"Memory Bears are teddy bears made from clothing and belongings with sentimental value to you...Memory Bears are usually made in remembrance of a loved one or as a keepsake to pass from one generation to another. In making a memory bear, old clothes are transformed into a beautiful and comforting bear." <u>**Rita Glosser**</u>



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You can use one main fabric from a single item of clothing for most of the pieces and use another contrasting fabric for the smaller body parts (ears, paw pad, footpad pieces);

You can make him out of the one single piece of clothing (you can use shirts, skirts, dresses, etc.) as long as it's big enough to fit the pattern;

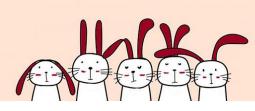
• Or you can create a 'patchwork' effect by using lots of different items of preloved baby clothes. These types of toys are the most time consuming but my favorite

NOTE: if you are making your memory bunny out of the baby clothes, use size six months and up.



- Since the idea of the Memory bunny is to use "sentimental" fabric for making him and to keep as many details and memories as we can, don't be afraid to use the buttons, the insignias, and the logos, and anything else your clothing has.
- To be able to do that, without the risk that our carefully crafted bear will stretch and loose its looks, we need to use woven fusible interfacing.
- Woven fusible interfacing will remove the stretch. Once the stretch has gone you can also use the fabric in any direction that suits you. No need to think about fabric direction. You can focus on how to best show off the details on the clothing.

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LIST OF MATERIALS

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- 18x31 inches open (around 46x79 cm) lightweight woven fusible interfacing for the body, head, arms, short ears and legs;
- 20x33 inches open (around 51x84 cm) lightweight woven fusible interfacing for the body, head, arms, long ears and legs;
- Pieces of clothing you want to use for your memory bunny- Bunny measures about 9" inches;
- Stuffing (non-allergenic toy filling, polyfil, wool, etc.);
- Black wool (or wool blend) felt for eyes;
- Black embroidery thread;
- You are going to need a strong thread (for sewing arms and legs for the body) like heavy nylon upholstery sewing thread;
- Buttons 0.8 inches (2 cm) (this is optional, you can attach the arms without using buttons as well);
- ²⁶ If you are making your bunny with craft eyes and nose 2 x 0.4 inches (1 cm) plastic craft eyes and 1 x 0.6 inches (1.5 cm) plastic bunny nose.

SEWING SUPPLIES:

- Sewing machine;
- Thread to match fabrics;
- Needles for a machine;
- Dressmaker's scissors;
- S Pins;
- Solution Needles for hand sewing;
- Stuffing tools such as a wooden spoon, stinging needle, or chopstick;
- Disappearing ink marker (heat sensitive), chalk, and ruler;
- lron;
- Seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ " (0, 7 cm) and is already included in the pattern;
- Print only pattern from page 36-46;
- The test square is on the 47 page.
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Ok, let's go to work!

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- Before you print all the pattern pieces, find your TEST SQUARE (in the pattern). This is ALWAYS the first page to print so you can check that your printer is printing your pattern accurately.
- I use a 1x1 inch (2,5x2,5cm) teste square, and it is very important that the measure match 1 inch, if they don't, you NEED to reprint.
- After you double-check that the size is correct, you can print the rest of the pattern.

PRINTING

- Open the PDF, making sure you are opening the correct one if your purchase came with multiple files.
- Download the PDF to your computer. If you print from the browser your pattern can print too small (This is very important, or it can change the size of your document).
- After you choose File>Print and your print dialogue box opens, always choose Custom Scale: 100% or No Scaling (depending on your software). If you do not choose 100% Scale or No Scaling, your pattern will print out at the wrong size.



PAPER SIZE

I make all patterns in A4 size. Make sure your printer settings match the A4 paper size and that

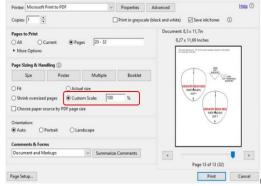
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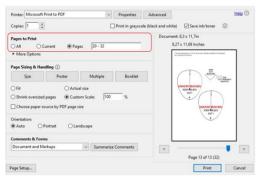


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- You can also set a specific page range if your instructions and pattern pieces are all in one file and you want to skip printing the instructions.
- If you still have any questions about printing please feel free to contact me.





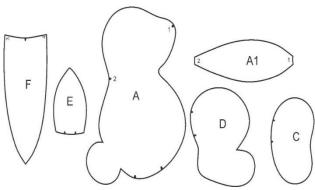
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01. DRAWING AND TAILORING

- Print all pattern pieces onto regular printer paper. Cut out all paper pattern pieces. Seam allowance is ¼"
 (0, 7 cm) and is already included in the pattern.
- At each pattern piece, you have the exact number of how many pieces you need to cut out from the fabric.



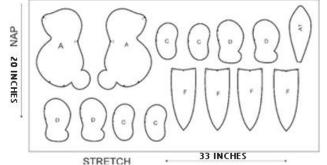
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BODY PARTS	LETTER MARK	PIECES YOU NEED
HEAD AND BODY	A	2
HEAD INSERT	A1	1
ARMS	С	4
LEGS	D	4
SHORT EARS	E	4
LONG EARS	F	4

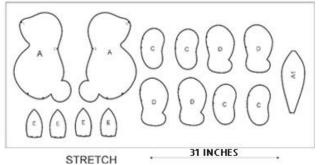
NOTE: Keep the templates nearby so you can reference which edge is which. Since the memory toys are usually made of different fabrics, each pattern piece is drawn separately so you don't have to mirror it.

- First cut the clothing item open (remove buttons, cut the side seam, around the sleeves, shoulders, etc.) so it can lay flat.
- Then we are going to tailor the fusible interfacing for our bunny, using the pattern. Keep in mind that fusible interfacing has a right and wrong side (sticky and non-sticky side).
- Place pattern pieces onto the right side (the one without glue) of the fusible interfacing so that the arrow is in the same direction. The grain of the fabric should be running vertically. Draw the pattern pieces with regular Hb pencil.

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Roughly cut out the pieces of interfacing adding about 1/6 inch (0,4 cm) around them.
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 FUSIBLE INTERFACING- SHORT EARS





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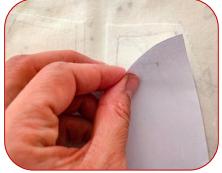




Next, carefully place and iron the interfacing pieces onto the fabric of the clothing items, with the sticky (glue) side facing the wrong (back) side of the fabric.

NOTE:Most fusible need to be applied using both heat and steam but always refer to the product's directions for correct temperature settings.

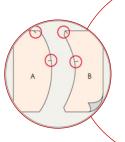
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After you've applied all of the fusible interfacings onto the fabric, use your paper pattern pieces to check if all the pieces look like they should. Now, cut the pieces out accurately on the traced lines.

You need to make a small mark on each notch you have transferred from the pattern piece, this will be your guide for connecting parts when sewing. Check if you have all the pieces you need.



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are small marks made on the pattern to ensure that one pattern piece will match up to the pattern next to it. They can be used to show what the value of the seam allowance is, and can also be used as markers along a seam to make sure that the two pieces of fabric will come together correctly when sewn.

- Using your disappearing ink marker (heat sensitive) and paper pattern, transfer all the marks for attaching the ears, arms and legs. You need to trace it onto the front of the fabric. Mark at the arms and legs as well.
- For easier transferring, cut out the paper pattern markings for attaching legs.

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Using your needle and pen, mark the placement of the eyes (as shown in the photo).



It should look like this after you've marked everything.

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02. SEWING





- Set your sewing machine stitch to straight. Use small stitch settings.
- \sim Always pin the fabric together so it doesn't move during the sewing.
- $^{\sim}$ Start and end your seam with a backstitch.
- Line up the fabric with the right edge of the presser foot, and adjust the needle position to be centered. It's about ¼ "seam allowance (0,7 cm).
 - Leave the openings between the marks for turning and stuffing.

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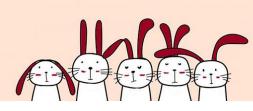
Position the Head Insert (A1) to the one Head side (A), right sides facing. Align point 1 on the head insert to the point 1 at the head, and point 2 to point 2 as well.

Pin with needles and start sewing at point 1 to point 2. Backstitch when starting and finishing. First, sew one side then repeat with the other side, but now start sewing at point 2 to point 1.

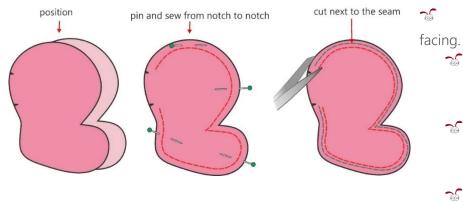
- At the back of the head, seams from both sides at the head insert are next to each other when sewn.
- Front side when sewn look like this. Try to match the seams as much as you can because they are visible.
- After sewing the head insert, we are going to sew the rest of the body.

Start sewing at the muzzle (point 1) and sew to the mark at the bottom of the body. And, from the other mark to the point 2. Leave opening between the marks for turning and stuffing. Backstitch each time you are starting and finishing your seam.

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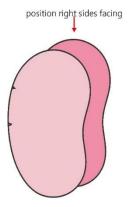
2.2.LEGS

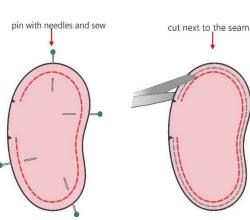


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2.3.ARMS





Align two Leg (D) parts right side

- Pin and sew all along from one notch to the other, leaving open between the notches for turning and stuffing. For a better shaping, trim excess
- fabric around the seam and turn the leg right side out.

Repeat the process for the other leg.

- Align two Arm pieces(C) together, right side facing.
- Pin and sew from notch to notch, leaving the opening for turning and stuffing.
- Trim excess fabric around the seam and turn the arm right side out.
- ⁶⁶ Repeat the process for the other arm.

2.4.IF YOU ARE USING CRAFT EYES AND NOSE

If you have decided to use craft eyes and nose for making your bunny"s face, now it's time to insert them.



I like to use plastic eyes 10 mm (0.4 inches) and the nose 15 mm (0.6 inches), with a strong locking nut that makes them impossible to pull out. These, along with embroidered version, should always be used for younger children's soft toys (still not recommended for children under age of 3).

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 TIP : Craft eyes "sit" better on a plushy fabrics then on the cotton fabrics.

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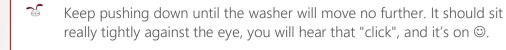


First, you will need to make a small hole at each eye position, just large enough for the shank of the eye to fit through. Use a very tip of a seam ripper pair, or of sharp-pointed scissors to make a hole.

From the front of the head(right side of the fabric), gently push the shank of the eye through the hole you cut into the head.



Push the washer down firmly over the shank. Make sure you have the grip facing DOWN when you stick it on the shank. They will help secure the eye to the fabric and keep it from slipping.



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- You will insert the nose just above the tip of the muzzle. When you are making a hole for the nose, make it right above the seam. Do not tear the seam to insert the nose, because it can loosen the seam.
- The process of inserting the nose is exactly the same as for eyes.

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- When you are done they should sit firmly and tight.
- Video tutorial on how to insert eyes and the nose: <u>https://youtu.be/hRmhfD6brZ4</u>

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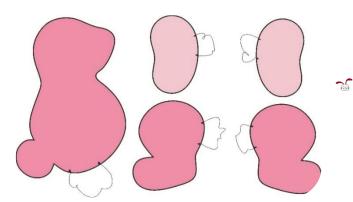
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Now we have all the body parts sewn and ready to stuff.



NOTE:

Don't hurry this step. Get little bits of stuffing and push them into your toy one at a time. Keep in mind that, no matter how well your bunny is sewn, if you don't stuff him well it will lose his shape.

TIP::

Break the top of the chopstick. Raw edges will make it easier for you to push the stuffing in.

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3.1. BODY AND HEAD

Gently push stuffing down into the head through the opening. You can just simply use your fingers to push it into. Once you have a fair amount of stuffing, you can switch to the wooden spoon, using the handle to pack the stuffing firmly.

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- First, stuff the head firmly with stuffing. Focus most of it on the face area (especially the snout) until it fills out and has no wrinkles in the fabric. Then stuff the rest of the head.
- After the head, continue adding stuffing up the body until it is nice and full. The neck area must be stuffed very firmly so it can hold the head.
- Keep in mind to push the stuffing down from both the front and backside to distribute stuffing evenly. Make sure you do not have the knobs because it will not look nice.
- When you've done with stuffing, close the opening with Ladder stitch.
- Add more stuffing while sewing if needed and stitch it closed.



Video tutorial How to Sew | The Ladder stitch: <u>https://youtu.be/Vp24VoZ1zeg</u>

3.2. LEGS

Stuff the legs firmly. First stuff the feet and then the rest of the legs. Make sure they are evenly stuffed without knobs. Ladder stitch the openings.

3.3. ARMS

Stuff the arms a little bit softer than the legs. Ladder stitch the openings.

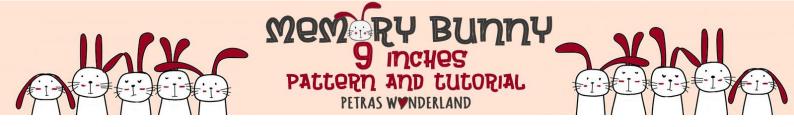
3.4. EARS



Stuff the ears lightly. Ladder stitch the openings.

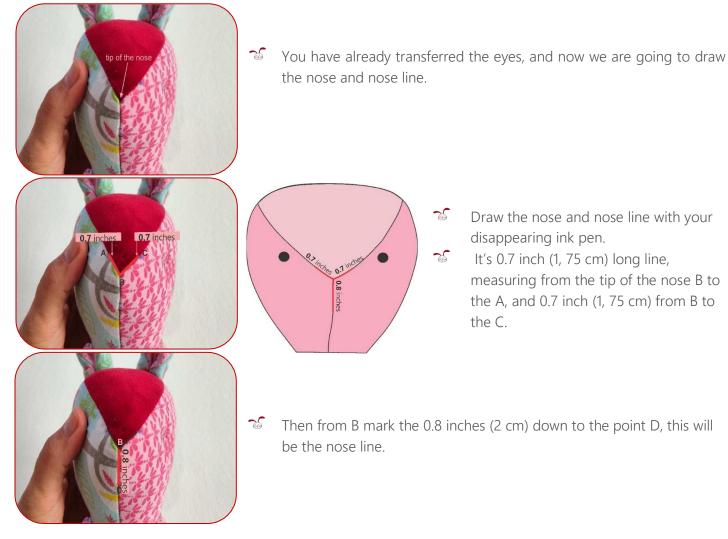
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04. SEWING THE FACIAL FEATURES

4.1.NOSE

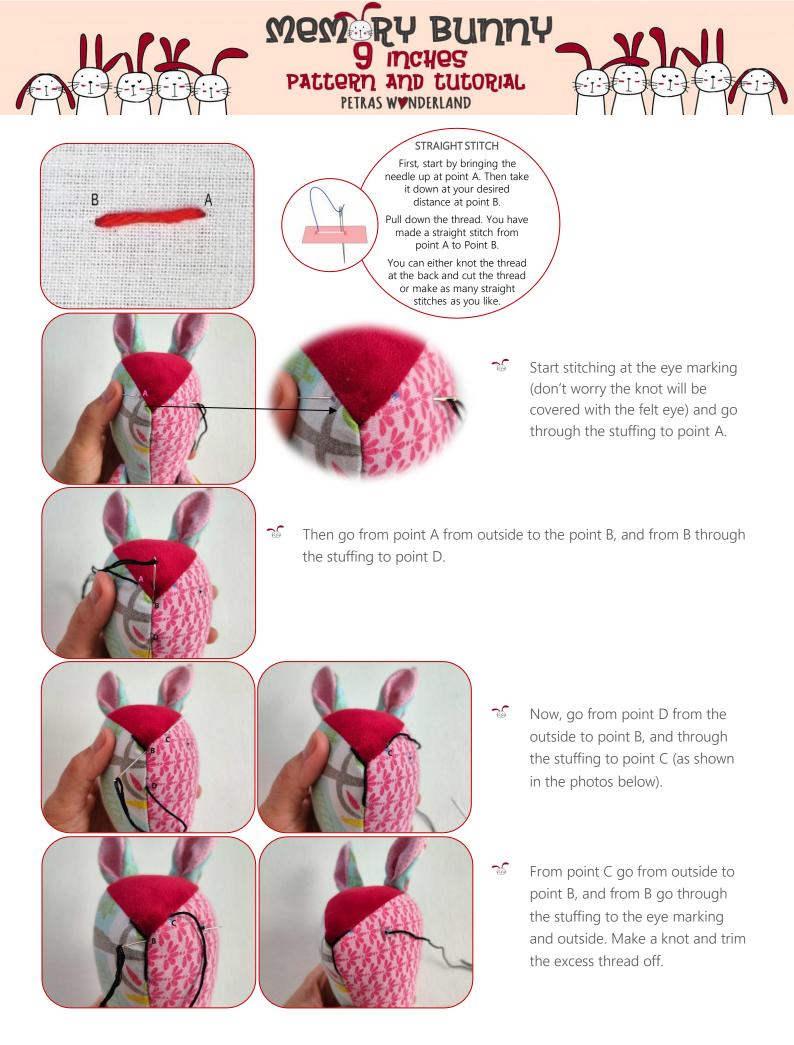


Thread your needle with black embroidery thread. If you are using Stranded Embroidery Cotton/embroidery floss-use all six strands knotted at one end. Or, if you are using Pearl Cotton thread that comes in one single strand- use double knotted.

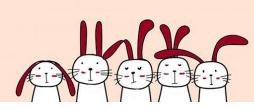
For embroidering the nose line and nose line we are going to use Straight stitch.

NOTE: be careful not to pull the thread too tight.

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4.2. EYES





- Sew the nose and eyes in place using Whip Stitch for Applique.
 Hide your starting and finishing knot under the felt.
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- Video tutorial How to Sew | Whip applique stitch: <u>https://youtu.be/-1AGkMkcLYk</u>









Cut out the eyes out of the black felt using your pattern. Best to use is wool or wool blend felt.

Position the eyes at the marks (cover the knots) and pin with a needle.

> WHIP APPLIQUE STITCH Stitching a felt piece onto a felt surface. Place the appliqué on the background felt. Insert the needle into the bottom layer of fabric, slightly to the left of the first stitch, and bring up through both pieces of fabric. Continue to work from the right to the left until the two pieces are joined. Slanted stitches will be produced, which can be short or long depending on how close together your stitches are.

- After you finish, insert the needle near the finished knot and out of the head about 1" away.
- Pull the thread through and hold it taut while snipping the thread. The excess thread should disappear back inside of the head.



This is how your bunny look like now.

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05. LEGS TO THE BODY

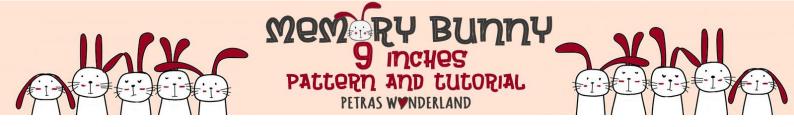
NOTE: Since the fabric can stretch while stuffing, always double check that the legs are placed symmetrically and that you are satisfied with the position. When you are satisfied with the position, push slightly the leg toward the body and pin with needles.



- Position the legs to sides of the body at the marked place.
- Set the bunny to sit before you start sewing, this is the easiest way to see if the position of the legs is as it should be.
- Use strong thread knotted at one end. I'm using upholstery thread.
- Working from right to left, Ladder stitch the legs for the body. One round of stitches shall be enough, but if it doesn't look neat after the first round or you feel like it is not attached securely, feel free to stitch one more round.
- Use small ladder stitches and always make 2-3 stitches and then pull the thread to close two sides of the seams evenly.
- When you are finished, knot the thread off and hide it by popping the knot through the fabric.
- Video tutorial on how to attach the legs: <u>https://youtu.be/--NBSypzeoo</u>

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You will let the needle go between the arm and the body, make a knot and hide the thread by popping the knot through the material and out of the body about 1-2"away.



²⁶ Pull the thread through and hold it taut while snipping the thread.

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The excess thread should disappear back inside the body.

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Video tutorial on how to attach the arms: <u>https://youtu.be/aSbukUeEiv8</u>

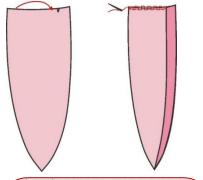
07. SEWING AND ATTACHING EARS

7.1.LONG	EARS sew	cut next to the seam	ري بي	raw edges Sew them Leave the out. Trim exces	earpieces (F) with right side facing and matching up. together along the long curved edge. straight edge free for turning right side as fabric around the seam and turn the ght side out.
		LADDER STITCH Bring needle up at 1 and through the fabric a short distance to 2, keeping the thread hidden under the fabric (dashed lines). Bring needle over to 3 and repeat. Only the vertical stitches should show on the front of the fabric. Stitches indicated by dashed lines will be hidden in the base fabric, or in the folds of the appliqué.			Ladder stitch the opening.

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Next, overlap one side of the ear to the mark (notch) and ladder stitch together.

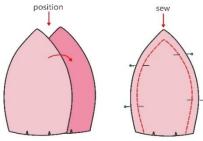


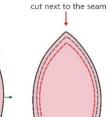
- Repeat the process for the other ear.
- Now, when you have the ears finished, place them at the marks on the bunnies head (point 3 and 4) and Ladder stitch for the head.

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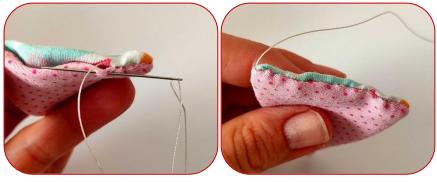
- When you are finished, knot the thread off and hide it by popping the knot through the fabric.
- Video tutorial on how to prepare and attach the long ears: https://youtu.be/rdgYuWwBVBg

7.2.SHORT EARS





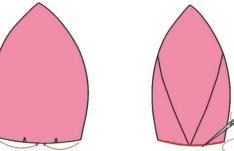
- Align your earpieces (E) with right side facing and raw edges matching up.
- Sew them together along the long curved edge. Leave the straight edge free for turning right side out.
 - Trim excess fabric around the seam and turn the ear right side out.



Ladder stitch opening closed.

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- Next, bend edges toward center and Ladder stitch it together.
- You need to have two ears complete total.

bend the edges toward center







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3 Now, when you have the ears finished, place them at the marks on the bunnies head (points 3A and 4A) and Ladder stitch for the head.

-When you are finished, knot the thread off and hide it by popping the knot through the fabric. -Video tutorial on how to prepare and attach the short ears: https://youtu.be/oEHEJAViAcU

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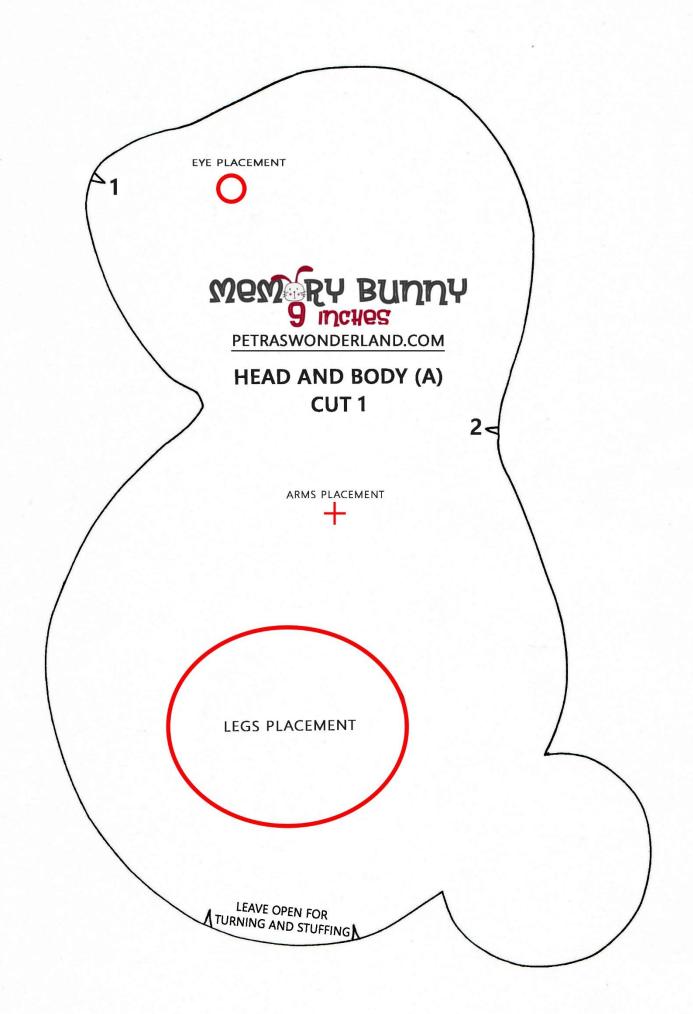
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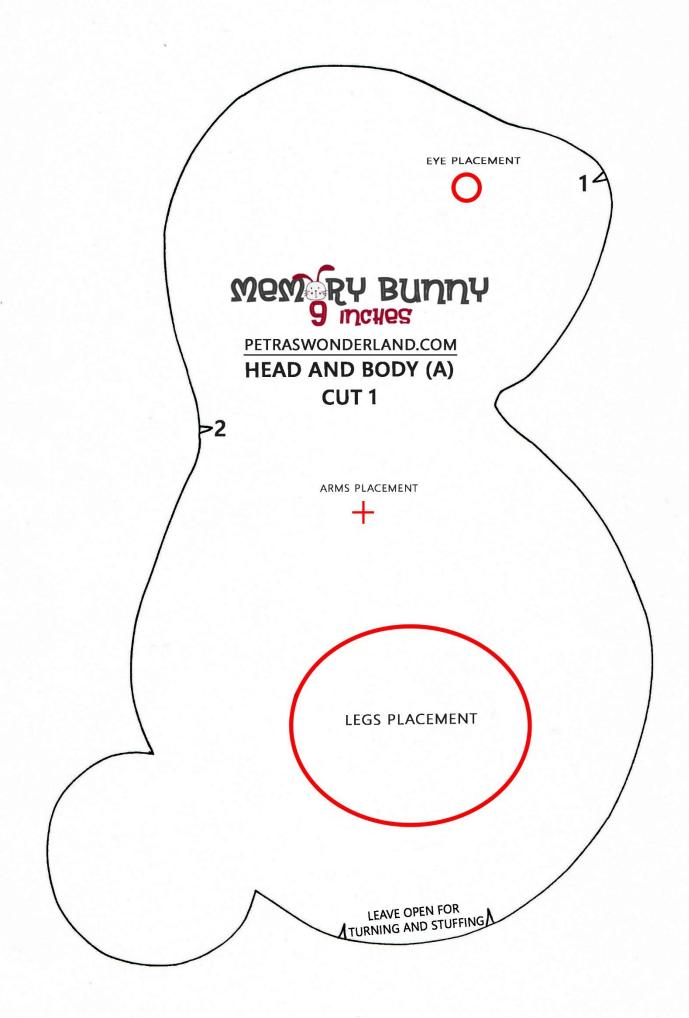


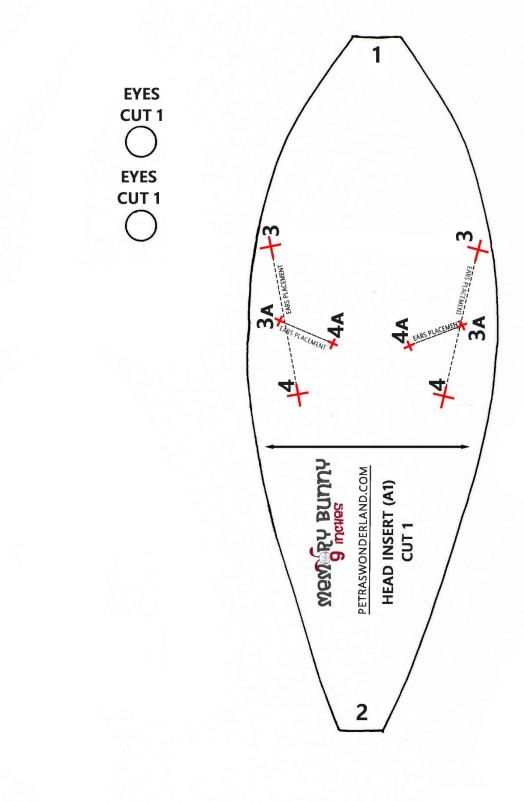
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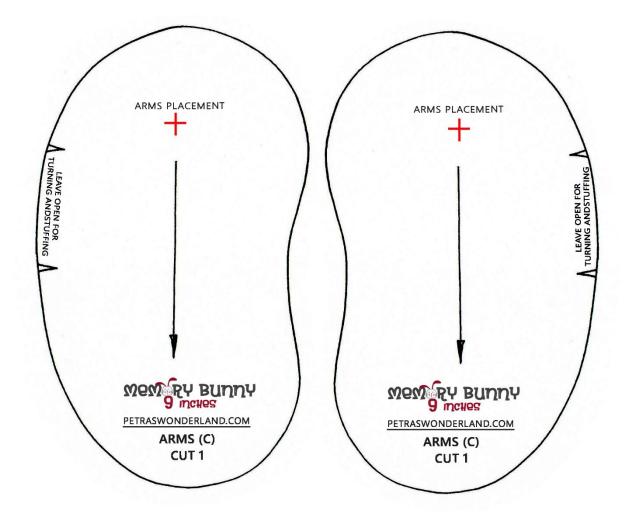
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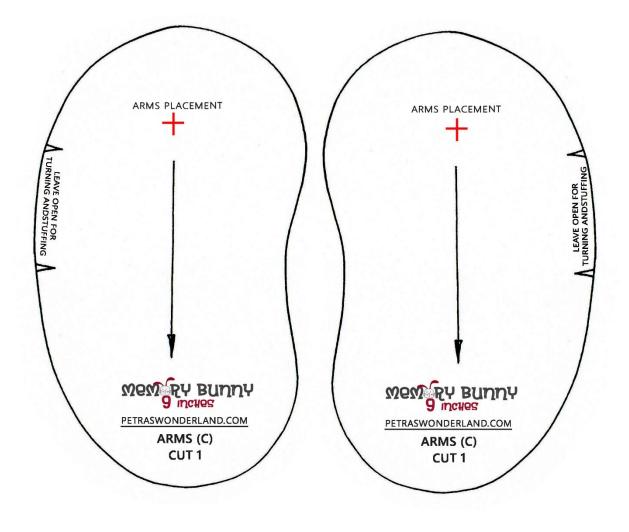
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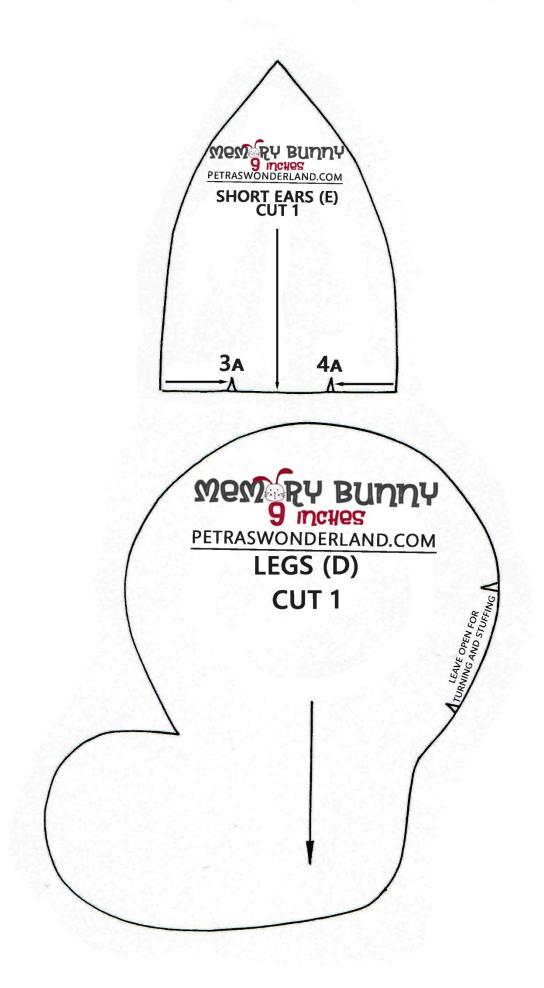


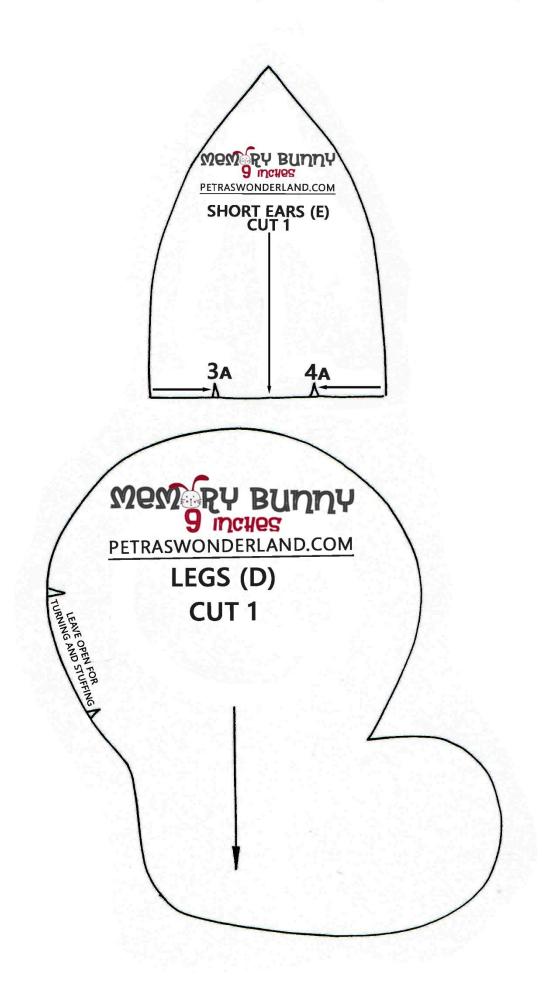


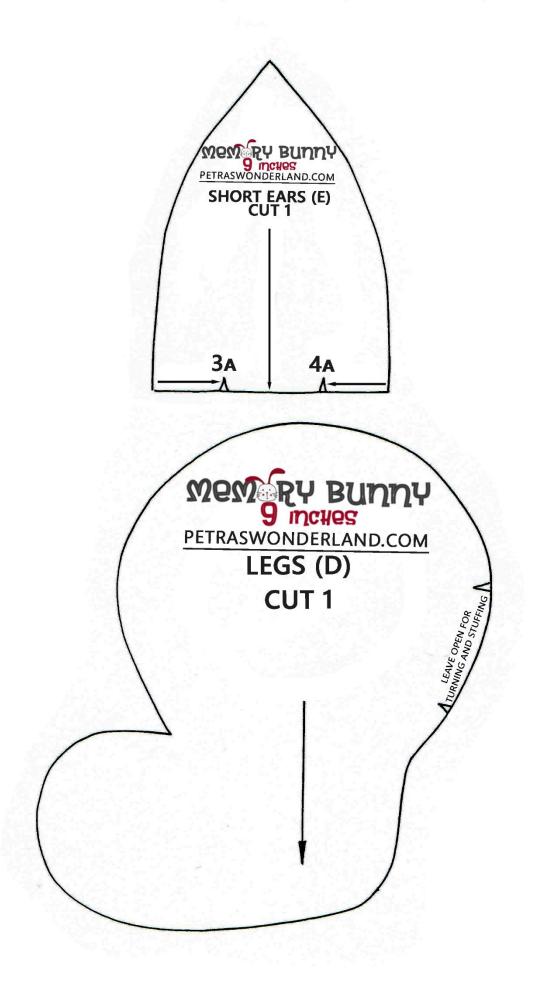


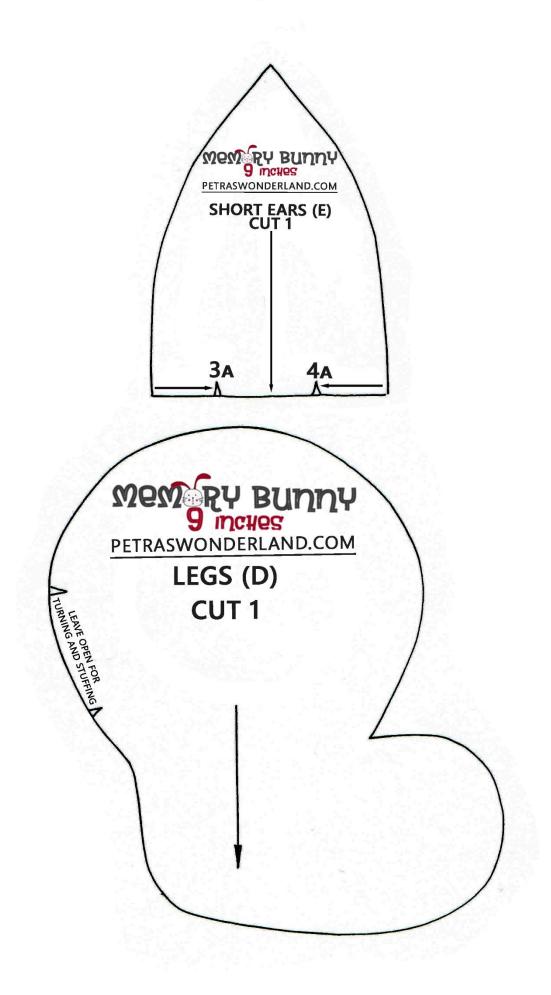
















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