

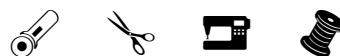
Meadowside Designs



Easter Bunny

Make a cushion or a small quilt

Block size: 12 inches



Requirements

1 fat quarter of coloured fabric for 'rabbit'

1 fat quarter of contrast for ears

1 fat quarter of background

Buttons, beads and/or embroidery thread for 'face'

14 inch square of wadding and backing

5 x 15 inch strip of wadding

If making a cushion you will need a fat quarter to make a cushion back.

If making a small quilt then you will need a fat quarter of fabric as binding.

Cutting

From rabbit fabric cut a 12½ inch square.

From ears fabric cut four ears – two from each template.

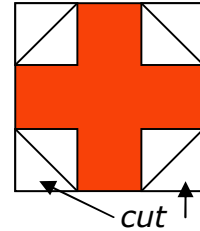
From background cut four 4½ inch squares.

Cut wadding strip into two 7½ inch lengths.

Block

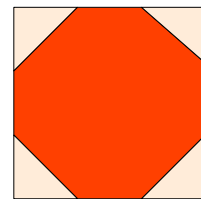
1. On the wrong side of the background squares draw a diagonal line.

2. Place the squares, one at a time, on the corners of the rabbit square and stitch along the diagonal line. Take care you have the diagonal facing the right way.



3. Fold the square back to make sure you have stitched it correctly. If you have, then cut off the rabbit triangle and the spare background triangle. Fold the background triangle back and press it in place.

4. Once all the squares are stitched, trimmed and pressed you should have a completed Snowball block.



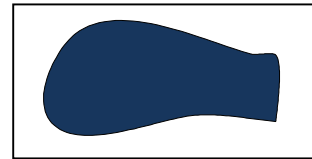
Ears

1. Place the ears in pairs, right sides together.

2. Place the pairs on top of the wadding strips.

3. Stitch all round the ears except for the straight edges at the top of the ears. Make sure you fasten the threads at the top ready for Step 5.

4. Trim the wadding back to the stitching around the outside edge.

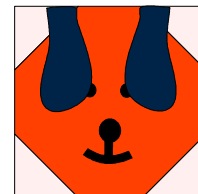


5. Turn the ears right sides out. You can add a bit of quilted texture to them if you wish at this point.

Finishing the Easter Bunny

1. Layer the Snowball block with wadding and backing.

2. Quilt around the Snowball block and add beads, buttons and/or embroidery to make a face. Add any other quilting you think – for example you could quilt some whiskers.

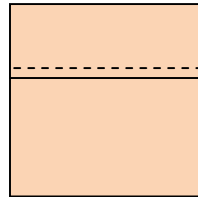
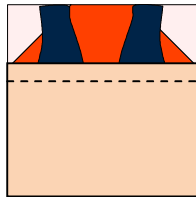


3. Tack the ears to the edge of the block.

To make a cushion

1. Cut a 12½ x 6½ inch and a 12½ and an 8½ inch rectangle from your cushion back fabric.

2. Fold under and press ¼ inch on one long side of each rectangle. Fold under and press another ¼ inch. Stitch along this folded edge to neaten it.



3. Place the rabbit right side up and place the rectangles right sides down on top. Make sure the raw edges are all even and the turned under edges of the rectangles overlap each other. It is better if the larger rectangle is placed first and then the smaller one.

4. Stitch all the way round the edge of the cushion with a ¼ inch seam. Make sure you have caught the edges of the ears in your stitching (but only the edges!).

5. Turn right sides out and add a cushion pad to complete.

If you wanted a larger cushion then you can add a border around the rabbit block first.

To make a small quilt

1. Cut four 2½ inch strips from your binding fabric.

2. Fold the strips in half lengthways and press.

3. Stitch strips to the top and bottom of the quilted rabbit block and trim level with the block edges.

4. Fold the binding to the back of the quilt and hem in place.

5. Stitch the remaining two strips to the sides of the quilted block, leaving enough binding top and bottom to wrap around the corner and cover the raw edges.

6. Roll the binding to the back of the quilt and hem in place, folding the corners to cover the raw edges.

OR – bind using your preferred method.

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