

Bunny Speedsters

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Bunnies about 5" tall sitting. Carrots about 7" long without fronds.

Supplies needed for one bunny and carrot....One 9" by 12" piece of either wool/rayon felt or craft felt, in choice of color for bunny....(Wool/Rayon makes a more sturdy figure.)

One 9" by 12" piece of felt for carrot, and one 9" by 12" piece for fronds...You will have leftovers. Two wheels about 1 3/4" to 2" in diameter, and two wheels 2 1/4" to 3" in diameter.

A bit of felt for vest. A bit of insertion lace for collar.

Not clearly visible in photo, a little wooden ladybug and leaf glued to the base of the fronds.

Black embroidery floss for face and the stitches in the carrot. Pink floss for pink nose if desired.

String or floss for "reins".

Tacky Glue to secure axles to beads and to secure stitches holding axles to carrot.

Paint for wheels or cotton fabric for making Yo Yo covered wheels.

Foam core or cardboard or wood circles for Yo Yo covered wheels.

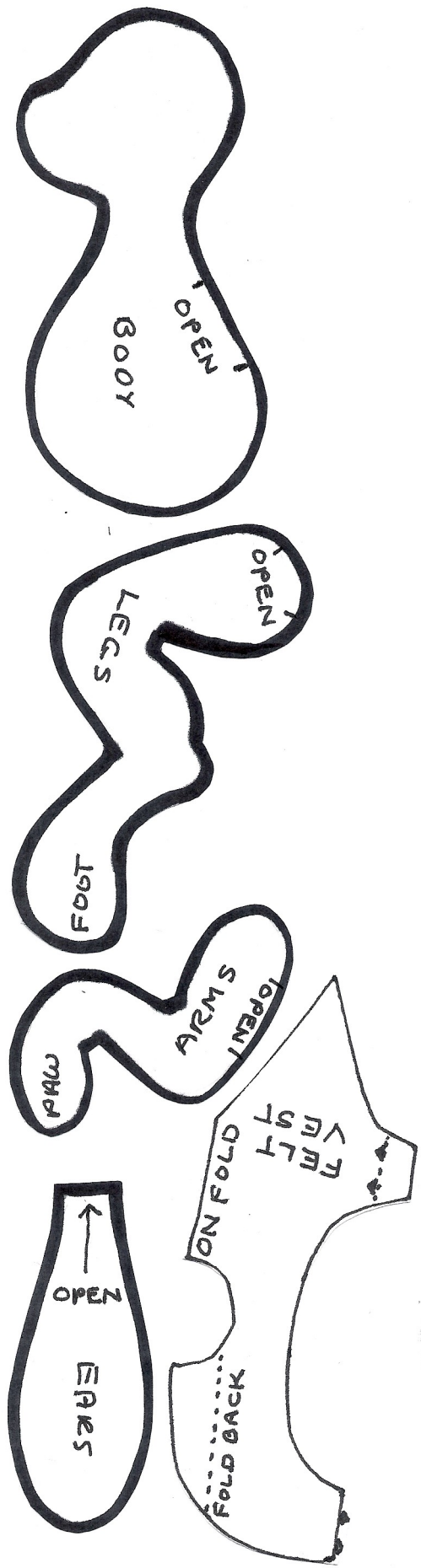
Four wooden beads with 1/8" holes.

A length or 1/8" wooden dowel stick....NOTE....You can use bigger dowel; you will just need to drill bigger holes in the wheels and beads.

Polyester stuffing...preferably a brand that is not slippery.

Freezer Paper and ordinary re-tracing, cutting, sewing and stuffing supplies.

AND, most of all! Your creativity and fun spirit to make Bunny Speedsters in all sorts of color combinations...I made mine in bright primary colors...They would be adorable in pastels, or muted shades too. They are not intended as toys due to small parts and the fact that they won't take rough play and pushing. Make yours for a fun display item for Easter or any time. NOTE...Wheels are intended to be a bit off. It adds to the charm of the slightly Vintage look.



Bunny...All pattern pieces are templates...Make Freezer Paper patterns...(2 arms, 2 legs, 2 ears and one body.) Cut patterns out. Iron to doubled felt...(I like to make the ears pink on one side) Sew around pieces leaving open where shown on patterns...Cut out leaving a very scant 1/8" seam allowance...Clip Vs; turn all RSO....Stuff all but ears....Close openings with a ladder stitch...Sew legs and arms in place or joint them invisibly (see photos for placement)...(NOTE, when doing any hand stitching take care to start and end your knot and ending stitches in an invisible place, and lose the ends when done....Some invisible places are under a leg or arm or ears....Sew ears on with a ladder stitch, first from the under side then from the top...Embroider nose, mouth and eyes (or paint them)

Vest...Cut out on the fold...Overlap sides and glue... Press the lapels back...Embroider or paint a flower design on the vest back...Sew or glue a Pom Pom in place for a tail.

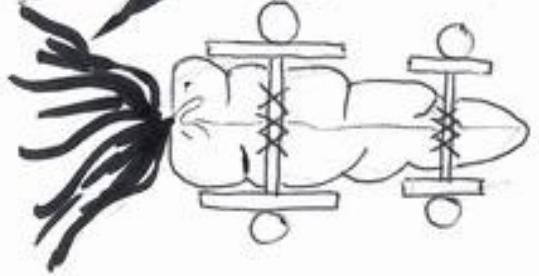
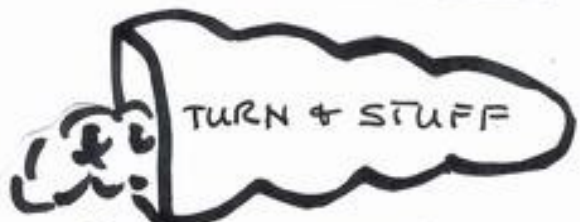
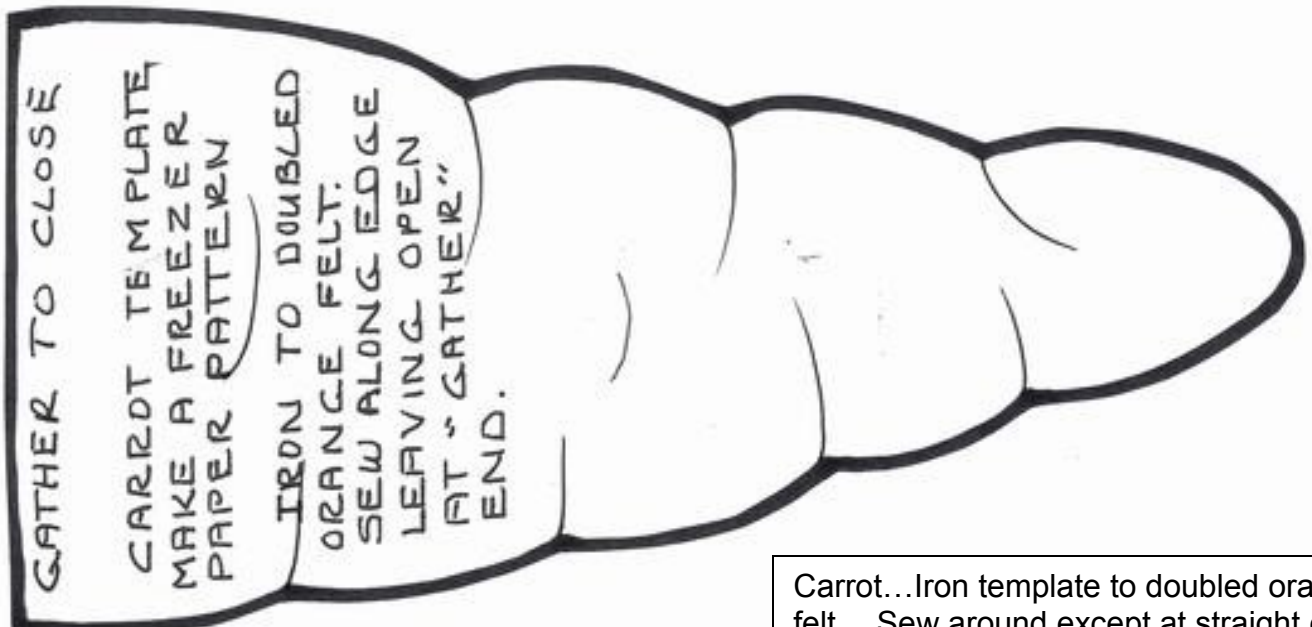
For a girl bunny, tie ribbons around ears....Gather a bit of insertion lace with a ribbon and tie it around her neck.



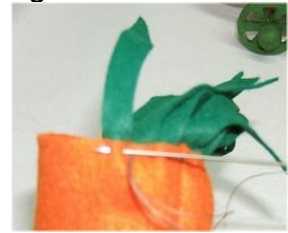
Assemble wheels and axles....Cut one, 4" long axle and one, 3 1/2" long axle from 1/8" dowel... Push axles into centers of wheels. Have each end project about 1/2".... Paint the wheels and axles. Put glue on axle ends and push a bead onto the protruding axle ends.... Be creative with the wheels...I found wheels in a train kit...Craft stores usually have wooden wheels...Make wheels from foam core, or make or buy wood circles. Drill 1/8" holes in the centers and cover with fabric Yo Yos. (A 5 1/2" fabric circle covers a 1 3/4"-2" wheel shape...A 6 1/2" fabric circle covers a 3 1/2" wheel shape.) Assemble like plain wooden wheels and axles.



These are fun!



Carrot...Iron template to doubled orange felt....Sew around except at straight end... Cut out and turn RSO...Stuff firmly...Cut 15-20 green, felt "fronds" about 3" long, tapered at one end and about 1/4" wide at the other...Gather the end of the carrot catching the wide end of a frond in each gather stitch...Pull gathers tight, adding stuffing to fill the end fully.



Add stitches across the carrot here and there starting under the fronds, or at an axle location to hide the knots.



Stitch axles to the bottom of the carrot, big wheels in back.

Dab glue on axle stitches to secure.

Stitch or glue bunny to the carrot.

Tie string to one side of front axle, pass through paws, and back to other side of axle. Tie. Dab glue on ties.

See photo on front for placements.