

BUNNY HEAD INSTRUCTIONS

A video tutorial of the bunny ears and head is available on the instruction tab:

<https://ballyhoo creations.com/product/bunny-head/>

Instructions for making the body are included with any of the cloth character bodies at Ballyhoo Creations.

This set of instructions replaces the ear/head instructions in the Cloth Character instructions.



TOOLS

1. Embroidery machine
2. Sharp fabric scissors
3. Small embroidery scissors
4. Hemostats for turning ears inside-out

MATERIALS

1. Cut-away stabilizer
2. if using fluffy fabric - tear-away or water soluble topper
3. Fabrics - any fabric works for this design, including fleece or fur if your machine can handle thicker fabrics.

Each bunny head requires 4 pieces of fabric to fit your hoop (either 4x4 or 5x7 depending on size chosen) These 4 pieces are: ears front, ears back, head front (face), and head back

1. machine embroidery thread
2. Embroidery bobbin thread
3. needle & thread, or fabric glue for closing the opening after stuffing

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BUNNY EARS INSTRUCTIONS

Make the ears before the head...

1. Start by hooping cut-away stabilizer or no-show mesh stabilizer in 4x4 hoop
2. STITCH COLOR 1 for placement outline on stabilizer
3. Place ears front fabric, right side facing UP, to cover placement stitches
4. STITCH COLOR 2 which tacks down ear shapes.
5. STITCH COLOR 3 onto the ears using a thread that looks good for inner ears, such as pink. This is a loose knock-down stitch with shading. If using a fluffy fabric, you may want to use water soluble stabilizer as a topper so the stitches don't sink, or let them sink for an interesting texture effect.
6. Place the back fabric over ears, with RIGHT side facing DOWN. Be sure all tack-down stitches are covered.
7. STITCH COLOR 4 to create the ear seams. These are double stitched, so the needle will go around each ear twice.
8. After ears seams are done, remove from your hoop.
9. Cut out the ears, using the placement stitches on the stabilizer as a cutting guide. Be careful not to cut the seams.
10. Turn the ears inside-out. You may need a tool such as hemostats or a pencil to help with this.
11. Ears are now ready for the head! Don't lose these little guys.

BUNNY HEAD INSTRUCTIONS

To make the bunny head:

1. Start by hooping cut-away stabilizer in 4x4 hoop
2. STITCH COLOR 1 to create a placement outline of the head on your stabilizer
3. Place the head front fabric, RIGHT side UP, to cover the placement stitches.
4. STITCH COLOR 2 to tack down the head front fabric. This will include boxes for the ear placement which you will use later.
5. Place tear-away stabilizer or other topper over the face if using fluffy fabric.
6. STITCH COLOR 3 for the face and nose outline.
7. Remove any stabilizer topper if you used any.
8. Optional - Place 1" square of fabric to cover the nose area for an applique nose. Place it RIGHT side UP.
9. STITCH COLOR 4 to stitch a border around the nose. After the face stitches, the needle will advance and take a few stitches at the right ear. This is normal and will position your needle to avoid dislodging fabric for the next step.
10. IF you did the nose applique, trim excess fabric now to ensure none of the nose fabric gets caught in seams later.
11. Place the right ear, Stitched side DOWN over the face so the tip of the ear is around the bunny's chin, while the flat end fits in the tack-down box for the right ear. (don't place the left ear yet)
12. STITCH COLOR 5 to tack down the right ear. You should not need to hold anything in place since the needle position and stitch direction will keep the ear where it needs to be. After the right ear is tacked down, the needle will advance and take a few stitches at the left ear. This is normal and will position your needle to avoid dislodging fabric for the next step.
13. Place the left ear, Stitched side DOWN, over the face so the tip of the ear is around the bunny's chin, while the flat end fits in the tack-down box for the left ear.
14. STITCH COLOR 6 to tack down the left ear. You should not need to hold anything in place, same as the right ear you just did. After the ear is stitched, the machine will stitch outside the seams to the neck and stop.

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15. Place the back head fabric over the whole thing and make sure the tack-down stitches are well covered. This back piece should be RIGHT side DOWN.
16. STITCH COLOR 7 to create double-stitched seams around the right and left sides of the head. There will be a small opening at the neck so you can attach head to body. There will be a larger opening at the top of the head for turning and stuffing. (No stabilizer is required over the back unless your fabric is very thin or stretchy. NOTE: if stitching polar fleece or other thick fabric, a size 14 needle may be required to punch through multiple layers at the outside ears seams.)
17. Remove project from the hoop.
18. Cut out the head, using the placement stitches on the stabilizer as a cutting guide. Leave extra fabric at top of head so you can tuck it in and close that seam later.
19. Turn the head inside out, but leave the neck opening inside the head - you don't need to pull that out.
20. It is easier to attach the head to the body before you stuff the head. The neck stem on any of the Ballyhoo Cloth character bodies will fit into the neck opening. You may glue or hand-stitch the head onto the neck stem.
21. Stuff the head using the top opening.
22. Tuck in the top of the head where the ears are, leaving the ears on the outside. You should still be able to see a tack-down stitch at the top of the head to guide you where the top "seam" would be. Glue or hand-stitch the top opening closed.
23. Your bunny is done!