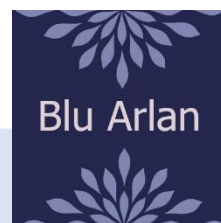


# Celebrating Spring



## Bisque Bunnies

Ready for Easter these adorable DIY hand-painted bisque bunnies are easy to paint at any age. Create floral picks for centerpieces or set in a Spring vignette.

### What's Needed:

Bisque Bunnies 8 pk- Chesapeake Ceramics.com  
Chalk Finished Paint- FolkArt Home Décor/Plaid  
Synthetic Paintbrushes (acrylic medium) #10 Flat, #0 & #4 Round  
Paste Finishing Wax- MINWAX  
Cotton Cloth-Lint Free  
Cardboard, Clear Wrap and Tape  
American Tulle (Mauve, Ultraviolet, Caribbean Blue) - Morex Ribbon  
Ribbon (Harmony Sheet LT Blue) - Morex Ribbon  
Vintage Millinery For-Get-Me-Knot Flowers – eBay  
Plant Sticks- Ashland/Michaels  
Upholstery Thread (Nylon-Natural Colour) - Coats  
8" Non-Stick Fiskars Scissors  
Hot Glue Gun/ Glue Sticks- Gorilla

### How To Make It:



The bisque bunnies come in an 8-piece pack. Their simplistic design makes this a great project for children. Adult supervision for younger children as they should do all the hot gluing if picks are being created.

Pair the bisque bunnies with a six pack set of bisque eggs to create an Easter party painting palazzo.



## Painting The Bunnies:



1- Cover a piece of cardboard with Cling Wrap taping the back side to create a paint palette.

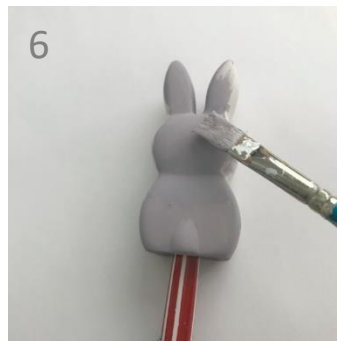
2- Acrylic paint can be used however, we chose a chalk paint by FolkArt.

Note- *Do not leave bisque unpainted. White bunnies will need to be painted white. To show the painting techniques we chose dusty plum.*



3- Home Décor Chalk Paint colours can be mixed together. To save money, we toned our white paint with the colours to achieve the pastel shades used.

4- Begin by wiping the bisque bunny with a clean cloth. Start by painting the bottom of the bunny.



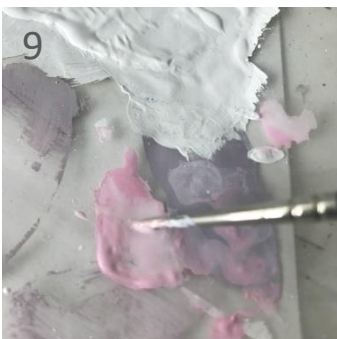
5- Once bottom is painted, set the bunny on top of a pen or wooden dowel. This will allow the complete bunny to be painted without having to hold it.

6- Brush the paint out to remove brush strokes. If needed add a bit of water to thin paint.



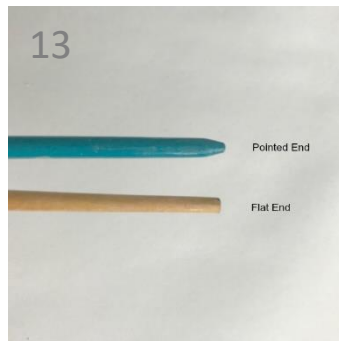
7- Let bunnies dry in an up-right position. A jar makes a good stand. If also painting bisque eggs, paint them at the same time so all are the same shade.

8- Flip over the bunnies and paint the tails white or other coordinating colour.



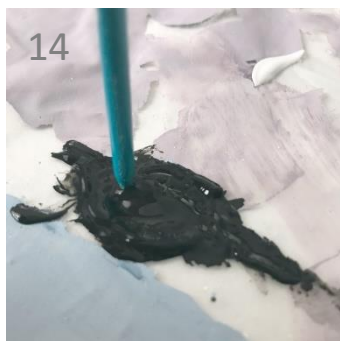
9, 10- Thin pink paint with water to create a wash. Using the #4 round brush colour the inner ear. Use the #0 round to colour in the nose and mouth line.

11- To create cheeks, lightly wash in two small circles under the eyes.



12- The eyes are simply two black dots made by the back tip of a paint brush.  
13- You may have two types of brush tips. One is more pointed the other is flat. The pointed tip makes a smaller dot and is preferred for the eyes.

*Note- Flat tips work but create a slightly larger dot over the pointed tip.*



14, 15- Mix a drop of water with black paint to slightly thin. Dip brush tip in paint then onto the center of the eye. Repeat for the second eye.  
Let paint dry overnight before finishing.  
*Note: Make a few dots on paper first.*



16- Lightly sand the bunnies with a super fine sand paper or brown/white paper bag. This will smooth out the paint finish.

17, 18, 19- Apply a light coat of Paste Finishing Wax all over the bunnies with a lint free cotton cloth. Let wax dry 10 to 15 minutes. Buff wax using a different piece of cloth. A warm soft shine will appear when wax is buffed out.

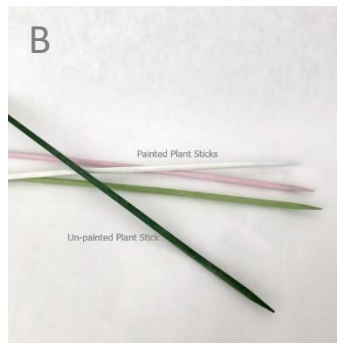
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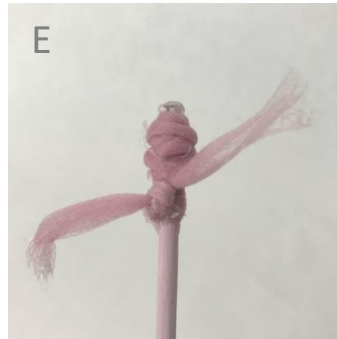
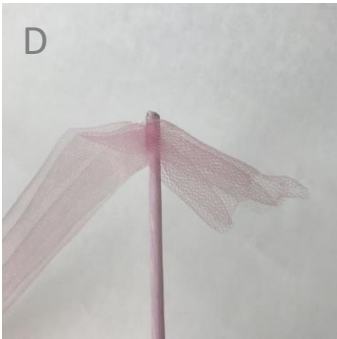
20- Bunnies are now finished. They can sit or be made into a pick (instructions below). We made our bunnies into picks and paired them with painted eggs to create centerpieces.  
*See our Holiday/Spring page for the Egg Jardin and Easter Centerpiece instructions.*



## How To Make- A Pick: *Adult supervision for children*

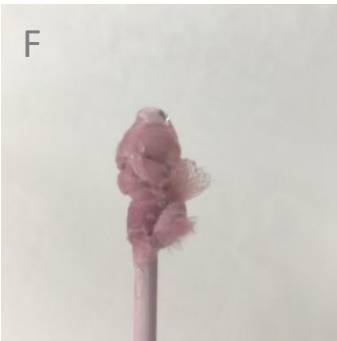


A- Choose tulle and flower colours.  
B- If desired, paint plant sticks to coordinate with tulle colours.  
C- Place all material on a flat work surface.

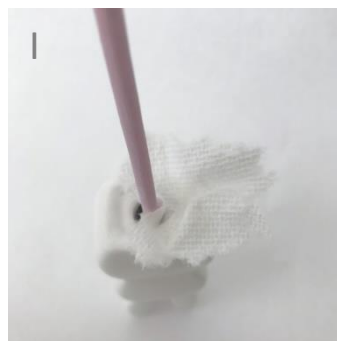
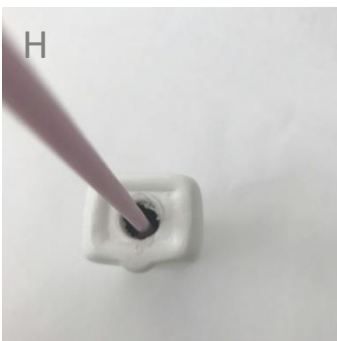


### Pick Stick Set-up

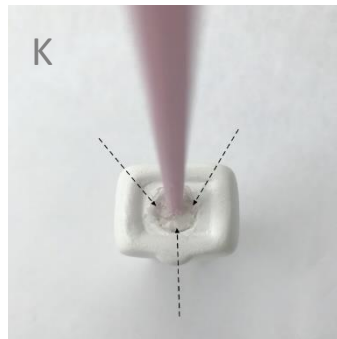
D- Cut a piece of tulle 12" long. Leaving a 1½" tail, hot glue the tulle to the non-pointed end of the plant stick.  
E- Tightly wrap the tulle around the plant stick. Tie ends together. Glue to secure.



F- Cut tulle ends off. Before gluing, check to see that the stick fits inside the bunny. Cover the top half of the tulle with hot glue.  
G- Insert in the bunny. Slide stick until it rests on the top of the bunny head (between the ears).

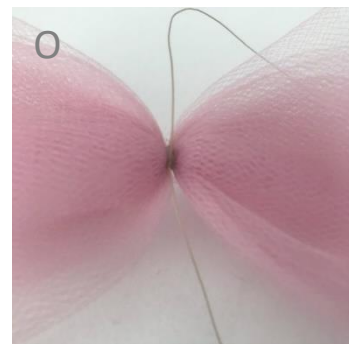
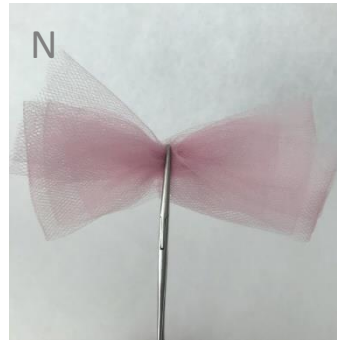
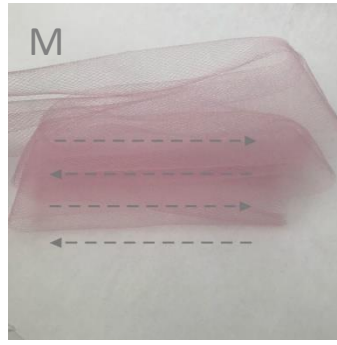
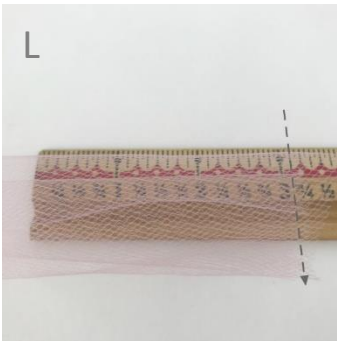


H- Center the stick. Glue around the stick and inside the bunny.  
I- Stuff small pieces of paper towel around the stick keeping it centered.  
Note- Use enough paper towel fill in the area around the plant stick.



J- To push the towel in use the pointed end of second plant stick.  
K- Once area is full of paper towel, seal opening with hot glue and while stick remains centered. Repeat process for all bunny picks needed. Plain picks are now finished. To add the tulle pouf, follow instructions below.

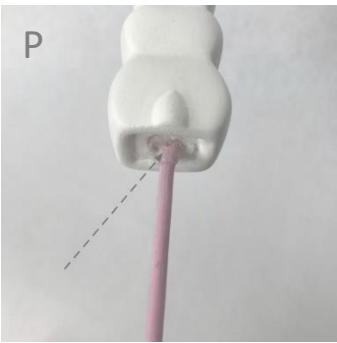
## How To Make- The Tulle Pouf:



L- Working off the tulle roll, measure a piece of tulle 3" to 3½" long.

M- Fold the tulle back and forth over its self to form a stack. There should be three folds on each side. Cut end off roll.

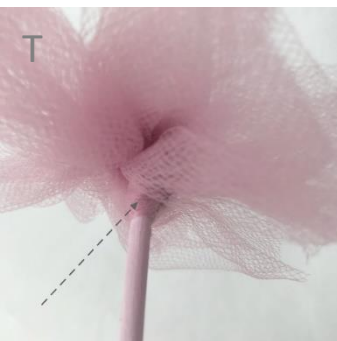
N, O- Gather the center of the tulle stack. Wraps a piece of upholstery thread tightly around the center of the gathered tulle. Knot thread to secure. Cut ends off.



P- To attach the tulle pouf to the bunny, place a blob of hot glue on the back side of the stick.

Q- Place the thread-knotted side of the pouf on this section of the glued stick.

R, S- Place a second blub of glue on the front side of the stick. Fold the forward ends of the tulle pouf around the stick. Hot glue tulle together if needed (follow black arrow). Fluff pouf.



T- To finish, wrap and hot glue a 3" piece of tulle around the stick (under the of the pouf).

U- Cut flowers off the stems.

V- Embellish the bunny by gluing flowers in place. Be creative as flower placement creates the bunny's personality. A simple ribbon bow can also be tied around the neck.

W- Bunny picks are now finished and ready to be inserted in an Easter centerpiece or plants.