigns.com)

Using colorful spring fabric, create a bunny applique pillow perfect for Easter decor. Embroidered "Hoppy Easter" completes this cute throw pillow. This project comes to us compliments of Megan Newton of Boutique Nutmeg Designs.



Materials:

- Sewing Machine
- Iron
- Thread
- Embroidery Floss
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Straight Pins
- 20- 2" squares 4 each of 5 different colors
- 2- 10" x 10" squares solid color fabric or linen
- 3 color scrap pieces for bunny body
- Wonder under
- 1 small white pom pom
- Poly fill/fiber stuffing
- Pencil

Optional but Very Helpful Items

- Self Healing Cutting Mat
- Rotary Cutter

Instructions

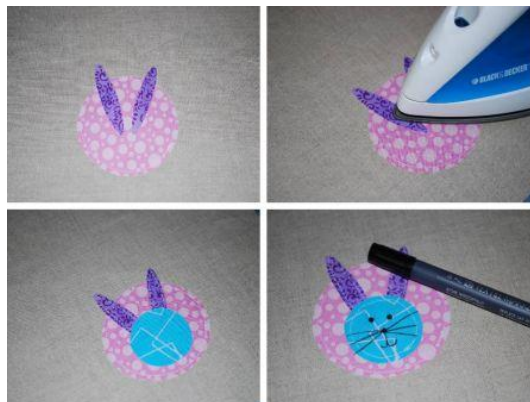
1. Begin with all of your fabric pieces cut. Then trace the bunny body pattern from [the template](#) on to the backside of the wonder under. Using the iron setting stated on wonder under information sheet. Iron wonder under to fabric color of your choice for the bunny body.



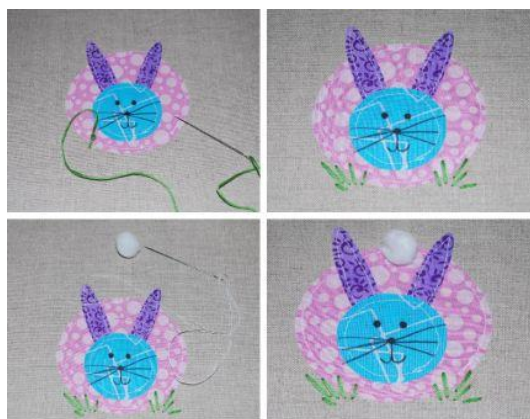
2. Start by cutting out the large circle, measure 3" from the bottom edge of the 10"x10" square, find the center and iron circle into place, stitch around the edge with the sewing machine.



3. Iron ears in to place and stitch around, then follow with small circle for head, iron into place and stitch around. Using a black textile marker draw a cute little face on your bunny!



4. Using green embroidery thread stitch some grass around bunny body. Then using the white pom-pom, stitch bunny tail into place.



5. Measuring 2" from the left side edge use a pencil to sketch out "Hoppy Easter." Use embroidery thread of your color choice to stitch the letters. I used a back stitch and added a few green pieces of grass to the sides!



6. To create points: Use 2" x 2" squares fold in half diagonally then fold again and iron flat. Pin one of each of the 5 colors to the edge of the front panel. Repeat for all 4 sides.



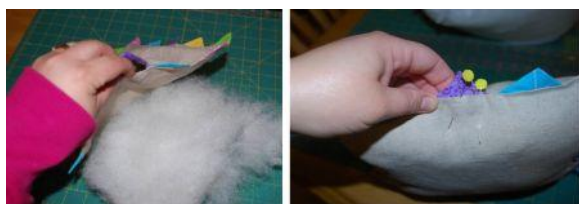
7. Once all points are pinned in to place stitch down, and then remove pins. Using 2nd 10" x10" square place on top side and pin all the edges in to place. Using a ¼" seam stitch all around the square leaving a 3" opening to turn to pillow right side out.



8. Snip all corners. Then pull right side through the small hole. Continue until the piece is all right side out. Iron edges flat, then use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to top stitch edge of pillow. Remember to leave opening so you can fill with stuffing.



9. Once you have pillow filled to desired fullness, pin the opening shut and continue $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to sew shut.



Ruffled Burlap Easter Wreath

By: Jen for Tater Tots and Jello

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Decorate your front door with a ruffled burlap Easter wreath and everyone will know that Easter is on its way. Use this free, easy holiday craft to learn how.



Materials:

- Wreath form: I used a 14 inch form.
- Burlap -- one 3 inch wide by 4 foot long strip, plus one 8 inch wide by 6 foot long section.
- Fabric scraps
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Sewing machine -- or you could use hot glue
- Mod podge
- 3 plastic Easter eggs
- Ribbon

Instructions:

First I took the wreath form and wrapped the thinner strip of burlap around the form, covering the entire form. I hot glued the edges down. Then I took some fabric scraps and covered each of the edges of the larger piece of

burlap with material down each side -- 3 inches in width -- I folded the fabric in two and butted the edge of the burlap against the fold of the material. {I sewed the fabric onto the burlap, but you could hot glue the material on also.}



The next thing I did was sew a really wide stitch down in between the two sides, about 1/3 of the way closer to one side and 3/4 away from the other side. I backstitched on the beginning of the stitch and then left the stitches open at the other end. Then I gathered the burlap up by pulling on the exposed thread at the open end of the burlap section. I pulled it very slowly and carefully so the thread wouldn't break. Burlap is hard to ruffle because it is so heavy, but if you are careful you can do it.



If you don't have a machine, you can ruffle the burlap by hot gluing folds together and creating the same look. If you want to do this, hot glue the ends of the burlap together -- creating a

circle. Then lay the circle on top of your wreath form. Hot glue one section on first, and then take the opposite side of the circle and hot glue it onto the opposite side of the wreath form. Do this at all four points of the form. There will be a lot of fabric left over between. Then carefully make folds in the burlap between each of the glued sections, until it looks ruffled.

Once you have ruffled your burlap material by pulling on the thread, take it and measure it next to the wreath form. Make sure it is about the same size. Then hot glue the ends of the material together, making sure the seam is to the back side of the material. Then hot glue the material onto the wreath form. Then take some ribbon and hot glue it onto the ruffled burlap to cover up the stitching.



After that is done, take some fabric straps and cut them into very thin ribbons of material. Take half of the strips; tie them in the center with some string or one of the strips of material and hot glue that onto the form, making sure that some of the strips hang on both sides off the wreath. Then take the other strips of material, and make it into a ball and glue that ball on top of the long strips. It should look messy. Then take some burlap scraps and glue that on top of the fabric ball.



Now decoupage some strips of material onto your plastic eggs. I cut my material into 1 inch by 3 inch section and then I put a layer on the back of the material and smoothed it onto the egg. Then I took the next strip and smoothed it overlapping the previous strip. Do this until the egg is covered. Then add a coat of decoupage medium over the whole egg. Let the egg dry on wax paper. Do this with all three eggs. I used different material on each egg for more color.



Once the eggs have dried, hot glue them on top of the burlap and fabric ball. Then add some ribbon to the back of the wreath and hang it up.



Easter Egg Golf Towel

By: June Scroggin of Junie Moon
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June Scroggin of Junie Moon designed this tutorial after noticing that most golf accessories are boring and/or masculine. This Easter egg golf towel is fun, feminine and practical. One side of the towel is chenille for scrubbing golf balls and clubs and the other side is for drying. Celebrate spring with this unexpected accessory, whether or not you use on the golf course.



Materials:

- 1 piece of cotton fabric (I used a mid-weight decorator fabric that's washable) approximately 20-inches square
- 1 piece of chenille (or terry toweling) fabric in the same size
- 1½ yards of cotton twill tape ¾-inch to 1-inch wide in a color complementing your fabrics
- Thread to match fabrics
- Water-soluble marking pen
- Dritz Grommet Kit, 7/16-inch
- Metal golf towel (or shower) hanger

Instructions:

1. Cut your fabrics into an egg shape, approximately 13-inches wide by 18½-inches in length. The smaller top part of the "egg" will be the top of your towel. I just drew a free-hand egg shape with a water-soluble marking pen.

2. Place fabrics with wrong sides together. Pin in place. Stitch 1/8-inch from edge to secure.



3. Fold twill tape in over the edge of your towel, pinning in place as you navigate around the circumference. Sew close to edge of tape (towards main body of towel). You can sew by machine or hand. I chose the latter as I wanted the stitches to be invisible.

4. Following grommet instructions, insert grommet at the center of the top of the towel about ½-inch away from the bottom edge of the twill binding trim.



Felt Easter Egg Jelly Bean Bag

By: Chica and Jo

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This felt Easter egg jelly bean bag is a great place to store some of that extra Easter candy, and it also looks cute as an Easter decoration in your home. This simple holiday craft idea is the perfect Easter accessory!



Materials:

- For each: batting
- White thread or clear monofilament
- Sewing machine
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Instructions:

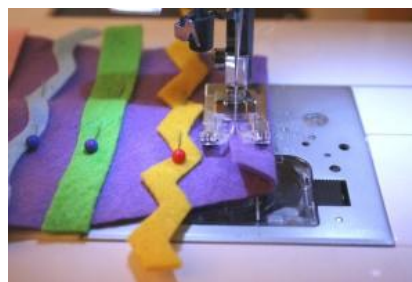
Pin the pattern to a piece of felt and cut out the shape. Repeat so that you have two egg-shaped pieces of felt. Then use your scraps of coordinating felt to cut stripes, waves, and zigzags to decorate your egg with. Pin them in place. For best results, use the same patterns on both halves of the egg.



Now on each half of the egg, fold the top (squared-off) edge of the egg down and pin in place. This will form the pocket for your drawstring.



Use the sewing machine to sew the pocket in place, as close to the edge as you can.



Next, sew all your stripes, waves, and zigzags in place on each piece of the egg.





Take the two halves of the egg and put them together, with the decorations on the outside, and use a few pins to hold them in place.



Use the sewing machine to sew all around the sides (but not the top!) of the egg shape.



To finish off the edges, trim with pinking shears for a fun zigzag edge. If you don't have pinking shears or prefer straight edges, you can use regular scissors.



Using the [technique I've described for you before](#), put a small safety pin on the end of a piece of ribbon and feed it through the pocket around the top opening of the egg. When the ribbon is all the way through, remove the safety pin.



Now just fill the sachet with jelly beans, pull the ribbon, and tie it in a bow. You're all set!



Colored Rice Easter Eggs

By: Dana for Made

<http://www.dana-made-it.com/>

Try this Easter project to sew colored rice Easter eggs. Just fill egg-shaped pouches with colored rice for an instant Easter decoration for your home.



Materials:

- Food coloring
- Rice
- Plastic lining that can be sewn
- Clasp
- String

Instructions:

The process is easy (though it's hard to get the rice around those little eyelets up top.)

Follow the same steps in our [Split Pea Shamrocks Tutorial](#), only cut out small ovals to make eggs. You can easily create an oval in a Word doc or other computer programs and print out the size you want.

The fun part of course is dyeing white rice to create all your beautiful Easter colors. Use whatever food coloring you'd like. I tried it with the cheap grocery store stuff and it works fine too. But I've had my eye on these for a while. And when you use a coupon from Joann's, the whole box of Wilton's Icing Colors only cost me \$5.



Take a dab or food coloring (or a few drops):



And mix it in a bowl with a bit of water. I tried putting drops of food coloring directly into the rice but it didn't dye evenly; was splotchy. Just add a bit of water:



Then pour in your white rice (brown rice would probably work too):



Then stir it all around:



Play with the water content and food coloring to find the best tone. If the color is too bright, add more water to the bowl and pour a little out into the sink. Or vice versa. Or add more rice. It's not a precise science.



When you're done, lay each rice color out to dry. If there was a lot of water in your mixture, pour off as much water as you can. This will help it dry faster and more evenly.



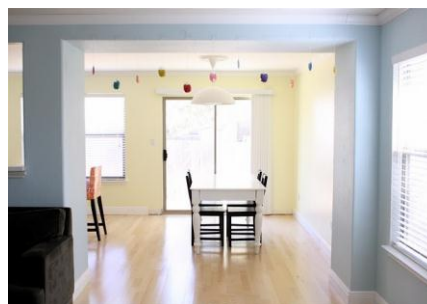
When the rice has dried (could be as soon as an hour or two or overnight), fill your eggs up and sew them shut.



If you'd like to make color-changing eggs, it's a bit tedious. But here you go. Dye rice in varying shades of the same color family. Sew about 1/2 way around the outside of your egg, and then sew horizontal lines, equal distance apart. Leave the ends open for rice. With a pen, end of a spoon, etc. push the rice down into each section. When you've filled the egg, carefully sew it shut.



Then hang them up!



Bunny Peeps Bunting

By: Dana for Made

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Sweet bunny and chick marshmallow Peeps have become a favorite symbol for Easter. Dana Willard came up this clever tribute to bunny peeps, with a bunny peeps garland made from yellow or pink felt.



Materials:

- Felt - 1/2 yard or less, yellow or pink
- Brown fabric paint
- Pencil (or other round object)
- Ribbon/fabric for bunting
- Sewing machine

Instructions:

First, cut out your [pattern](#). Click on pattern to open pattern in new window. Then "save as" to your computer. Open it in a Word doc and insert the picture so you can adjust the size for your needs. If you don't have a printer, just put a piece of paper up to your computer screen and trace the image right on top! You can also grab the [pdf pattern here](#).

Okay, with your bunny pattern printed and cut out (I usually print on paper and then trace/cut an additional pattern out of cardstock or from a file folder. MUCH easier to trace around a stiffer bunny over and over again).

Fold your felt in half (because each bunny is a double-layer). You can make them single layered if you want the cheap/easy way. But it's less polished looking and a bit see-through. So I recommend double-layers. Then trace and cut out as many bunnies as you'd like. The pink bunting has 18 bunnies. The small yellow bunting has 9:



Time to decorate their faces. You'll only be decorating the front bunnies (the back bunnies are left plain). You'll need a pencil eraser or something round. And brown fabric paint. I prefer Tulip brand, Matte, Chocolate. It's cheap, \$1.50 at most craft stores.



Dip your pencil eraser in the paint, and dab it right onto each bunny. The beauty of Peeps is that they're far from perfect. If you look at a box, each face is slightly different. So don't worry about being precise or even symmetrical!

Make sure you place a piece of paper under your bunny because paint may seep through to the back.



Let your bunnies dry for an hour or longer. If you're antsy, you can speed up the process by drying them with a blow dryer, but be careful that they don't fly all over the place!

While you're waiting for the faces to dry, prep your bunting ribbon. You can use fabric, ribbon, rope, colorful twine (THIS stuff is totally cute). My favorite method for making "ribbon" is to cut strips of fabric (I used double-layered white muslin in this case), sew the strips together to make a very long strip, and then I serge the edges. Perfect for wrapping gifts and in this case, for making a bunting. Each finished "ribbon" is about 100 inches long but that was much longer than needed.



Time to sew on your bunnies.

If you want the quick and easy way, grab a bunny back and a bunny front and sew that double-layered bunny to your ribbon and keep on going till you're bunnied out.

But if you want the slightly longer method that I did (it only took a bit longer)...

I sewed each bunny back on to the ribbon while the faces were drying. Just lay one down and sew across the ears:



Then grab the next bunny back and repeat:



Sewing the backs on first makes the bunting a bit stronger, the bunnies are likely to be straighter, and it's more polished looking. After sewing the back bunnies on by their ears, you sew the front bunnies on top, sewing an outline around each one.

(Okay, okay...so I was just bored and couldn't wait to get started while those blasted faces were drying! Either method you use, your bunnies will look great.)



Here's where I laid the front bunnies on top of the back bunnies and sewed all the way around each one. Repeat this step till all your bunnies are on!



and, you're done!



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