

COTTONTAIL BUNNIES SNACK MAT



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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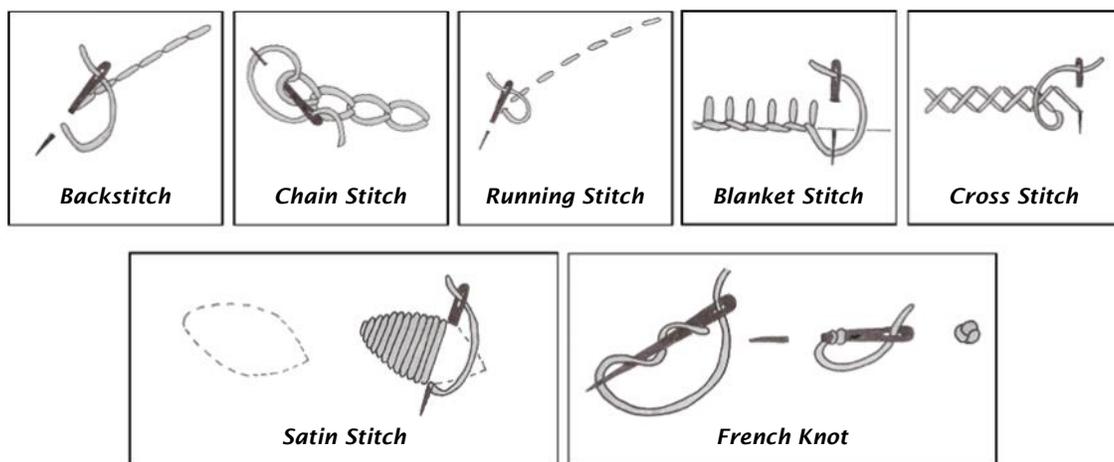
A NOTE ABOUT BUTTONS

- ◆ 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



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Approx. size 12 1/2in x 18 1/2in

What You Will Need

Supplement the fabrics in the requirements list with fabrics from your stash to add visual interest to your project.

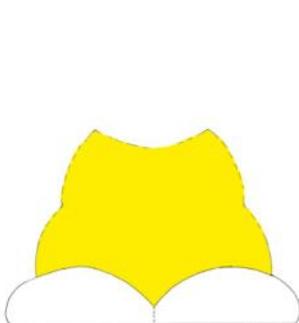
- ◆ A piece of fabric measuring 12 1/2in x 18 1/2in for the background of the snack mat
- ◆ A piece of complimentary fabric measuring 14 1/2in x 20 1/2in for the backing of the snack mat
- ◆ A piece of wadding (batting) measuring at least 14 1/2in x 20 1/2in
- ◆ 15cm (1/8 yard) of complimentary fabric for the binding
- ◆ (1) fat quarter of white-on-white print fabric for the applique
- ◆ Scraps of fabric for the applique. You will need a selection of pink, purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, and grey solid or print fabrics.
- ◆ (2) pairs of small black buttons for the eyes (*optional*)
- ◆ Quantity of lightweight fusible webbing
- ◆ Stranded embroidery thread for the facial features and details
- ◆ Matching thread to suit your favourite applique stitching method
- ◆ Applique mat or Teflon sheet (*optional, but highly recommended*)
- ◆ General sewing supplies

How to Make the Snack Mat

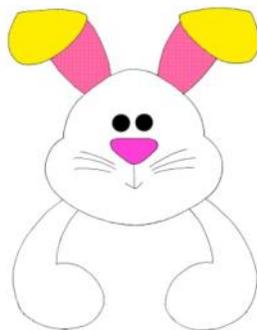
1. Use a pencil to trace the required applique shapes onto the paper side of the fusible webbing—leave approx. 1/2in between each shape. When you have finished tracing, roughly cut out the individual shapes 1/4in outside the traced lines.
You will need to trace (2) bunnies, (1) flower, (1) carrot, (1) Easter Egg, and the (3) grass shapes.
2. Fuse the applique shapes to the wrong side of the fabrics you have chosen for the project following the manufacturer's instructions. Cut the shapes out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch. Remove the backing paper from the applique shapes as you need them.
3. Use an applique mat or Teflon sheet to assist in fusing the bunnies together in separate units. This will make it easier for you to put the shapes together and overlap them where necessary.
 - Fuse the body and feet together first to make Unit 1.
 - Then fuse the ears, head, and arms together to make Unit 2.
 - Fuse the Easter egg, carrot, and flower together in (3) separate units.

If you prefer not to use an applique mat, use pins to hold the shapes in place before fusing them together.

Diagram 1 ▼



Unit 1.



Unit 2.



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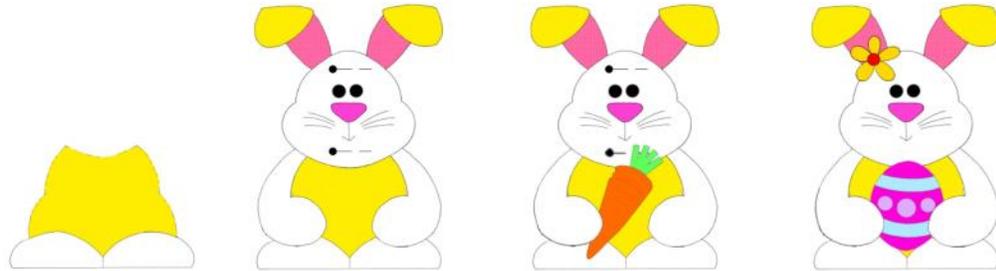
Buttons can also make your cup/plate wobble a bit if you put it down in the wrong place. Substitute the buttons with applique or embroidery if you prefer.



4. Continue using the applique mat to help complete the rabbits -
- The legs and feet (Unit 1) are fused in place first.
 - Place the body and head of the rabbit (Unit 2) in position next, but don't fuse it yet! Pin in place if necessary.
 - The Easter egg or carrot is positioned next. The top of the egg and carrot shapes overlap the face shape, but are positioned underneath the paw shapes.

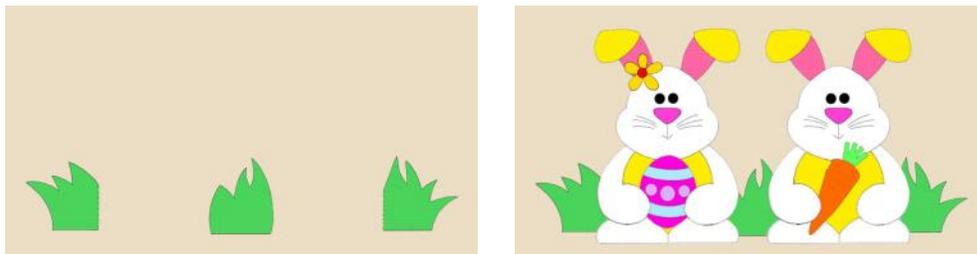
When you are happy with the position of the pieces, carefully fuse them together. The flower is fused last. Peel the completed shapes off the applique mat when cool.

Diagram 2 ►



5. Use the diagram and the colour photograph as a guide to centre and fuse the completed applique pieces to the 12 1/2in x 18 1/2in background block. **The grass shapes are placed behind the bunnies.**

Diagram 3 ►



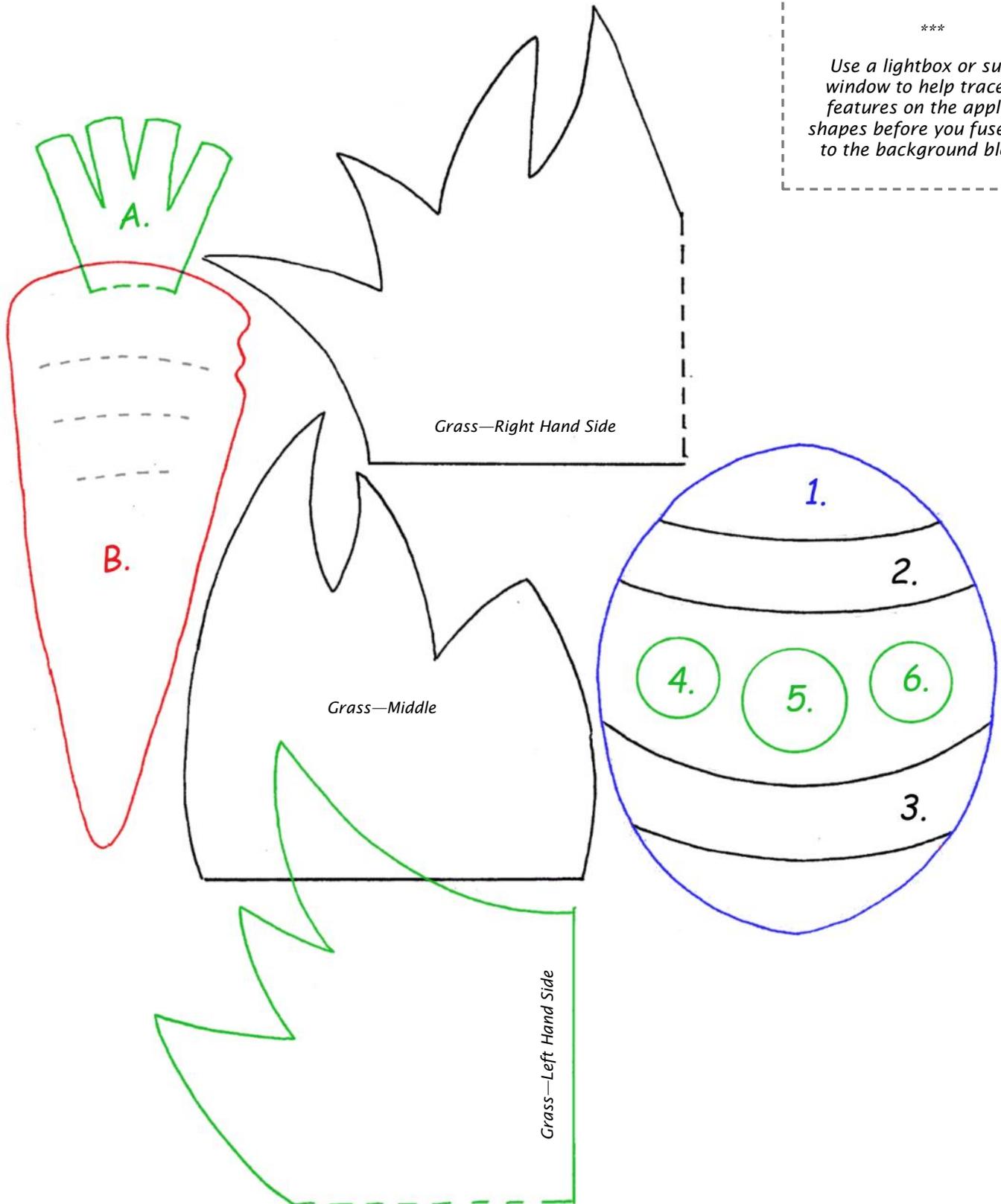
6. Stitch around the applique shapes using your favourite method. I stitched around my shapes using machine blanket stitch and matching thread. Use a light, sharp pencil to draw the features on the bunnies, then backstitch using two strands of contrasting embroidery thread.
7. Press the snack mat top well. Layer the backing fabric, wadding (batting) and appliqued top, then baste them together using your favourite method. Start quilting from the centre and work your way out to the edges.
8. When you have finished quilting, trim and square the excess backing fabric and wadding so it's flush with the edges of the front of the snack mat.
9. Sew buttons to the bunny's faces for eyes where indicated on the pattern template. Sew the buttons in place through all thicknesses of the snack mat using strong thread. Knot securely.
10. Cut (2) 2 1/4in strips x WOF from your binding fabric. Sew the two binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Trim the seams to 1/4in and press them open. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides facing, and press well.

Use your favourite method to sew the binding to the snack mat, then label and date your project to finish.

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- Stitch the lines on the carrot using running stitch.
- I've used running stitch and contrasting thread to highlight the stripes on the Easter egg. Use the photograph as a guide.



Notes!

The numbers represent the order in which the appliqué shapes are fused together.

See further notes in the pattern.

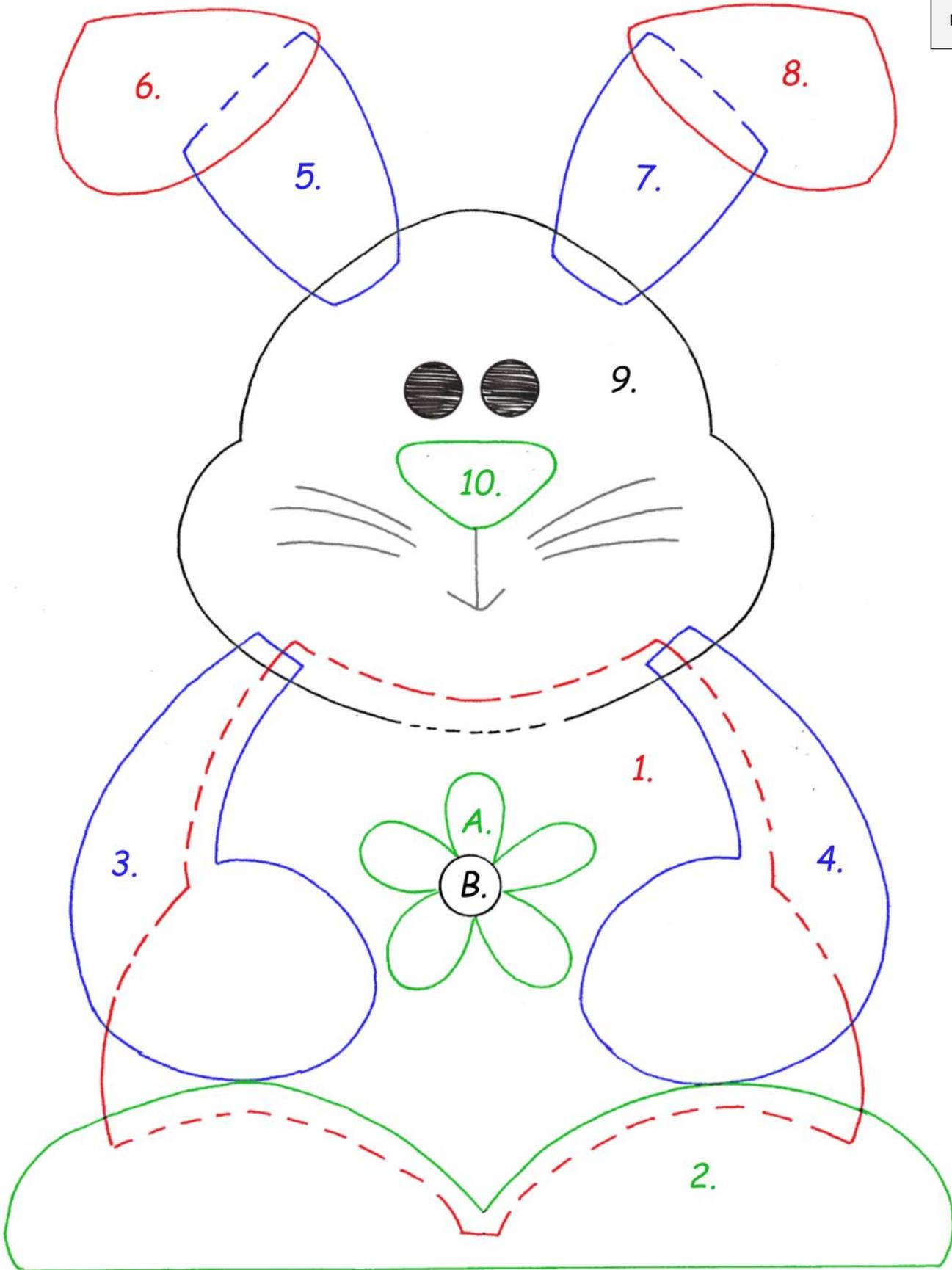
Use a lightbox or sunny window to help trace the features on the appliqué shapes before you fuse them to the background blocks.

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11IN SQUARE

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