



Wee Welsh Rabbits

Cute and full of fun these adorable handmade felt rabbits whisper, *"make more!"*

Add fuzzy bellies, hair and clothing to create a cast of characters fit for any Spring-time gathering.

What's Needed:

Felt Pieces 9' X 12" or yardage (select colours)

Embroidery Floss (coordinating colours to felt)-DMC

Tapestry Needles (#24) - DMC

Poly-Fil Filler- Fairfield

¼" Fabric Fusion Tape- Aleene's

Permanent Marker (black fine tip)-Sharpie

Tulle Spool or Yardage- (select colours)

Acrylic Paint (black, white & pink)

¼" Pom-Poms (white)

8" Non-Stick Scissors- Fiskars

Hot Glue Gun w/Glue

Straight Pins

Detail/Liner Brush (#0)

Round Brush (#4)

How To Make It:



Step 1

Select felt colours for your Wee Welsh Rabbits. We used the 9" x 12" felt crafting squares (yardage felt can also be used too).

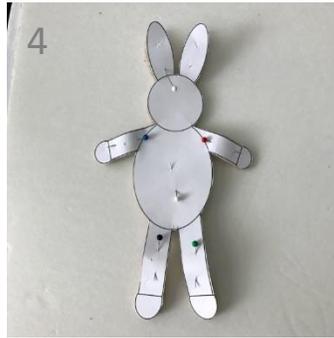
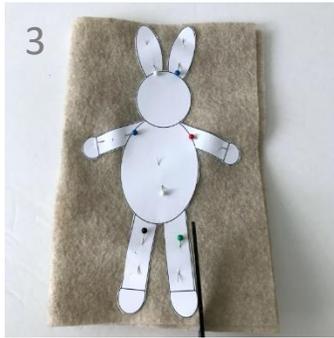
Note: The felt we purchased was 100% polyester, however a natural wool felt, or wool/poly blend felt will be easier to paint.



Step 2

Download and print out the Wee Welsh Rabbit pattern found at the end of this instructional PDF.

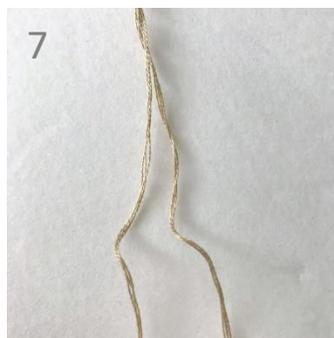
Cut pattern slightly outside of the pattern lines using scissors. Place felt, straight pins and pattern on a flat work surface.



3. Fold the (9" x 12") felt piece in half (this will yield the two felt rabbit bodies needed). Pin the pre-cut paper pattern on top of the folded felt.

4. Cut the rabbit shape out using scissors. Cut slightly outside the line so pattern can be re-used.

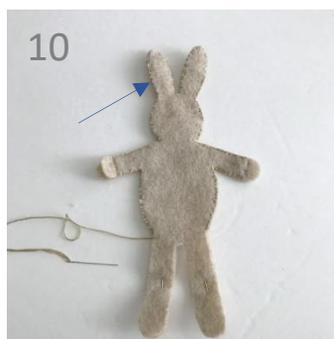
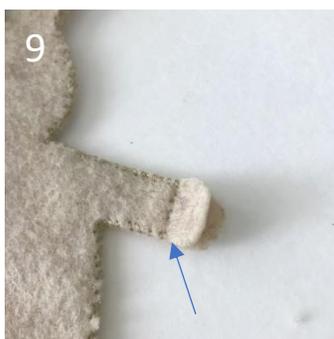
5. Remove the pins and paper pattern. Re-pin the two felt rabbit bodies together.



6. Place the embroidery floss, needle and felt bodies on a flat work surface.

7. Cut a 20" piece of floss from the skein. Divide the floss in half (3 pieces per half).

8. Thread needle (3 pieces) tying a knot at the bottom. Placing the needle between the two pieces of felt and begin whip stitching the rabbit together. We started on the right hip.



9. Whip stitch up the right side of the body and along the under arm. At the wrist, switch to a straight stitch to sew the arm together. Leave the paw open. Continue whip stitching around the head, ears and down the left side of the rabbit. Repeat the straight stitch along the wrist. *Note: When floss is sewn up, knot off and replace with a fresh 20" piece.*

10. Remove all pins. Lightly fill the rabbit body with Poly-Fill to give it shape. Use a thin stick to insert small amounts of Poly-Fill in each ear. Do not over stuff the ears or they will become stiff.

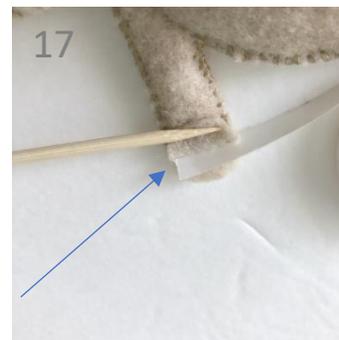
11. Lightly stuff the head and neck.



12. Lightly stuff both arms and the torso.

13. Close the bottom of the rabbit's body. Use a straight stitch and follow the paper pattern lines to define shape.

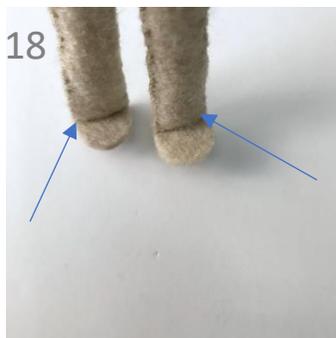
14. To close the legs, whip stitch around the side of one leg, then straight stitch across the bottom leave the paw open (like arm).



15. Continue whip stitching the leg closed, when the leg is 50% closed lightly fill the leg with Poly-Fil to shape. Close the leg with whip stitches. Repeat for the second leg.

16. To give definition to the arm, straight stitch the area between the arm and shoulder. Follow the paper pattern lines for guidance. Repeat for the second arm.

17. Separate the two pieces of felt that make the paws, place a piece of Fusion Tape in the middle and close. Repeat for the second paw.



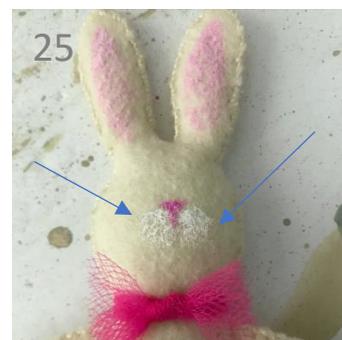
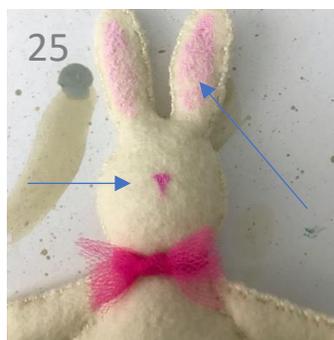
18. Repeat step 17 for the feet. Once closed, place a small bead of hot glue on the straight stitch and fold in half. Let dry and bend down to form foot.

19. Repeat the above steps to make as many rabbits as needed.

20. Hot glue a ¼" pom-pom on the back/bottom area of each rabbit to form the tail.



21. Cut a 6" piece of tulle. Place the tulle around the neck. Tie in a single knot.
22. Knot again to form a double knot.
23. Cut the excess tulle pieces short to form the bow tie.



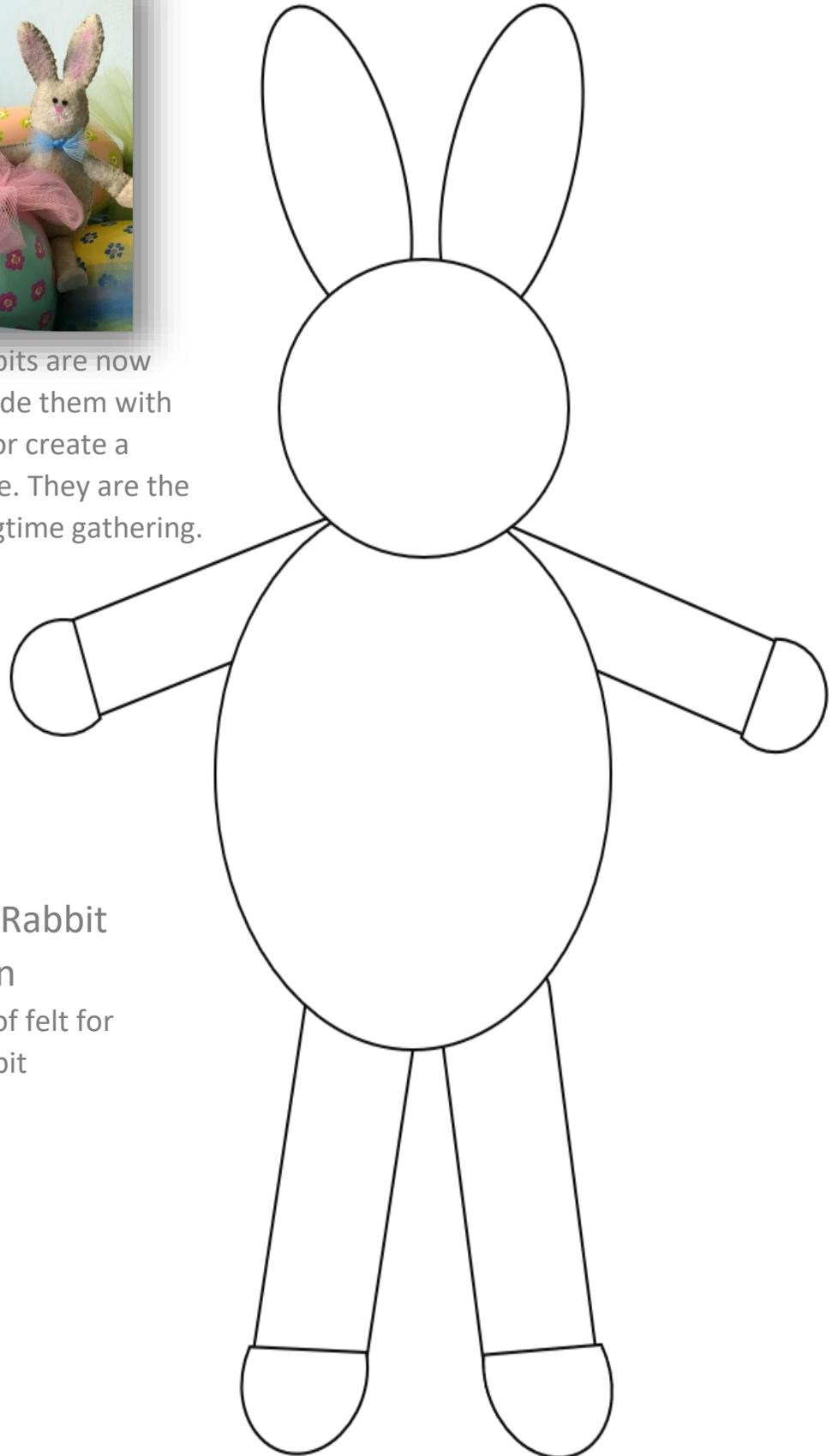
24. This is the basic face pattern we used. If using the 100% polyester felt, practice on a scrap piece to understand how the felt will resist the paint.
25. Paint the ear with pink paint to create the inner ear. Paint a small inverted triangle for the nose in the center of the face.
26. Paint a white fuzzy circle on each side of the nose to create the cheeks.



26. Paint a black dot above the triangle nose. If preferred, create the dot using the Sharpie marker. Practice on a scrape piece of felt first.
27. Paint the second eye on the face. Let paint dry.
28. Be creative, add paw pads, colour markings, hair, whiskers, fluffy bellies, clothing or create family member in rabbit form.



Your Wee Welsh Rabbits are now ready to celebrate. Hide them with the eggs, in a basket or create a garland or centerpiece. They are the perfect pals for Springtime gathering.



Wee Welsh Rabbit Pattern

Cut two pieces of felt for
each rabbit