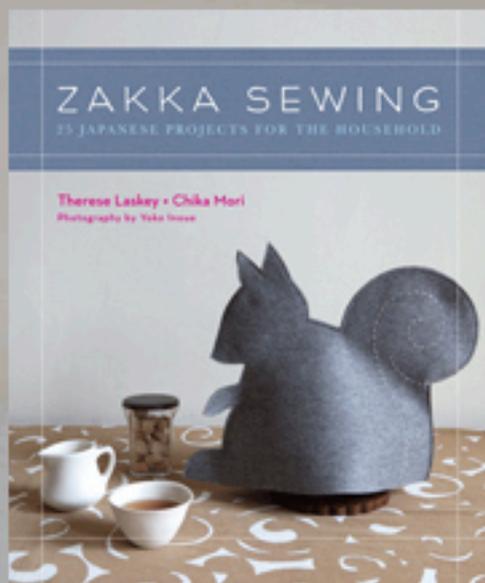


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#### Level of Difficulty



#### Finished Size

4" x 9"

#### Materials

Linen, 12" square  
 Gingham, 12" square  
 Cotton batting, 12" square  
 7" zipper  
 4" length of linen/upholstery  
 thread or hemp cord  
 (for zipper pull)  
 All-purpose thread to  
 match fabric  
 Fiberfill  
 White glue  
 Bunny Pencil Case pattern  
 (see page 87)

#### Preparing the Fabric

NOTE: The cutting and sewing  
 directions are for the linen bunny  
 with gingham ears.

#### CUT USING PATTERNS

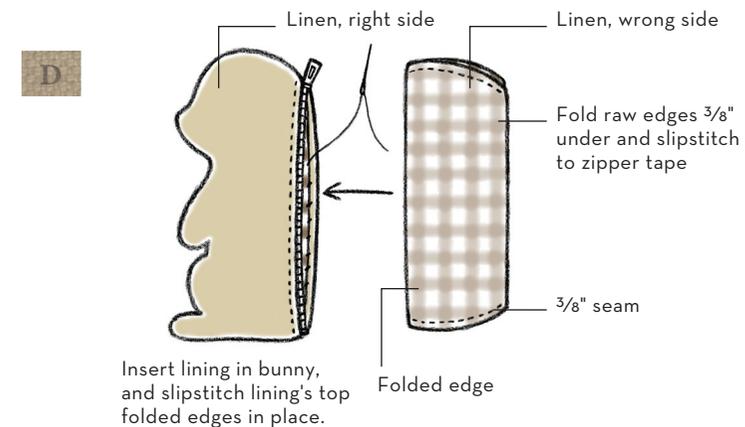
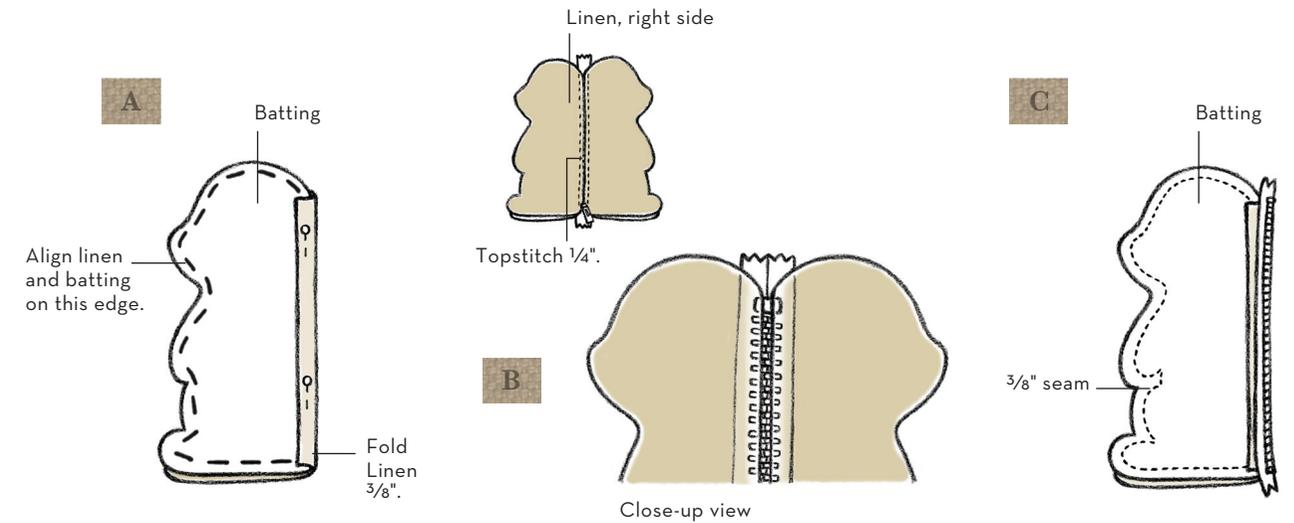
Linen: 2 bunnies, 2 ears  
 Gingham: 1 lining  
 (cut on fold), 2 ears  
 Batting: 2 bunnies

#### CUT FREEHAND

Linen: 1 circle, 3" in  
 diameter (for tail)

#### Seam allowance

3/8"



#### 1. Make Linen Bunny

With one linen bunny wrong  
 side up, pin one batting bunny  
 to the linen bunny, aligning the  
 contoured edge (not the zipper  
 edge), and baste (see page 9) the  
 pair 1/4" from the edge. Fold  
 the zipper edge of the linen 3/8"  
 over the batting, and pin the fold  
 in place (Drawing A). Repeat  
 the process with the other side  
 of the bunny.

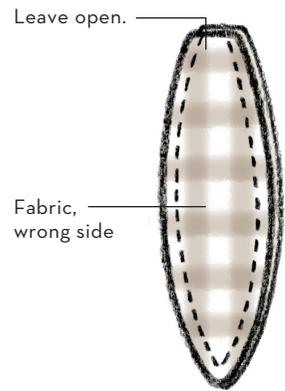
With the zipper zipped and its  
 pull tab positioned at what will  
 be the tail end of the bunny,  
 pin one side of the zipper tape  
 to the straight edge of one  
 linen/batting bunny so that the  
 folded edge of the linen sits in  
 the center of the zipper teeth.  
 Topstitch the zipper 1/4" in  
 from the folded edge and repeat  
 the process with the other side  
 of the bunny (Drawing B).

With the fabrics' right sides  
 together, pin the two bunny  
 halves together. Join them with a  
 3/8" seam (Drawing C). Remove  
 all the basting stitches.

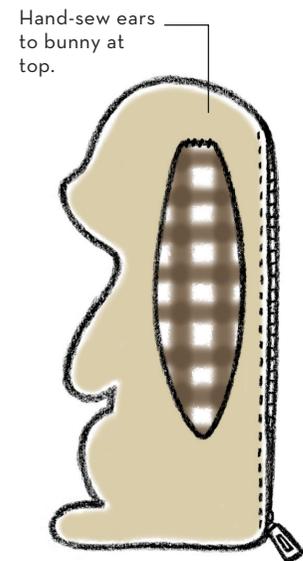
Clip the inner curves and notch  
 the outer curves (see page 10)  
 around the bunny's body,  
 making sure you don't cut into  
 the seams. Turn the bunny  
 right side out through the zipper.

#### 2. Make and Attach Lining

Fold the lining in half lengthwise,  
 with right sides together. Stitch  
 along the lining's two short  
 curved sides with a 3/8" seam.  
 With the lining still turned  
 wrong side out, insert the lining  
 into the bunny (Drawing D).  
 Turn under the lining's top edges  
 3/8" and slipstitch (see page 15)  
 these folded edges to the zipper  
 tape on both sides.



E



F

### 3. Make Bunny's Ears

With the fabrics' right sides together, pin one linen ear to one gingham ear. Join the two ears with a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam, leaving the straight edge at the top open (*Drawing E*). Notch the ear's curves, and trim its point. Turn the ear right side out, and hand-sew it closed. Repeat the process to make the other ear.

### 4. Sew Ears to Bunny

Pin one ear to one side of the bunny's body, with the gingham side facing out (*Drawing F*). Hand-stitch the ear's straight edge to attach it to the body. Repeat the process to attach the second ear.

### 5. Make Bunny's Tail

*Make tail itself:* Hand-sew a running stitch (see page 14)  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the edge around the linen circle for the tail, leaving thread tails at the beginning and end of the stitching. Pull the thread tails gently to gather the circle into the beginning of a pouch. Stuff the pouch with fiberfill, and pull the thread tails snug to create a ball shape, but don't knot off the thread yet.

*Make pull cord for tail:* The designer crocheted a chain stitch in her hemp cording to make the pull cord to attach the bunny's tail to the zipper pull. An easy alternative is braiding three strands of heavy thread or embroidery floss. Make sure, though, that the braided cord is thin enough when folded in half to pass through the hole in the zipper pull.

*Attach cord to zipper pull and tail:* Fold the length of cord in half and insert the folded end through the hole in the zipper pull. Thread the two ends of the cord back through the loop that you've created, and pull the loop tight onto the zipper pull.

Dab a little glue on the cord's two ends, and insert these ends into the opening of the tail. Pull the gathering thread tight around the cord, tucking the raw edges of the linen inside the tail; hand-sew the tail's opening closed, taking a few stitches into the cord to secure it. Knot off the thread, and bury the thread tail in the bunny tail.

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