

BHQG BOM 2016 - PLACEMATS FOR CANADA'S 150TH March - SNOWBALL EASTER BUNNY wearing CANADIANA BOWTIE

The **SNOWBALL** block is a great pattern to use for I SPY blocks. Here the basic technique is used repeatedly in the making of this Easter Bunny Placemat.



CUTTING FABRICS

White Bunny Fabric - 1 square (6 1/2 in.) for the face

1 square (3 1/2 in.) for ears

2 squares (2 1/2 in.) for tips of ears

Pink fabric for inner ears - 2 rectangles (2 1/2 in. X 4 1/2 in.)

Canadiana fabric for Bowtie - 2 rectangles (2 1/2 in. X 3 1/2 in.)

1 rectangle (1 1/2 in. x 2 1/2 in.)

Background Purple - 2 rectangles (3 1/2 in. x 9 1/2 in.)

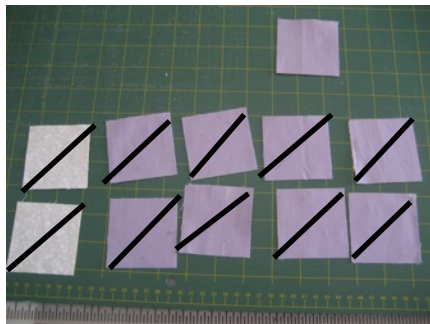
9 squares (2 1/2 in.) (from 1 strip 2 1/2 in. x 22 1/2 in.)

1 square (3 1/2 in.)

1 rectangle (2 in. x 12 1/2 in.)

Side Strips to make the Placemat

3 strips (2 1/2 in. x 13 in.)

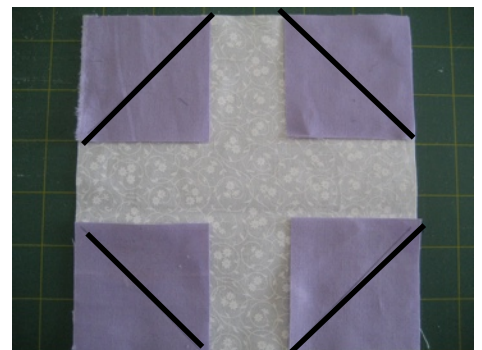


INSTRUCTIONS

Start by taking 2 white and 8 only of the purple 2 1/2 in. squares. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner on the wrong side of each square. The lines will remain on the quilt so use a marker that will not bleed. Pencil or chalk are good choices.

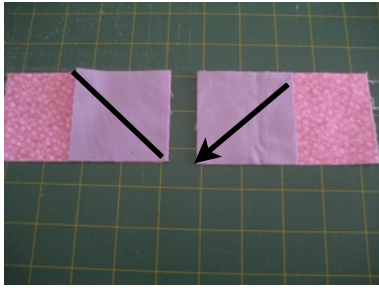
A. Bunny Face / SNOW BALL BLOCK

1. Align 4 marked background corner squares at the 4 corners of the 6 1/2 in. square right sides together with raw edges even. See photo on right.



2. Sew along the marked diagonal lines.
3. Trim away excess fabric at seam leaving 1/4 in. seam allowance.
4. Flip corners open. Press seam outward at the corners. Press carefully to avoid stretching the corners out of shape.
5. Trim SNOWBALL block to 6 1/2 in. square.

B. Same technique for INNER EARS



1. See photo on the left. Align 2 marked background corner squares with the 2 ends of pink inner ear rectangles.
2. Sew along the marked diagonal lines.

3. See photo on the right. Trim away excess fabric at seam leaving 1/4 in. seam allowance.
4. Flip corners open. Press seam outward at the corners.



C. Same technique for CANADIANA BOWTIE

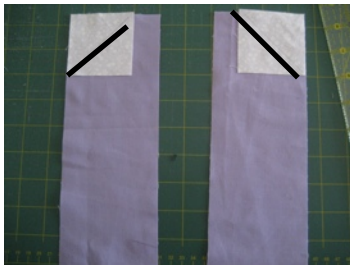


1. See photo on the left. Align 2 marked background corner squares with the 2 bottom of bowtie rectangles.
2. Sew along the marked diagonal lines.

3. See photo on the right. Trim away excess fabric at seam leaving 1/4 in. seam allowance.
4. Flip corners open. Press seam outward at the corners.

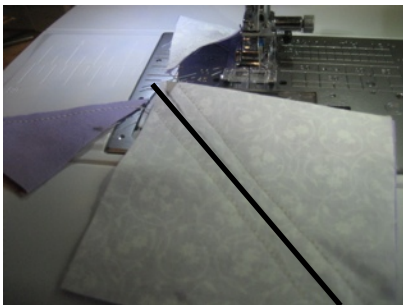


D. Same technique for TIPS OF BUNNY EARS



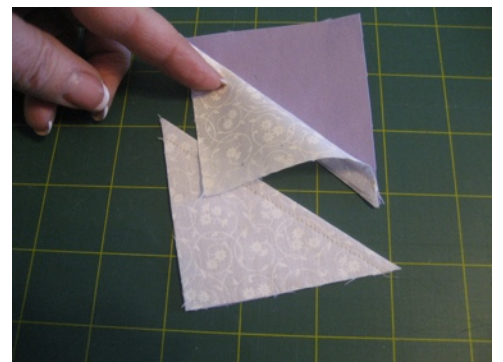
1. See photo on the left.
2. Take the 2 marked white 2 1/2 in. squares. Align the white corner squares with the top corners of the rectangles.
3. Sew along the marked diagonal lines.
4. Trim away excess fabric at seam leaving 1/4 in. seam.
5. Flip corners open. Press seam outward.

E. Half Square Triangle Technique for BUNNY EARS



1. Take the 2 squares (3 1/2 in.), white and background.
2. Mark the white square with a diagonal line.
3. Layer 2 squares with right sides together.
4. Sew 2 lines 1/4 in. on each side of the marked line.
5. Cut on the marked line.

6. Open up new square. Press seam to white fabric.



F. FINISH THE CANADIANA BOWTIE

1. Take the last 2 1/2 in. background square and bowtie rectangle 1 1/2 in. x 2 1/2 in. Sew together to make center of bowtie.
2. Sew together as shown in the photo.
3. Section should measure 6 1/2 in. x 3 1/2 in.



G. FINAL ASSEMBLY OF SNOWBALL EASTER BUNNY



1. Now you have all the sections, Assemble all the sections together as shown in photo on the left.

2. First sew the CANADIANA BOWTIE section to the BUNNY FACE section.

3. Add the TIPS OF EARS to both sides of bunny face section. This section should measure 9 1/2 in. x 12 1/2 in.

4. Next join the 4 parts of the BUNNY EARS.

5. Continue to assemble as shown in photo on right.

6. Add the final strip of background to the top of the SNOWBALL EASTER BUNNY block. This should measure 12 1/2 in x 13 in.



H. MAKE A PLACEMAT

1. Complete the placemat by adding 3 strips of 2 1/2 in. width.
2. Layer top, backing and batting together. Secure together with quilting lines. Stitch face on bunny.
3. Square up edges. Add binding.
4. The final size should be 13 in. x 18 1/2 in.

