

# CRAFTS for spring

## Make a sock bunny decoration

Easter is a great time to get crafting with the kids. Amanda Bowden, owner of Felixstowe Sewing School, brings you this great tutorial to make an Easter bunny decoration from a sock. Follow the steps below to make a sweet rabbit friend.

Find out more about Amanda and her classes at [www.felixstowesewingschool.co.uk](http://www.felixstowesewingschool.co.uk) or call 07787 981493.

**WARNING:** This is a decoration not a toy and does contain small parts which can be a choking hazard to young children

**You will need:**

- 1 clean sock
- 2 large handfuls of toy stuffing
- 2 buttons for eyes
- Black embroidery thread
- A large eyed needle (make sure it can fit through the holes in the buttons!)
- A pair of scissors or somebody to help with the cutting
- ½ metre of ribbon for the bunny's bow
- A pompom for the tail (optional)



**Step 1**

To cut the ears for the bunny, open the sock at the cuff and flatten it out so the toe looks as though you are going to put the sock on. Cut a V shape starting at the cuff and down to the top of the heel.



**Step 2**

Take a fist size of stuffing and put it to one side, this will be for your bunny face. Take the remaining stuffing and fill your sock a little bit at a time, be patient as you don't want a lumpy bunny! Keep going until your bunny has stuffing to the bottom of the heel.



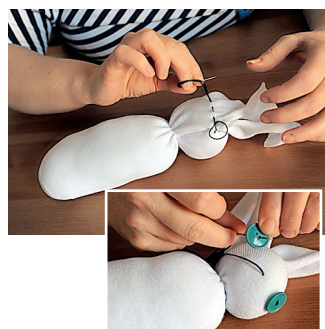
**Step 3**

Cut an arm's length of embroidery thread. Thread your needle and put a knot in one end. Starting at the back of the heel, sew a running stitch right around your sock, try and make each stitch and each gap in between stitches the width of your finger. When you have gone right round and come back to your knot pull your stitches tight and do a few stitches on the spot. Your bunny body should now be sealed and no stuffing should be coming out. Check the stitches are secure and, if not do a few more, before cutting your thread.



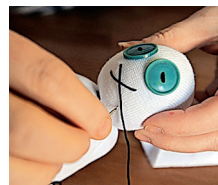
**Step 4**

Fill the bunny's head with the remaining stuffing. Re-knot your thread and, using a running stitch, start at the back of the face and sew around, close to the bottom of your bunny ears. Once you are back to the knot pull your thread tight and do a few stitches on the spot before cutting your thread. You should now have your bunny body stuffed and ready to decorate.



**Step 5**

Re-knot your thread and make a little stitch where you want your first bunny eye to go. Get your button and push your needle through the hole and down the opposite hole then do a little stitch through the sock fabric, repeat this 3 more times so your button is really secure. Do a little back stitch and pull it tight.



**Step 6**

Sew a cross for the rabbit's nose.



**Step 7**

Take your ribbon and tie a bow around your bunny's neck



### Sewing workshops

If this sock rabbit has got your children interested in sewing then they'll love the Easter stitching workshops that Amanda will be holding at her sewing school. They are a series of half day workshops for children aged 7 to 11 years old. All resources are included as

well as a slice of cake and drink. Limited to 6 places per session.

- Easter bunting  
Tuesday March 31, 10am to 12pm | £20  
Children will be taught how to use a sewing machine and make bunting for Easter.

- Cuddly carrot cushion  
Thursday April 2, 10am to 12pm  
£20

Make a cuddly carrot cushion for Easter using a sewing machine.

- Easter basket  
Thursday April 2, 2pm to 4pm
- Make a tote bag for collecting

eggs over the Easter weekend. Children will learn basic patchwork techniques and how to use a sewing machine.

To find out more and book, visit [www.felixstowesewingschool.co.uk](http://www.felixstowesewingschool.co.uk).