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materials needed:

1/4 yard x PLAIN cotton or linen fabric
1/2 yard x PATTERNED cotton fabric
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4 x 1" buttons
2 x standard sheet of lightweight iron-on fusible web
1 x 18" pillow inserts
matching thread
a darning foot (or regular hand-sewing needle)

sewing notes:

All SEAMS are 1/4". All FABRIC in 44" – 45" bolts.

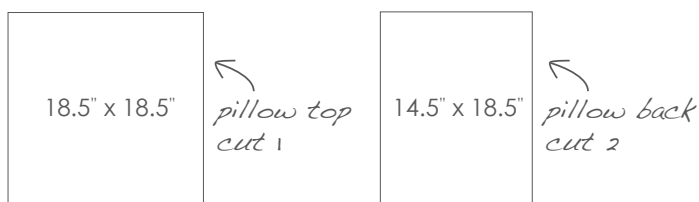
This pattern uses raw-edge machine appliqué. Don't be afraid to try it – it's easier than you think! All you need is a darning foot and a little practice. However, if you would prefer to hand-stitch the appliqué, please do!

My favourite fusible web is *Steam-a-Seam Lite*.

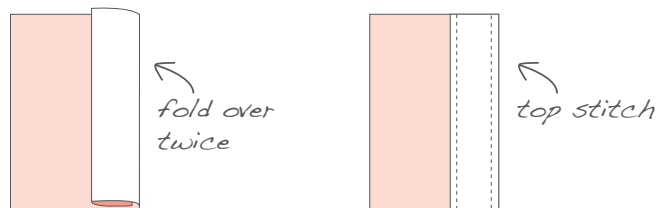
LET'S GET STARTED

making the pillow case

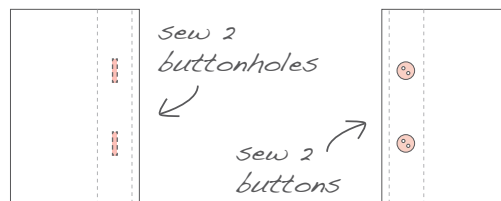
1 Cut one 18.5" x 18.5" square pillow top from the PLAIN fabric. For the pillow back, cut two 18.5" x 14.5" pieces, from the PATTERNED fabric.



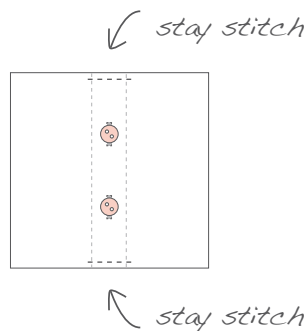
2 Take both pillow backs and press under 2" on one side only, fold and press again to make a double thickness. Top stitch in place.



3 With tailor's chalk draw a 1" line on each back panel, 6" in from each side. Sew buttonholes on one, and buttons on the other!



4 Pin the pillow back panels together with the buttons and buttonholes meeting evenly. Stay stitch in place.



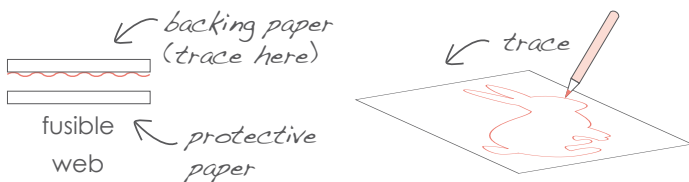
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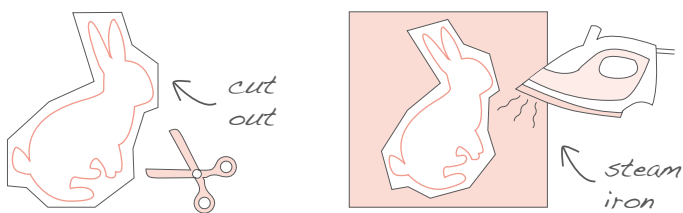
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cutting out the appliqués

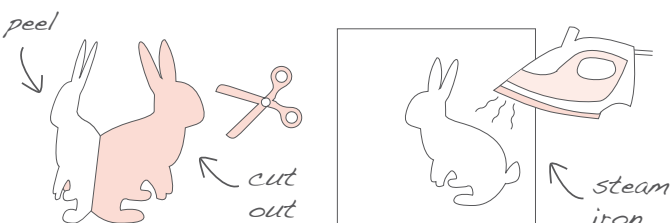
1 Trace the bunny template onto the backing paper of the fusible web using a permanent marker (trace onto the *smooth* side, where the opposite is slightly tacky).



2 Cut around the template you have drawn leaving a rough margin. Peel away the protective paper and press the fusible web to the **wrong side** of the PATTERNED fabric. Steam iron over the backing paper to fuse.



3 Following the permanent marker lines on the backing paper, cut the bunny shape from the PATTERNED fabric. Peel away the backing paper to reveal the tacky surface of the fusible web. Place the bunny, tacky side down, onto the **right side** of the pillow top (allowing for 1/4" seam). Steam iron to fuse.

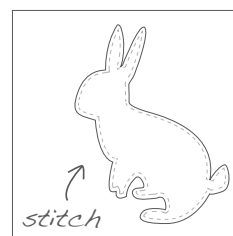


appliquéing the pillow top (skip if hand-stitching)

1 Referring to the manufacturer's instructions for your sewing machine, attach the darning foot and drop your feed dogs. Select a top & bobbin thread to complement the shape you will be working on.

note: if you have never tried free-motion appliqué before, please practice this next step on a scrap of fabric until you get the feel of it. Once you do, you'll love it!

2 Working on the **right side** of the fabric, lower your needle through the appliqué, close to the edge of the shape. (The point between his back and tail are a good place to start; it's the longest stretch without corners!) Raise the needle and pull the bobbin thread through to the top. Take several stitches close together to secure the thread.

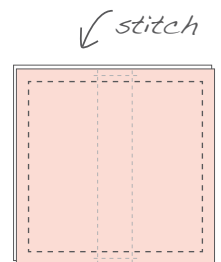


3 Using your hands to guide the fabric, free motion stitch along the edges of the bunny, all the way around. Secure again at finish.

ALMOST DONE!

stitching it up

1 With **right sides** facing, and buttons done up, sew pillow top and pillow back together. (You may wish to use a serger for a neat finish).



2 Reach inside and undo the buttons before turning inside out. Insert cushion insert and button up. Your lovely pillow is now complete! Yay!

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