

Needle-Felted Easter Bunny Kit Instructions



Kit Contents:

Please note each kit makes one Easter Bunny.

Box, white fiber, plastic bag with ear, belly, and accessory (flower or carrot) colored fiber, along with yellow or red for bows, a small bag of colored fiber (including, pink or blue and black for faces), business card, an ornament hanger in case you would like to hang your bunny when complete, and felting needle secured in recycled cork.

Warning: Felting needles are very sharp. Please use caution when using. Small children should be supervised at all times when using this tool.

Items Not Included in Your Kit But May be Helpful:

Felting foam mat (available at most craft and sewing stores).

Scissors for trimming excess fiber.

Tapestry needle if you would like to use the yarn to hang your bunny..

Helpful Hint:

Always use your felting needle at a 90-degree angle, poking straight up and down to avoid breaking your needle.

Getting Started With the Body:

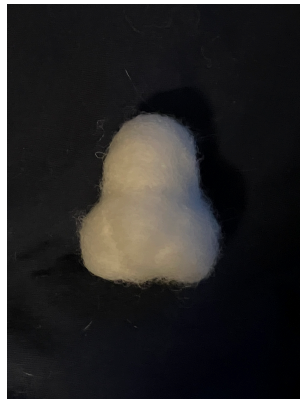
Begin with the largest ball of white fiber (towards the bottom of your box). Roll into a soft oval ball and use your felting needle to poke the fiber until it becomes slightly firm. Continue shaping into an egg-shaped ball as you go. Wider part will be the bottom, more angled end will be the top. This process will take several minutes.



Next - Make Your Bunny Head:

**** Note this will likely be the longest part of the process as the head needs to be very firm and there is a lot of shaping involved.****

Begin with the next largest piece of white fiber and begin shaping it like the body. Then you will angle your needle down to create a wider bottom of the face and then poke with your needle from back to front to make your bunny's cheeks stand out. Then you will angle in and form the nose. It should stick out from your face.



Add the Face:

Once you have the head form and the shape you would like it, it's time to add the face. Start with the eyes. Using a VERY small amount of the black fiber, take it and roll a tiny ball between your fingers and place and poke the eye into place. Repeat for the second eye. I like to space my eyes a little further apart using my nose as a guide. Next place a very small amount of pink or blue fiber and make a little heart shape at the end of your nose. Use an even small amount of the colored fiber and drag a line down from the bottom of the heart shape and then add another small amount of fiber for the curved mouth. You should have a little extra black fiber which you will use when adding your bow around the neck at the end.

Make the Ears:

Start by taking the two sections of white fiber with either the pink or blue fiber folded in with it and separate the two colored fibers. Make the white parts of the ear first by placing on your mat and tacking a point down for the top, and then at the base of your ear, leaving a little fiber so you can add it to your bunny head. Do one side, flip it over, felt that side, then flip it back and taking small amounts of the pink or blue fiber, create the center ear color. I always start with smaller amounts and add and fill in color as needed. Your ears should be fairly firm so they will stand up. Repeat this process for your second ear and set aside. You will attach these after your head and body are attached. You should have a small amount of colored fiber (pink or blue) left from making the ears to use for your tail.



Make the Tail:

Using your leftover colored ear fiber, roll it into a ball in your hands and felt it into a tighter ball using your needle and mat. Set aside.





Make the Arms:

Take the two small rolled section of white fiber (they will have been at the back of your box). Take one of the rolls and rub it lengthwise in your hands to get the felting process started. You want to make this long enough to use for both arms. The second roll of fiber will be used to add and attach your arms to the body. Once it is fairly firm, cut it in half, then shape your arms to be rounded at one end and a little fluffy at the other end. The fluffier side will be attached to the body. Once shaped the way you like, set the arms aside.

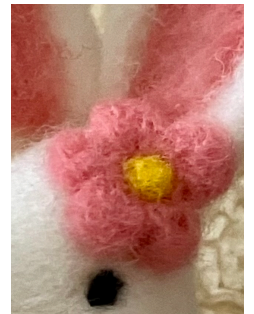
Make the Legs:

Take the two large rolls of white fiber (they will be the pieces to the side of where your body fiber was in the box). Repeat the same process as you did for the arms noting that the legs will be slightly thicker. Take some small amount of fiber from the second roll of fiber and wrap at one end of the legs (not the fluffy side) to create rounded feet that stick up. Repeat the process for the second leg. Leave a little bit of the second roll of white fiber to add and attach the legs to the body.



Make the Accessories (Carrot for Evan (blue) or Flower for Ellie (pink)):

Flower: put a small amount of the pink fiber on your felting mat. First start by making a circle flattened and then poke in a various points to create the petals. Once shaped the way you would like, add a little bit of the yellow fiber to the center of your flower. Your flower should be fairly firm, at least in the center to attach.



Carrot: Take the orange fiber and get the felting process started by rubbing in the palm of your hand. A little bit of water on the fiber will help this process. Put more pressure on one end so that it forms a triangle or carrot shape. Use your mat and felting needle to firm the shape up. Then make the stem for your carrot. You can make it a little fluffy, or felt it tight (either by rolling in your hand or using your felting needle). Attach the stem to the carrot base. Set aside.

Attach Head to Body:

Place the head on the top of your body (the rounder/wider part of your body should be at the bottom and smaller e=angles end will be the side you attach the head to). Using your felting needle, and going in at a slight angle, attach. You will need to secure the head firmly and this may take several minutes of going around the base of the head and top of the body all the way around. Don't worry about the "seam" where the body and head attach. You will be adding a bow at the end with colored fiber that will cover this join.





Attach Arms and Legs to Body:

Beginning with the arms, just below the neck, attach each arm to the body by using the fluffy end and your needle to secure. Arms should be facing out. You will shape them facing more inward after arms and legs and belly color are attached. Repeat the process for the legs at the base of the body. You will want your legs to face outward as they will be helping your bunny sit balanced. You will firm and shape these after arms legs, and belly color are attached.

Add Belly Color:

Taking a small amount of the colored fiber from the large bag, add a round-ish shape to the belly. Start with a little and you can add a little more fiber here and there for shaping.



Attach Ears:

Using the fluffy side of the ears, place them at the back of the bunny head and adjust them to where you want them to be before attaching using your felting needle. Once they are attached and the join is smoothed out, you can fold them over and use your felting needle to make them stay in a bent position if you would like. If you like your ears to be upright, just attach and leave them.



Shape Arms and Legs:

Now that everything is attached, you can begin shaping the arms and legs the way you would like and continue shaping and firming your bunny as you go.

Add Bow, Carrot, Flower, Tail:

Lastly, you will add the bunny's bow, tail, and either the flower or carrot. You will add the bow around the neck. Taking either your yellow or red fiber, wrap around the point where the head and body meet and tack it down using your felting needle. Add a little more fiber to create a bow effect by making it wider on the outside and pointed in the center. You can use a little of the remaining black fiber from making your eyes and put a little dot in the center of your bow for effect. Next, at the back of your bunny, add the tail at the base of the body. For Ellie (pink bunny) add the flower to the base of one of her ears. For Evan (blue bunny) attach the carrot to one of his hands.

You now Have a Very Happy Easter Bunny!

