

# Betty Easter Bunny

Approximately 18 inches tall not including her ears

## You Will Be A Needin':

- Material: Muslin and material for skirt and bodice.
- One 32-ounce soft drink plastic bottle
- Embroidery floss to match skirt and bodice
- Stuffing
- Cheesecloth
- Wire: 20 gauge wire and a firmer wire for ears
- Wire cutters and pliers
- Acrylic Paint: Princess Pink, Light Parchment (yellow), Soft Apple, Peaches 'n' Cream, Real Blue, Hydrangea.
- Sparkle Glaze
- Rusty bell (or use rusting recipe and instructions included)
- Two 5/8 black matte buttons
- Three small decorative buttons for back of dress
- Black and white quilting thread
- Sandpaper
- Small basket (one pictured measures 10-1/2 inches around, 2-1/4 inches deep and 3 inches wide at bottom)
- Green Spanish Moss
- Kitty Litter
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- 13 inches of lace
- Doll needle (5 or 7 inches long)
- Rusting:** White vinegar, peroxide, salt, paper towels, sprits bottle, large plastic container.

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

## Lillie Mae's Crafts

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A Lillie Mae's Crafts original design by Brenda Greenwalt

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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>

### Body:

- #1. The body of the bunny is, of course, the 32-ounce plastic soft drink bottle. Clean the bottle out thoroughly and let dry.
- #2. Fill at least half-way up with kitty litter.
- #3. Place cap back on bottle.

### Bunny:

- #1. Print off bunny patterns including head/body, ears, and snout. Trace all on doubled muslin; do NOT cut out.
- #2. Sew on traced lines leaving open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves. Turn.
- #3. Stuff head/body and snout firmly. Sew snout opening closed, but leave the head/body open.
- #4. Stain the head/body and the ears with the recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions.
- #5. With a double piece of white thread, sew a gathering stitch up the snout (see pattern). Attach a piece of thread to one end of the snout (to hang for drying). Paint pink. Let dry thoroughly. When completely dry, sand lightly.
- #6. Wire: With the firmer wire, cut 2 pieces 14 inches long. With the 20 gauge wire, cut 3 pieces each 5 inches long.
- #7. Eyes & Eyebrows: Thread your doll needle with one strand of black quilting thread, and going in from the top of her head, which will be covered by her ears and hair bow, sew on buttons for eyes; do NOT cut off thread. With a plastic or wooden ruler, measure the eyebrows and trace with mechanical pencil (1/2 inch each) and continue with the black quilting thread, go up and with one backstitch each, embroider eyebrows.
- #8. Snout & Whiskers: Figure out where you want the snout to go and before gluing the snout on, stick the 3 pieces of 20-gauge wire just cut through the muslin. Glue the snout on over this.
- #9. Ears: Bend the firmer wire just cut and place inside ears; do NOT sew shut. Stick the wire ends through the head in the places indicated on pattern; glue with hot glue. The glue will be hidden by her hair bow.
- #10. Nose: If you don't have a rusty bell, then rust your bell following the rusting instructions and recipe given below at the end of these directions.
- #11. Bow: Print off cheesecloth bow pattern and pin on 8 layers of cheesecloth; cut out.. Stain with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions. With brown

thread and using a gather stitch, sew straight up the pattern (see pattern); pull to gather. Glue on head.

#12. Being sure the neck area is stuffed at least 1/2 way, place hot glue on the stuffing and fit the neck over the top cap of the bottle. Hold firmly until glue has hardened.

#13. Print and cut out arm pattern. Trace 2 on double layer muslin; do NOT cut out.

#14. Sew on traced lines leaving open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn.

#15. Stuff firmly to stuffing line (which is approximately 2 inches from the opening). Sew opening closed.

#16. Sew to body where indicated on pattern.

### **Blouse:**

#1: Print and cut out blouse pattern. Trace on double material being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern; cut out 2.

#2. Place wrong sides together and sew shoulder and side seams. Clip curves and turn.

#3. Choose which side will be the back and cut down the center of this. Turn hem of blouse under 1/4 inch and iron. Cut a piece of lace to fit around the hem and pin; sew.

#4. Turn bottom of sleeves under 1/4 inch and, with matching embroidery floss, hand sew a running stitch completely around.

#5. Do the same to the neck of the bodice. Hand sew the back of the bodice together.

### **Skirt:**

#1. Print off both skirt patterns (top and bottom parts). Tape the bottom to the top.

#2. Trace on doubled material being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern. Fold over and sew side seam.

#3. About 1/4 inch from bottom, with white quilting thread, hand sew a gathering stitch; pull to gather. Place bottle inside and do the same to the top (waist) of the skirt.

### **Apron:**

#1. Print and cut out apron pattern. Trace on double material being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern; cut out 2.

#2. Place right sides together, and sew (using 1/4 inch seam allowance) the top straps (front to back) and side straps (front to back). These are the only 2 seams to sew.

#3. With your fingernails, scrape along all edges to fray.

### **Easter Eggs & Basket:**

#1. The basket in the picture are easily purchased at craft stores. The one pictured measures 10-1/2 around, 2-1/4 inches deep and 3 inches wide at bottom. This baskets trim and handle was blue and I painted it pink topped off with one coat of sparkle glaze.

#2. Eggs: Print & cut out Easter egg pattern. Trace 6 on double muslin; do NOT cut out. Sew on traced lines leaving open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Turn. Stuff firmly and sew openings shut. Attach a piece of thread to bottom of each one (to hang for drying). With acrylic paint, paint one egg Real Blue, Light Parchment (yellow), Soft Apple, Red Apple, Peaches 'n' Cream, Hydrangea. Hang to dry. When thoroughly dry, paint each with one coat of sparkle glaze.

#3. Place green Spanish moss in basket and arrange Easter eggs.

#4. Glue basket to her hand.

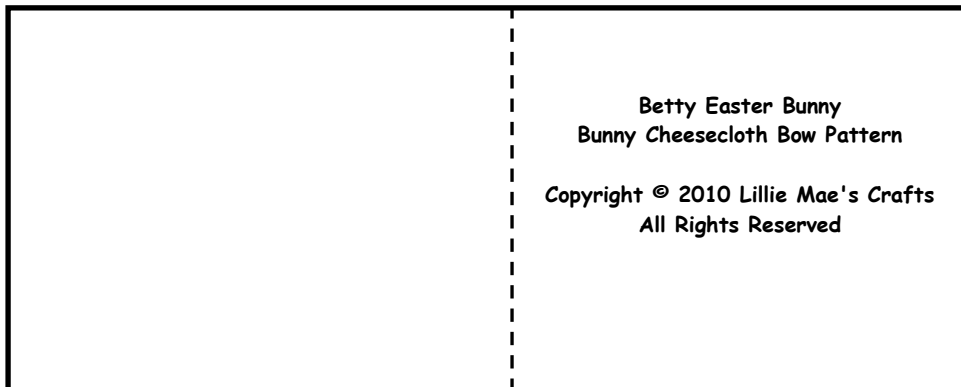
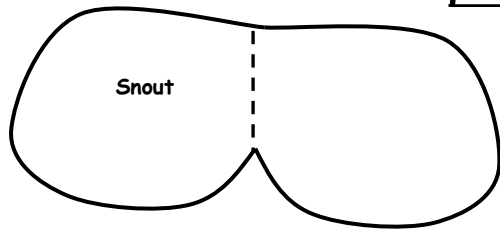
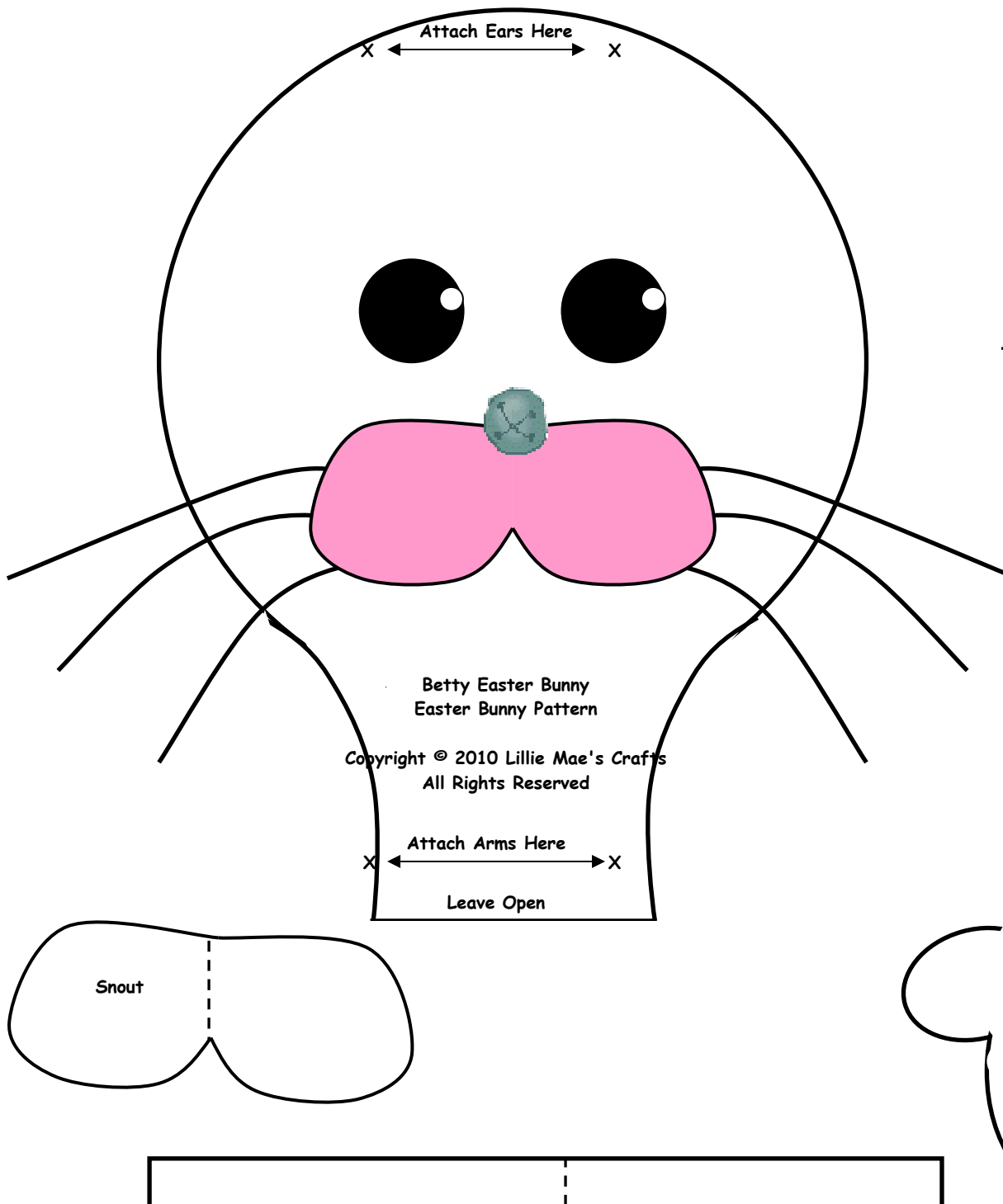
**Staining:** Combine  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 1/4 cup Vanilla extract and  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. If the scent 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 what you're staining here. With a sponge brush or spray bottle thoroughly coat. 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. Store left over stain mixture in glass jar with lid for your next primitive project.

**Rusting Recipe:** Combine 2 cups white vinegar, 1/4 cup peroxide and 2 tablespoons salt in a large plastic container; soak for 4 hours. Remove to paper towels, spritz with peroxide and spread salt on them. Let sit for another 2 hours. NOTE: This recipe calls for a large container as this recipe foams up pretty quickly.

**You're done with Betty Easter 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 e-mail me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>**

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Leave Open

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Stuffing Line

Betty Easter Bunny  
Arm Pattern

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Skirt Pattern - Top Part

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Place on Fold

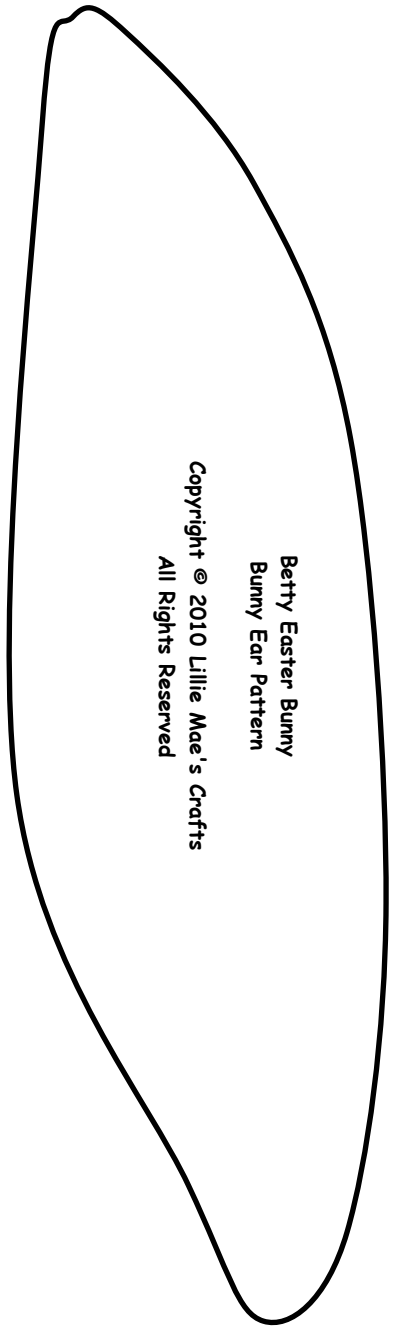
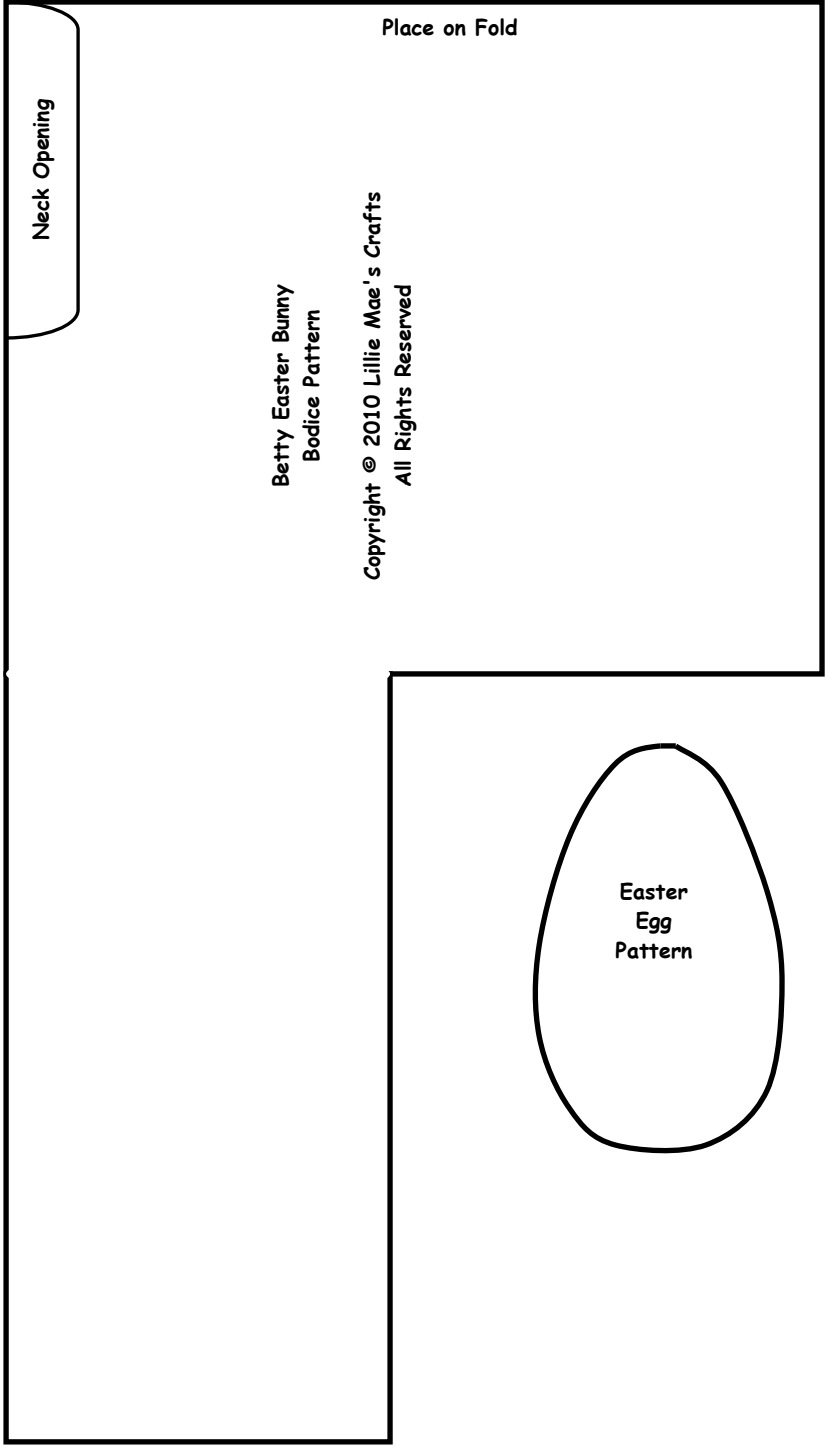
Tape to Top Part Here

Betty Easter Bunny  
Skirt Pattern - Bottom Part

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Tape to Bottom Part Here



Sew Shoulder Seams

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Apron Pattern

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Sew Underarm Side Seams

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