

In my Easter Bonnet

Doll approximately 20 inches tall
Bunny approximately 8 inches tall

You Will Be A Needin':

Material: Muslin, velvet material for doll dress & hat, scraps silk for bunny dress

Stuffing

Paint: Black and barnyard red

Embroidery Floss: Dark brown, to match dresses, to match hair, red, wine

Stencil brush

Paper towels

Card stock

Two 5/8 inch black matte buttons

Two small black seed beads

Beading Needle

Hair - super chunky dark brown yarn

Mechanical pencil

White rick rack

Warm n Natural batting

Sandpaper

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Doll needle (3 or 5 inches)

Small amount of cat litter

Funnel

White cord (tie for hat)

Wood or plastic ruler

Small piece of lacy trim for bunny's dress

For Staining:

Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

NOTE: You may use tea-stained muslin or stain it yourself with the recipe and instructions given here at the end of this pattern. If you choose to stain yourself, you will want to stain before beginning the pattern.

Doll

Body:

1. Stain muslin with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.
2. Print out all doll patterns, head, body, arm, and leg. Trace all on double muslin being sure to trace 2 arms and 2 legs. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from sewn lines. Cut a small slit in back of head about 1 inch up from bottom for turning. Clip curves and turn all.
3. Stuff head and neck firmly and sew opening on body closed; leave opening in back of head open.
4. Stuff the top of the body into the hole used for turning in back of head; glue with hot glue gun.
5. Stuff the arms firmly to stuffing line; sew openings closed. Attach arms where indicated on pattern. DO NOT ATTACH LEGS YET.

Legs:

1. Stuff legs firmly to stuffing line; sew openings closed.
2. Attach a small piece of thread to top of each leg (to hang for drying).
3. With mechanical pencil and looking at pattern, trace completely around both legs where top of shoes should be. With small paint brush, paint each foot (boot) black. Hang to dry; let dry completely. Be sure to hang where possible drippings from paint will not cause any harm (I hang mine in my garage).
4. When completely dry, sand lightly.
5. Attach legs where indicated on pattern.

Face:

1. Eyes: Position two $\frac{5}{8}$ inch black matte buttons where you would like her eyes and pin with straight pins. When you have them where you want it's time to sew them on. Thread a doll

needle with black quilting thread. Go in from the center top of the head (this will be covered with her hair), and go down and sew on her eyes.

2. **Eyebrows & Eyelashes:** With your mechanical pencil and ruler, mark where the eyebrows and eyelashes should go. Look at the pattern and picture for placement. The eyebrows and eyelashes are all 1/4 inch long. After you have marked them, thread a doll needle with a double strand of dark brown embroidery thread. Go in through the head, as before, and go down and embroider the eyebrows and eyelashes with a simple backstitch.
3. **Nose:** Print and cut out nose pattern (template). Position on face where desired and pin using straight pins. Very lightly trace around this with a mechanical pencil. Using all 6 strands of red embroidery thread go in from the top of the head, as before, use satin stitch for the nose. If unsure of the satin stitch, visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page for an illustration. Tip - I usually unthread my doll needle here and rethread on a smaller, sharper needle.
4. **Mouth:** Print and cut out mouth pattern (template). Position on face where desired and pin with straight pins. Trace only the bottom curve of the template with a mechanical pencil. Thread your 3-inch doll needle with a double strand of your brown embroidery thread. Going in at the very top of her head (this will be covered up with her hair) embroider the mouth using a simple backstitch.
5. **Cheeks:** Dip some barnyard red paint onto a paper plate. Dip your brush lightly into the paint and pounce off most of it onto the paper towels. Unless you want her cheeks very bright, be sure to pounce off MOST of the paint. If her cheeks are not colorful enough for you, you can always add more...but begin by applying only a small amount. With your brush and checking picture on pattern for placement of cheeks, in a circling motion, paint on cheeks.

Hair:

1. Cut 9 small pieces of dark brown embroidery floss and insert in each of the 9 spots indicated on head pattern.
2. Print and cut out hair card on card stock (in pattern section).
3. Hair Bundle: Wrap yarn around hair card 5 times and slide off of hair card; this is a hair bundle. Position this in the center of one piece of thread and tie tightly. Do this for all 9 spots on head. Clip loops and trim.

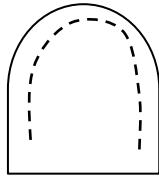
Dress:

1. Print and cut out bodice and skirt patterns. With a mechanical pencil and on single layer material, trace each one of the patterns being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern; cut out.
2. Matching right sides together, sew shoulder and side seams.
3. Print and cut out skirt pattern. Trace, with mechanical pencil, being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern.
4. Sew a gathering stitch (setting your machine on long stitches) along the top of the skirt (where indicated on pattern) being sure to leave long ends on both ends of skirt to pull and gather. Pull on strings and pull and gather the skirt until it matches the width of the bodice. Pin to bottom part of bodice and sew.
5. Turn hem up about 1 inch and pin; pin rick rack to other side; sew.

6. Put dress on doll and pull back bodices together and keep them in place with a few small stitches.

Hat:

1. Print and cut out all 3 hat patterns.
2. Trace brim pattern on material, being sure to place on fold where indicated; cut out. Need 2.
3. Trace brim pattern on Warm n Natural batting, being sure to place on fold where indicated; cut out.
4. Layer the Warm n Natural batting between the two layers of material just cut out. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, pin this together and sew all four seams,
5. Trace hat - back pattern on material being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern; cut out.
6. Using large stitches, sew a basting (gathering) stitch all around the curved portion of the hat - back pattern. Be sure to leave enough thread on both ends to pull to "gather."



7. Pull both ends to gather so it is the same length as the brim pattern. Work the brim around pinning as you go. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew on.
8. You will see that there are "raw" edges visible in the brim. Turn this under and hand stitch.
9. Pin the rick rack on brim (see picture) and hand stitch.
10. Cut 2 white cord pieces each approximately 15 inches long. Attach these inside the hat, on both sides, right behind the brim.

Bunny (stain muslin before beginning with recipe and instructions given at the end of this pattern).

Body:

1. Print out all bunny patterns, head/body, arm, leg, & ear. Trace all on double muslin being sure to trace 2 arms, 2 legs, and 2 ears. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn all.
2. Stuff head and neck firmly and sew opening on body closed.
3. Stuff arms and legs firmly to stuffing lines; sew openings closed.
4. Attach arms and legs where indicated on pattern.
5. With a funnel, pour just enough cat litter into each ear to weight them a bit and keep them rounded. Sew openings closed. Attach one ear to one side "x" on bunny's head (seen on pattern), and attach the other ear to the other side "x."

Hair:

1. Cut a tiny amount of the hair you have for the doll and glue to the bunny at the center "x" on her head.

2. Trim.

Face:

1. **Eyes:** Using the same method as above for the doll, sew on two black seed beads for the eyes.
2. **Eyebrows:** With your mechanical pencil and ruler, mark where the eyebrows should go. Look at the pattern and picture for placement. The eyebrows are 1/4 inch long. After you have marked them, thread a doll needle with a double strand of dark brown embroidery thread. Go in through the head, as before, and go down and embroider the eyebrows with a simple backstitch.
3. **Nose:** Print and cut out nose pattern. Position on face where desired and pin using straight pins. Very lightly trace around this with a mechanical pencil. Using a double strand of wine embroidery floss, go in from the top of the head, as before, use satin stitch for the nose. If unsure of the satin stitch, visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page for an illustration. Tip - I usually unthread my doll needle here and rethread on a smaller, sharper needle.
4. **Mouth:** Using a double strand of dark brown embroidery floss, backstitch the line from the nose to the mouth, and backstitch the two lines for the mouth.
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Finish:

1. Cut a 7 inch piece of lacy trim and glue to Bunny's dress where the bodice and skirt are attached.
2. Print and cut out the hair bow pattern. Trace on double material; do NOT leave an opening. Sew on traced lines. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On center back, cut a small opening for turning. Turn. Press. Pinch bow in center and wrap a matching piece of thread around center. Either sew or glue to Bunny's head.

Staining Recipe and Instructions:

Supplies Needed:

- Instant coffee
- Vanilla extract
- Fragrance oil (optional, Cinnabun is one of my favorites)
- Old cookie sheet
- Small spray bottle or sponge brush
- Funnel (if using a spray bottle)
- Wax paper or parchment paper
- Rags (this is messy)

Mix Stain:

1. Mix together in glass jar with lid - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vanilla extract. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
2. Pour stain into spray bottle or apply with sponge brush.
3. Spray the item you are staining front and back thoroughly or apply stain with sponge brush. Be sure to cover item completely with stain.

To Dry:

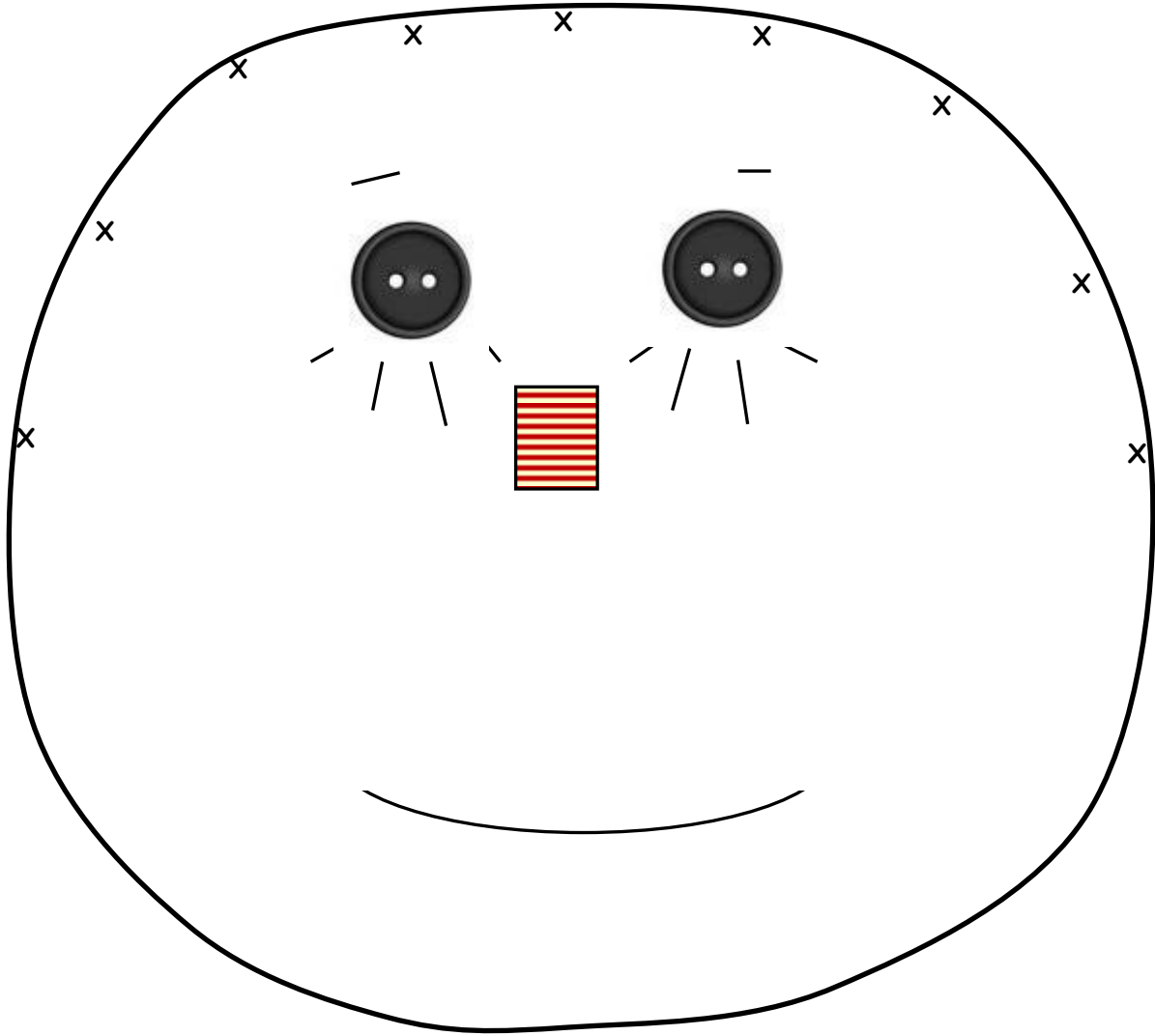
1. Lay on an old cookie sheet lined with wax paper or parchment paper. Bake in oven at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. If you need to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments. NEVER LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED. THIS CAN CATCH ON FIRE. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY. WATCH CLOSELY.
2. Attach a piece of thread to one end of your item to be stained and hang up (hours or overnight depending on the item) to dry. Be sure to hang where possible drippings from your stain mix will not cause damage. (I hang mine in my garage.)
3. Throw in the dryer. This method is great for small items. NOTE: Be sure to clean your dryer thoroughly before attempting to dry clean clothes in it again.

You're done with In My Easter Bonnet. I hope you enjoyed making her as much as I enjoyed designing her. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

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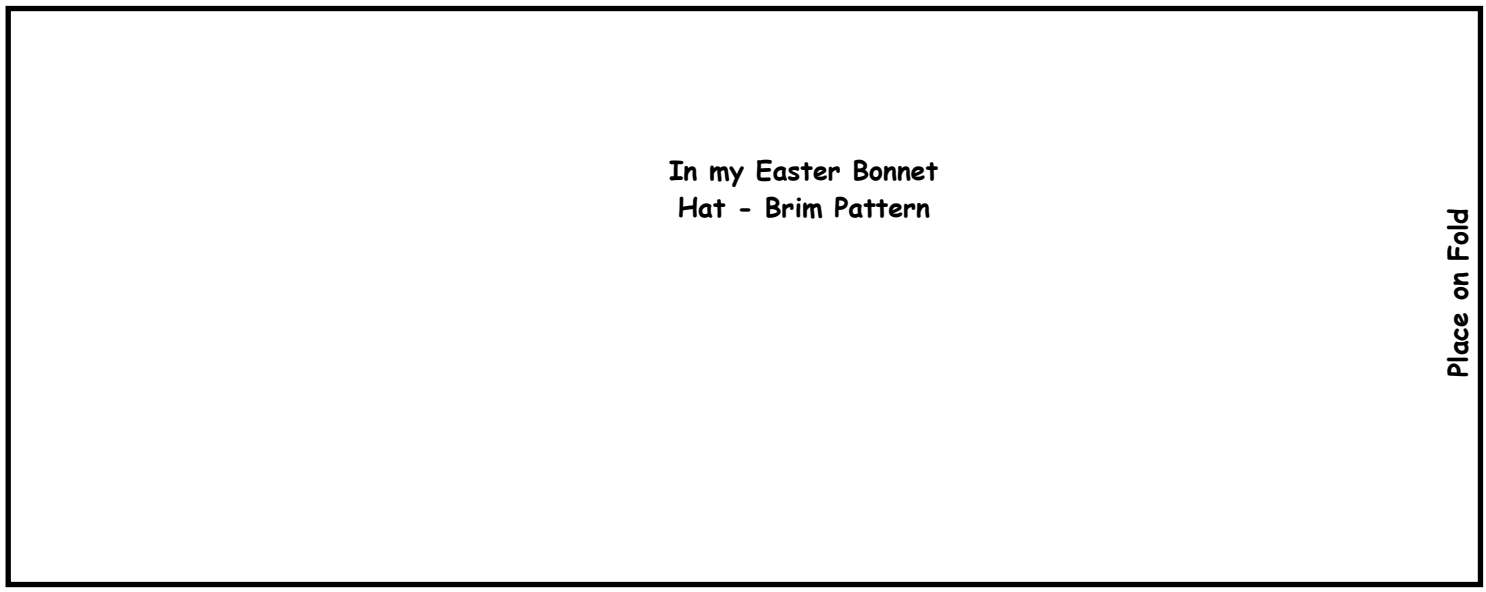
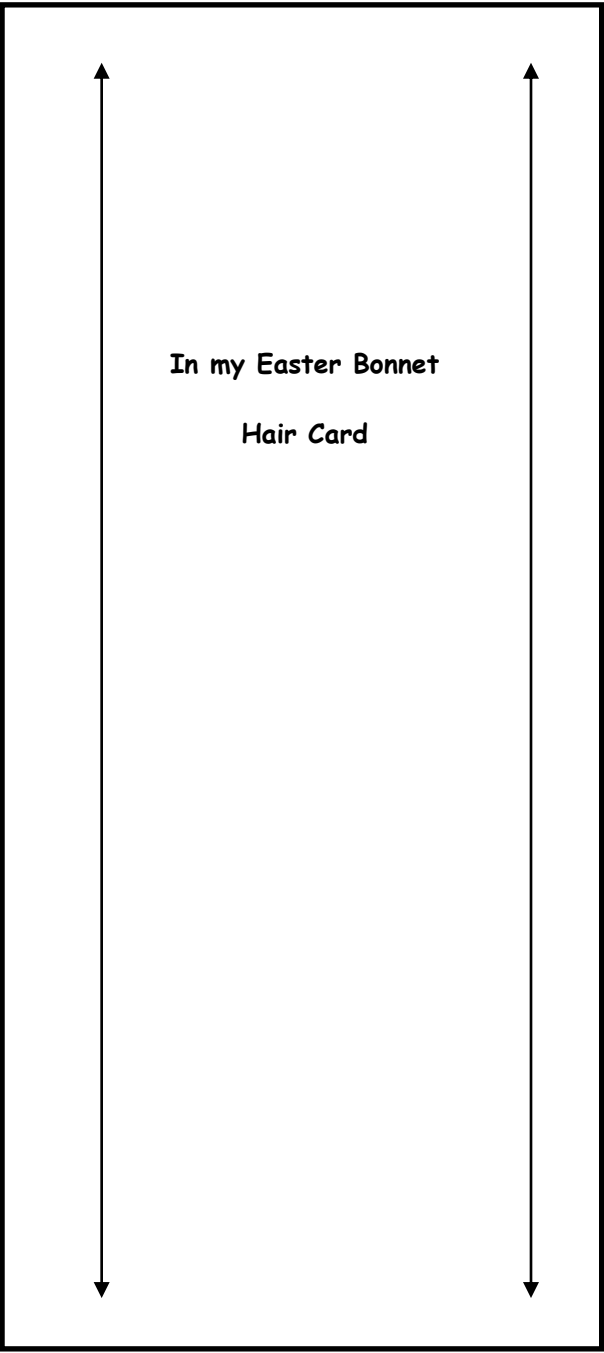
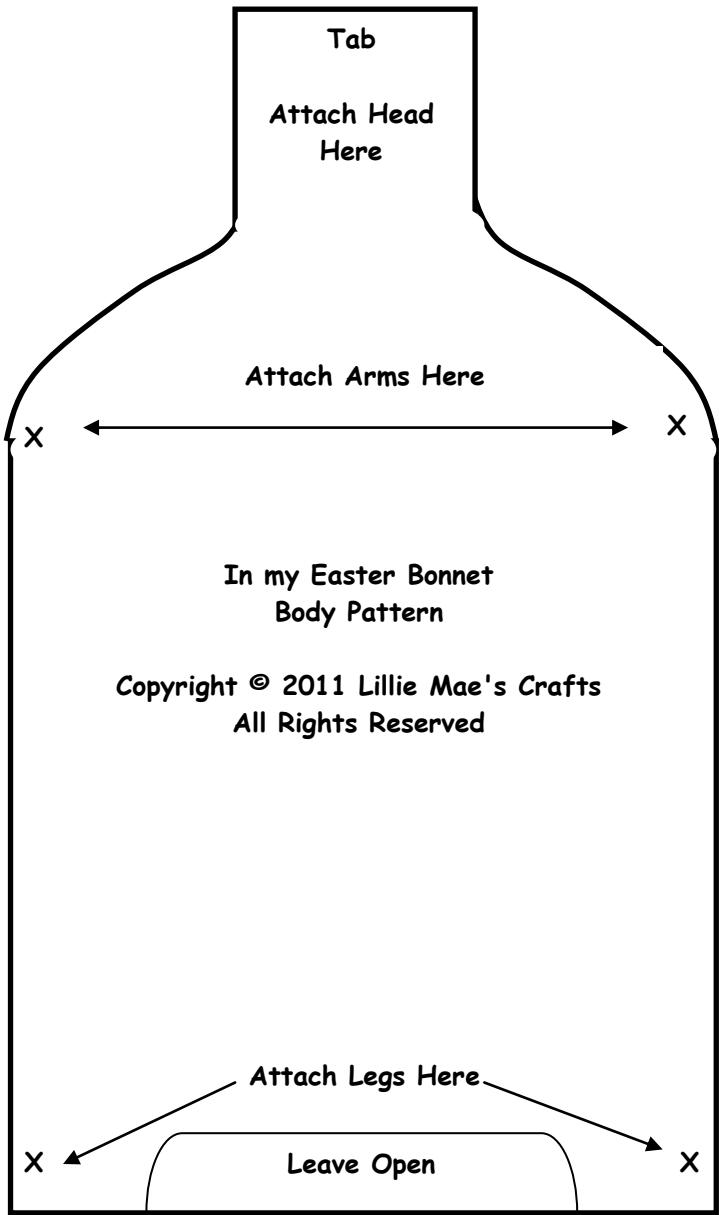
Facial Feature Templates

Nose



Mouth





Neck Opening

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Doll Bodice Pattern

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Place on Fold

Attach Skirt Here

Leave Open

Tape to leg
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Foot/Shoe Pattern

Paint shoe black

Stuffing
Line

Leg Pattern

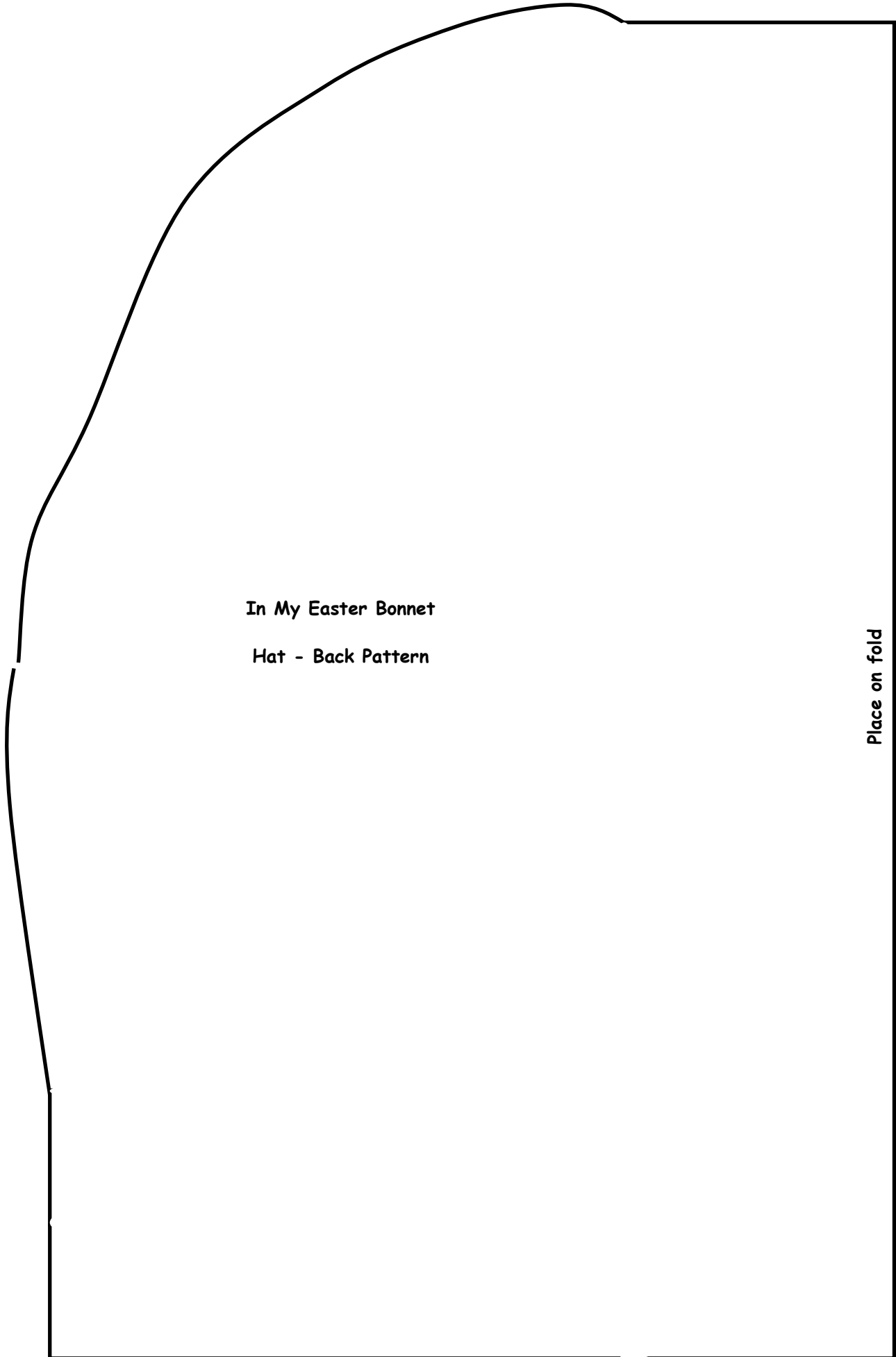
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Doll Skirt Pattern**

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Place on Fold



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Hat - Back Pattern

Place on fold

