



# Sew vintage style bunny ears

Celebrate Easter with imaginary play Time approx

1.5-2hrs

You'll have a bunch of little bunnies hopping around your room before you know it!!! These sweet bunny ears are a great way to use up fabric scraps & are really quick to whizz up. Suitable activity for beginner sewers. As usual, I encourage you to make at least 3 at a time (in a production line style).

## Tips

- A sewing machine is fine for this activity, however if you can get your hands on an overlocker/serger, you'll create your ears WAY faster.
- Op shops or family members are a great source of cheap or free cotton fabrics. *(if you're not already a fabric hoarder that is!)*

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Cute cotton fabric cut into 6 - 12cm x 50cm rectangles (3 pairs) plus offcuts
- Polyester sewing thread
- Pins, sewing needle & pincushion
- 3x fabric covered headbands
- 3 x 80cm lengths of plastic covered, flexible gardening wire - 2.5mm  
(Available at bargain shops)

## TOOLS

- Printer
- Paper scissors
- Fabric scissors
- Overlocker/serger or sewing machine
- Iron



## METHOD

### *HOW TO SEW THREE SETS OF EASTER BUNNY EARS*

1. Gather all materials & tools together.
2. Download & print off Easter bunny ears template. Cut out the paper template.
3. Fold the matching fabric rectangles in half, with one inside the other. Pin template on top of the fabric (as per the photo), making sure the straight edge is on the fold.
4. Cut out 3 pairs of ears with fabric scissors. You should have 6 pieces in total. 3 pairs, 2 of each fabric.



5. Turn your fabric ear shapes right sides together (this means the inside of the fabric should be facing out). Pin together.
6. Using your overlocker or sewing machine, join one whole side of your ears together. *(try not to sew over your pins)*
7. Sew down the remaining side of your ears, making sure you leave a gap of 4cm in the middle unsewn. This gap is where your ears will be turned out.
8. Gently push your shape right side out through the gap, creating the finished shapes as in photo 8. Iron your ears flat to create a tidy seam edge.



9. Bend your wire into two ears shapes as in photo 9. Twist the wire & join together making sure the wire is not poking out.
10. Once you're happy with your wire shape, use fabric off cuts, approx 4cm x 10cm to wrap around the wire join for extra padding & helping to secure the wire in place. With a needle & thread, stitch the fabric cover closed.
11. Slip the wire into the opening, bending to get both sides in. Manipulate the wire until you're happy it's in evenly.
12. Again with a needle & thread stitch the opening closed. Your wire should now be enclosed in your fabric ears.



13. Time to add your bunny ears to your fabric covered headbands. *(It's getting exciting now hey!)*

14. Fold wired ears over to make a circle as in photo 14.

15. Now tie in a loose knot, making sure your ears are even on each side.

16. Slide your loose knot over the fabric headband. Position in the middle of your headband.



17. Pull your knot as tight as you can, making sure the ears are an even length & in the middle of your headband.

18. With your needle & thread sew your ears to your headband with several stitches back & forth through the fabric on the headband.

19. Wahoo your headband is complete!! Go you, aren't they so sweet!

20. Find a little human bunny to wear your headband & start the easter games!