Level of Difficulty

Finished Size
4" x 9"

Materials
Linen, 12" square
Gingham, 12" square
Cotton batting, 12" square
1" 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

Notes: 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 3/8" 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).

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.
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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