

prim bunny

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materials

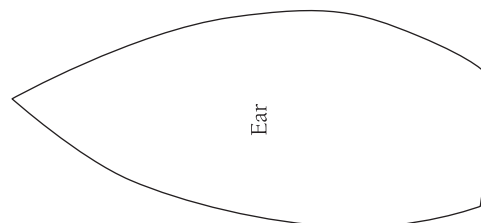
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- The Dow Chemical Company STYROFOAM:
 - 3" egg
 - 1-1/2" ball
- Fairfield Processing Nature-fil Bamboo Fiberfill, or cream wool roving
- Needle felting needle
- Design Master Glossy Wood Tone spray
- 1/2" brown buttons (two), button thread (cream), cosmetic blush and Q-tip, cream felt (a small piece), disappearing fabric marker, embroidery floss in brown, embroidery needle, fabric glue, scissors, scraps of crinoline, sewing pins, small black head pins (two), small wood circle or white poker chip, toothpicks, twigs and small piece of Spanish moss, vintage lace (12" length)

Instructions

Note: Needle felting is quick and easy. It requires a special felting needle that has extremely sharp barbs along tip of needle. The higher the needle number, the finer the needle, resulting in a smaller hole in project. When needle is pushed into STYROFOAM, the barbs pull the fiberfill or roving, locking them together in place. Simply place fiberfill against STYROFOAM, using needle to punch and secure to project. As a result, no glue is necessary.

1. Flatten wide end of STYROFOAM egg by rubbing it onto a flat surface. Keep rubbing egg until it sits freely by itself.
2. Using toothpicks, attach ball to pointed end of egg and secure with glue; this will be bunny's body.
3. Roll a half-dollar size amount of Fiberfill into a 2" long log shape. Wrap log around body into an arm shape; secure with a pin. Repeat, creating another arm. Needle felt arms to body, then remove pins.
4. Trace two ear patterns onto felt and crinoline; cut on traced line. Adhere crinoline ears to felt ears. Using Q-tip, apply blush to each ear. Pin ears to head, then needle felt into place.
5. Using three strands of embroidery floss, backstitch a nose and mouth onto small felt piece. Cut a pea-sized circle around nose/mouth. Adhere felt piece to center of bunny's face. Blush cheeks.
6. Insert black head pins into face for eyes.
7. Using embroidery needle and one strand of button thread, create whiskers by running through the nose.
8. Create a bow with vintage lace and adhere to neck. Slip twigs and moss inside arm (refer to color photo for placement).
9. To help bunny stand, adhere wood piece or poker chip to bottom.
10. In a well-ventilated area and approximately 18" from bunny, spray with Glossy Wood Tone; this will give bunny a primitive appearance.
11. Adhere buttons to front of bunny, down its center. ❄



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