

Precious Bunny

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You Will Need:

Material: Muslin, material for dress & hair bow
Paint: Ceramcoat Burgundy Rose, white
Black watercolor pencil
Dark brown embroidery floss
Card stock
Mechanical pencil
Stuffing
Doll needle (3 or 5 inches long)
Wire 20 gauge
Two black matte buttons 5/8 inches
Paintbrushes including medium stencil brush
Cheesecloth
Wood or plastic ruler
Sandpaper
Brown Primitive Doll Hair or thin brown yarn

Staining: Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil. Optional for staining:
Old cookie sheet, rags, wax paper, glass jar with lid.

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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>

Head/Body:

#1. Print out all body pieces including head, body, arm and leg patterns.

#2. Head: On double muslin, with a mechanical pencil, trace pattern; sew directly on traced lines leaving open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Stuff firmly and sew opening closed.

#3. Body, arms and legs: On double muslin, with a mechanical pencil, trace patterns (1 body, 2 arms and 2 legs); sew directly on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn. Stuff firmly, sew openings closed.

#4. Stain with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.

#5. Sew head to neck.

#6. Attach arms where indicated on pattern.

Legs:

#1. Attach a piece of thread to top of each leg (to hang for drying). Paint stripes with a medium stencil brush and burgundy rose acrylic paint. Hang to dry. Sand lightly.

#2. Print out shoe template on card stock. Fold in center where indicated on pattern and place the fold on the very top of the foot. Trace around template with mechanical pencil. Trace around leg where shoe begins.

#3. Paint shoe black being sure not to paint the template area. Hang to dry. Sand lightly.

#4. Attach legs to body where indicated on pattern.

Face:

#1. Eyes: Print and cut out the eyes (in pattern section). Position these on the face where desired and pin in place with straight pins. Very lightly trace around these with a mechanical pencil; use a mechanical pencil as it leaves a thinner line than a regular pencil. If using a regular pencil, your lines will be thicker therefore when you paint the eyes in they will be larger than the pattern. With a very small brush and using white acrylic paint, very slowly outline eyes first and then fill in. When completely dry, sand lightly. Lightly trace around this with black watercolor pencil. Smudge this lightly with finger. Position buttons on eyes and hold in place with large-head straight pins. Thread your doll needle with black thread and going in from the top of the doll's head (this will be covered with her ears) sew on the eyes.

#2. Nose: Print and cut out nose pattern. Position on face where desired and pin in place using straight pins. Very lightly trace around this with a mechanical pencil. With a very small brush and using Burgundy Rose acrylic paint, very slowly outline nose first and then fill in. When completely dry, sand lightly. Lightly trace around this with black watercolor pencil. Smudge this lightly with finger.

#3. Mouth/Eyebrows: With a plastic or wooden ruler, trace in these lines with mechanical pencil. Eyebrows are each 1/2 inch long and the 3 lines that make up the mouth are each 1/4 inch long.

Thread doll needle with one strand of dark brown embroidery thread and go in from the top of the head (this will be covered with her ears and hair bow), embroider these lines with one back stitch each.

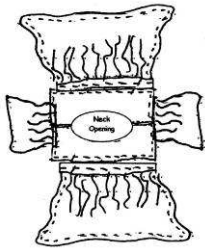
#5. **Checks:** Dip your brush into Burgundy Rose paint and pounce off most of the paint onto a paper towel. Unless you want her cheeks very bright, be sure to pounce off MOST of the paint. If her cheeks are not colorful enough for you, you can always add more...but begin by applying only a small amount. With your brush and checking picture on pattern for placement of cheeks, paint on cheeks.

Ears:

- #1. Print out ear pattern. Trace 2 ears on double muslin. Sew on traced lines leaving open where indicated on pattern. Turn. Press.
- #2. Cut 2 pieces of wire 12 inches long. Curl each piece to fit inside ears and twist ends together.
- #3. Fit wire into ears and sew ears in place on head.

Dress:

- #1. Bodice - On double layer material, right sides together, pin bodice pattern and cut out, being sure to place the bodice on the fold as indicated.
- #2. Skirt - On doubled layer material, right sides together, pin skirt pattern placed on fold where indicated and cut out 2.



- #3. Doing front and back separately, take one piece of the cut out skirts and sew a gathering or a running stitch about 1/4" away from one long edge.
- #4. Gather that part of the skirt and with right sides together match it to the bottom of the bodice. Pin & sew right above the gathering stitch.
- #5. Do the same for the other side of the bodice.
- #6. With right sides together, match up the front and back dress pieces and, using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew together.
- #7. Turn hem under 1/4 inch and hem.
- #8. Turn bottom of sleeves up about 1/4 inch and hand sew.
- #9. Slip dress on doll. Hand stitch a running stitch completely around neck and pull to gather, knot.
- #10. Print out cheesecloth bow patterns and tape together. Trace on single layer cheesecloth; cut out. Stain with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions. Fashion into a bow and glue to front of dress.

Hair:

- #1. Wrap hair around hair card 5 times, slide off.
- #2. Insert a matching piece of hair or embroidery floss at center top of head, leave lying open.
- #3. Lay the hair bundle here and tie tightly.
- #4. Trim.

Hair Bow:

- #1. Print out hair bow pattern and trace on double material, cut out.
- #2. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew all four sides; do NOT leave an opening.
- #3. On back, cut a small slit for turning. Turn. Press.
- #4. Hand sew a gathering stitch up the center of the bow; pull to gather and knot.
- #5. Glue to head.

Staining: Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 2 Tablespoons Vanilla extract and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. (See the supply list on back of pattern cover for some suggested places for purchasing fragrance oils.) If the scent is not strong enough for your preference, add another 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil each time because if you add too much and the scent is too strong for you, you will have to start over. Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay your doll here. With a sponge brush, thoroughly coat the doll.

Bake for 10 minutes at 200 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always KEEP checking the oven.

You're done with Precious Bunny. 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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