POCKET BUNNIES

••• Soft Toy Pattern •••

The Red Boot Quilt Company

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU PRINT YOUR PATTERN

Hi lovely quilters and crafters,

A few of you are having problems with the templates and/or images   in our PDF patterns printing with a black background. Thankfully this is uncommon and is caused by the differences between the various apps, devices, and printers we all use.

All of our patterns are test printed multiple times by a group of reviewers before release. If we find an issue we correct it immediately and update the pattern concerned.

*We've found, after an extensive review of the problem, that it happens mostly on Apple devices, especially if you are printing from **'preview'** or your **browser** window.*

Regardless of what device you use, 99.9% of black background issues are solved by the following –

1. *__Always__ save the PDF file to your hard drive.*

2. *__Always__ open the file using a **PDF reader** (eg. Adobe or Foxit) __not__ your browser.*

3. *__Always__ print from the PDF reader. __Never__ print from your browser window.*

4. *__Always__ print a template test page - use the draft print options to save printer ink if something goes wrong.*

5. *Printing in **black & white** instead of colour sometimes resolves the problem.*

Happy sewing! toni xx
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ONE-INCH GUIDE

♦ *Measure to ensure the pattern templates print to scale.*

♦ *Ensure your printer is set to 'no scaling' or 'print at 100%' in the print options menu.*

♦ *Look for the option in the print menu that says 'Auto-Centre' and tick this box. This will centre your pattern and will fix any unnecessary cropping of text and templates.*

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BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS

♦ Please read all instructions before you begin.

♦ Abbreviations. "WOF" = 'width of the fabric'.

♦ **Requirements are based on fabric 115cm (44in) wide unless otherwise stated. Fabric requirements may differ from person to person due to cutting methods. If in doubt it is a good idea to purchase a little extra fabric.**

♦ Fusible webbing requirements will vary greatly between products and projects; assume you will need a lot and go from there!

♦ 1/4in seam allowances are used throughout unless otherwise stated.

♦ Pre-washed 100% cotton fabrics are recommended.

♦ Please refer to the photo of the project and the quilt diagrams to help with colour choices and layout.

♦ **The templates are reversed for your convenience. I would recommend using an appliqué mat with all but the most simple appliqué shapes.**

♦ Our patterns are proof-read and made by our lovely testers but sometimes mistakes do slip by us. Please let us know if you come across an error so we can correct it.

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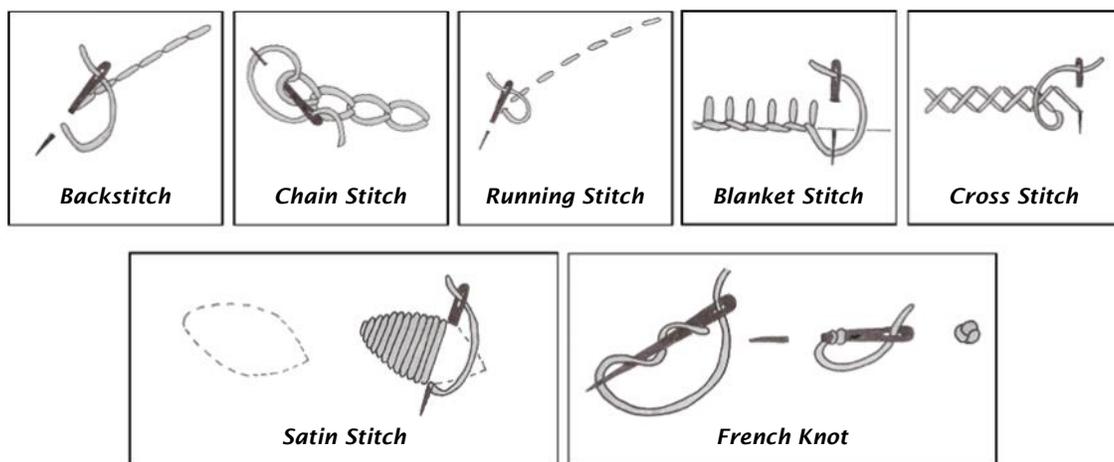
A NOTE ABOUT BUTTONS

♦ **I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren't suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Replace buttons with appliqué or embroidery when you are making the project.**

♦ **Safety eyes are available from all good craft stores. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.**

IMPORTANT! HOW TO PRINT TEMPLATES FROM PDF PATTERNS

♦ All templates are provided at their full size. Ensure your printer is set to print at 100% and deselect the scaling and cropping options. Ensure you deselect the option that says "print to printer margins". Do centre the page.

♦ Some templates may be divided into two or more sections and will need to be joined to make the complete template. Simply match the shapes along the dashed or dotted lines as marked on the template, then use adhesive tape to stick them together. Occasionally a shape will distort a tiny bit in the printing process, simply adjust where necessary.

STITCH GUIDE

Backstitch   *Chain Stitch*   *Running Stitch*   *Blanket Stitch*   *Cross Stitch*

Satin Stitch   *French Knot*

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Approx. size 3in x 3in (8cm x 8cm)

What You Will Need for (1) Bunny

You can use a variety of fabrics including felt, flannel, cord, cotton, velvet, and fleece to make the project. However you will have to adjust your sewing techniques to suit the fabrics you are using.

Keep in mind stretch fabrics can be unpredictable and the final size and shape of your soft toy may differ from mine.

♦ (1) 30cm (12in) square of good quality wool felt
♦ Scraps of wool felt or fabric for the applique
♦ Good quality polyester toy fill
♦ A tablespoon or two of polypropylene pellets for weight

   If you can't source polypropylene toy pellets then lentils or rice will work just as well. Be careful of the wee insect type beasties in your area!
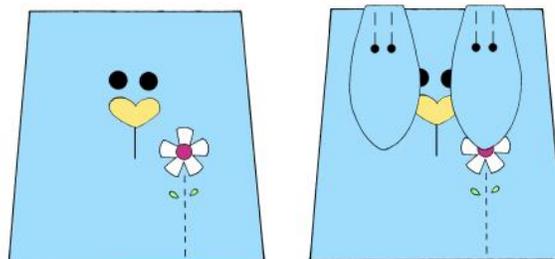
♦ (2) small black buttons for the eyes *(optional, see notes)*
♦ Tracing paper
♦ Scraps of fusible webbing
♦ Stranded embroidery thread for the facial features
♦ Matching thread to suit your favourite applique stitching method
♦ (1) pre-made or handmade pom-pom for the tail
♦ Fabric glue
♦ General sewing supplies

How to Make a Pocket Bunny

♦ *Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam to strengthen the stitching.*

1. Trace and cut out the pattern pieces. You will need to trace the front body shape, back body shape, and ear shape. Use the red outlined ear template for felt and the green outlined ear template for standard fabrics.

2. Pin the pattern pieces to the felt you have chosen and cut (1) front body shape, (2) back body shapes (one of these in reverse), and (4) ear shapes (two are cut in reverse). Set aside.

3. Use a pencil to trace the nose and flower shapes onto the paper side of the fusible webbing— leave approx. 1/2in between each shape. When you have finished tracing, roughly cut out the individual shapes 1/4in outside the traced lines.

4. Fuse the shapes to the wrong side of the fabric/felt you have chosen for the project following the manufacturer's instructions. Cut the shapes out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch.

5. Use Diagram 1 and the photograph as a guide to fuse the shapes to the front body shape. Stitch around the shapes using your favourite method. I stitched around my shapes using hand-stitched blanket stitch and matching thread.

6. Use a light, sharp pencil to draw the mouth and flower stems on the bunny, then chain stitch using two strands of contrasting embroidery thread. Satin stitch the leaves. The centre of the round flowers are stitched using running stitch and French knots. Sew the buttons to the face for eyes using strong thread (optional). Knot securely.

7. Use a spot of fabric glue to tack the four <u>felt</u> ear shapes together in pairs. Blanket stitch around the edges using matching thread.

8. Use the template and Diagram 1 as a guide to pin and then baste the ears right sides down and facing inwards on the front body shape. Set aside.

9. *If you are making the bunnies from fabric other than felt, please trace the <u>green</u> outlined template. Stitch the ears together in pairs with right sides facing. Leave the bottom edge open for turning.*

   Carefully clip the seams on the curves, then turn each ear right side out through the opening. Lightly stuff the ears using toy fill.

   Diagram 1 ►

10. Pin and then sew the (2) back body pieces together with right sides facing. Leave a small opening for turning and stuffing.

11. Place the front of the bunny right side up on your work surface. Fold the ears in towards the centre of the body. Place the back body shape on top with right side facing down. Pin the shapes together well to secure. Sew around the outside edges of the bunny using a short stitch length. Be careful to catch only the basted ends of the ears in the seams as you go.

Diagram 2 ►
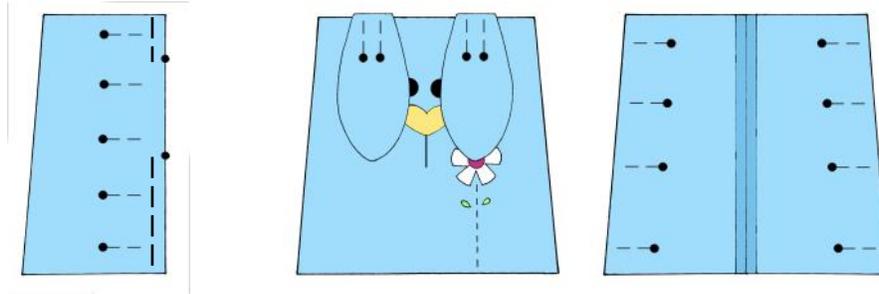
12. Trim the seams close to the stitching line (approx. 1/8in). If you have made your bunny from fabric other than felt **do not** trim the seams. Carefully clip the <u>top</u> corners only.

13. With the bunny still inside out, fold one bottom corner of the body so the side seams are centred and matching. Stitch across the triangle formed by this fold approx. 3/4in in from the raw (pointy) edge. This will form the base of the bunny.

   Repeat for the opposite bottom corner. Trim the corners approx. 1/4in from the stitching line.

Diagram 3 ►
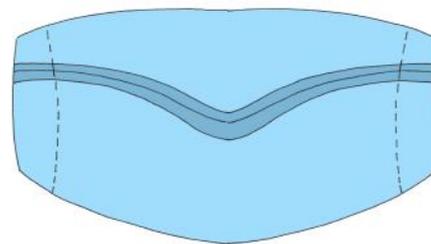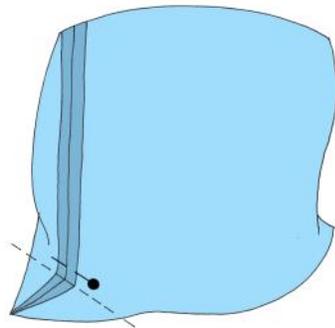
View of the bottom of the bag. The corners have been trimmed 1/4in from the stitched seam.

14. Gently turn the bunny right side out through the back opening. Add one to two tablespoons of polypropylene pellets to the bottom of the bunny, then stuff firmly using good quality toy fill. Hand-stitch the back opening closed using small stitches and matching thread.

15. Place the pom-pom on the back of the bunny and stitch it securely in place using strong thread. Fold one ear over to the front and secure it in place using small stitches and matching thread to finish.

Notes!

• *If you are making the Pocket Bunny for a child you will need to make a pouch for the polypropylene pellets as they can be a choking hazard.*

• *Do this by pinning two 3in squares of fabric together, then stitch around (3) sides using a small stitch length. Turn the bag right side out then add the pellets.*

• *Gather the top of the pouch by hand using two strands of strong thread and running stitch. Secure the opening well. Place a little bit of toy fill in the base of the bunny to form a nest, then place the poly-pellet bag on top Continue to stuff the bunny as normal.*

• *Polypropylene pellets, buttons and small pom-poms are not suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Use child safe alternatives where applicable.*

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• *Use the photograph as a guide to choose your applique flowers.*
• *I've used a small button for the centre of the spikey flowers.*
• *Please use the red outline for ears made from felt and the green outline for ears made from standard fabrics (ie. cotton).*

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Measure to ensure the templates print to scale.

▲ *The ears are placed approx.* ▲
between the dots.

Front Body Shape

Ear Shape

Back Body Shape

Leave open for turning and
▼ *stuffing* ▼