



Technique:	Sewing, Appliqué
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Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	8" x 10" x 3" (20.32cm x 25.40cm x 7.62cm) (excluding handles)

Featuring Coats® Transparent Thread

This handy tote is ideal for Easter egg hunting, and it comes with a view. Just below the appliqué bunny silhouettes, the see-through vinyl base lets you see the colorful treasures inside.

Supplies

- Coats® Transparent Thread
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- ½ yd (30.48cm) felt
- ½ yd (11.43cm) lightweight clear vinyl
- 6" (15.24cm) square large bunny fabric
- (2) different 4" (10.16cm) squares small bunny fabric
- ¾ yd grosgrain ribbon, ½" (1.59cm)
- 4 buttons, 1½" (2.86cm) diameter
- Paper-back fusible web
- Craft glue
- Decorative scissors

Cutting

From the felt, cut:

(2) rectangles, 8½" x 10¼" (21.59cm x 26.04cm), for front and back

(1) strip, 3½" x 30" (8.89cm x 76.20cm), for gusset

From the vinyl, cut:

(1) rectangle, 9" x 4½" (22.86cm x 11.43cm)

Preparation

1. Trace one large bunny and two small bunnies (mirror images) onto the paper side of the fusible web. Rough-cut the shapes.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the shapes to the wrong side of the desired bunny fabric squares. Cut out on the marked lines.

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm)

Assemble the Front

1. Position the bunnies as desired on one felt rectangle, about 3¾" (9.53cm) from the short lower edge. Fuse in place.
2. Using Transparent Thread and a medium length and width zigzag, appliqué the bunnies in place.
3. Trim the front rectangle ¾" (1.91cm) below the bunnies using decorative scissors.
4. Lap one long edge of the vinyl under the trimmed felt edge by ½" (1.27cm) and stitch in place ¼" (.64cm) from the edge, using a straight stitch. Sew with the felt side up.
5. Square and trim the front to 8½" x 10¼" (21.59cm x 26.04cm).

Assemble the Tote

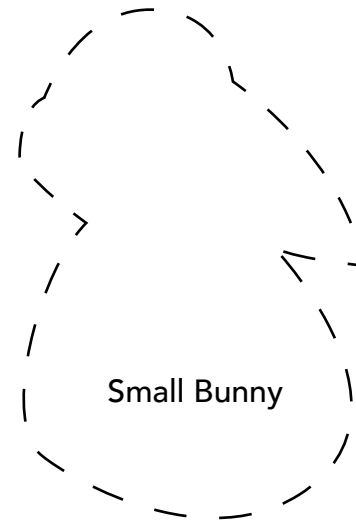
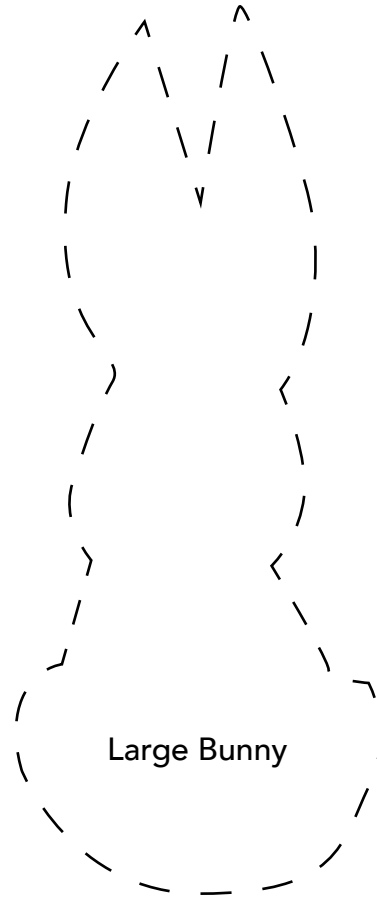
1. With right sides together and matching raw edges, sew the long edge of the gusset to the tote back using a straight stitch and pivoting at the corners. Note that the gusset will be longer than the tote.
2. Repeat step 1 to sew the gusset to the tote front. Trim off extra gusset length.
3. Zigzag the seam edges together.
4. Turn the tote right side out.

Assemble the Handles

1. Cut the ribbon into two 12" (30.48cm) lengths.
2. Mark the upper tote centers and again 2" (5.08cm) on either side of center.
3. Turn under the raw ends of the ribbon handle, lap the upper edge ½" (1.27cm) and hand-stitch the ribbon ends in place on the tote front.
4. Sew a button over each ribbon end.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 for the tote back handle.

Finishing

1. Glue a pompom tail on each bunny.



This square should
measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%***