

Bunny Coat

SIZE:
medium
LEVEL:
intermediate

This little topper is great for spring days when it's not warm enough to go without a jacket, but not cold enough for a heavy coat. Charming for an egg hunt, make it in gray or brown wool for little boy rabbits. Sewn from a soft cashmere woven in the smallest size, it makes a memorable gift for a mother-to-be.



You will need

Wool woven fabric—2yd (180cm)—Cut —Cut 2×A, 2×B, C, D, E, F, 2×G, 2×H, 4×I, J

Cotton print fabric—2yd (180cm)—Cut 2×K, L, 2×M, N, 2×O, 2×P, 2×Q, R

Thread to match wool fabric

Large metal snap—1

Fluffy yarn for tail—1 skein

Cardboard for tail assembly—9cm by 15cm (3 1/2in by 6in)

See pattern guide on page 116

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With right sides together, using a 1/4in (6mm) seam allowance, sew the bunny ear fronts to the bunny ear backs, leaving them open at the notched end. Turn to right side and press.

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Fold bottom corners of ears to front at notches as shown; baste in place. You can tell which ear is the right and which is the left by the long edge with the notch—the notched long edge is the outside edge of the ear. You may want to mark it with a pin when the ears are turned to the right side.

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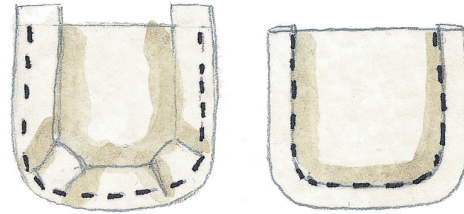
With right sides together, using a 1/4in (6mm) seam allowance, sew lining side hoods to lining center hood. Pin ears in place between notches on hood sides with print facing the right side of hood sides. Sew hood center to hood sides with right sides together using a 1/4in (6mm) seam allowance, sandwiching ears in place.

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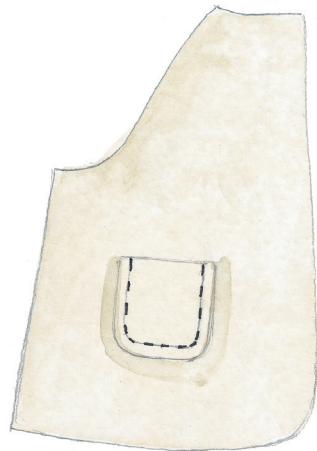
With right sides together, sew pocket front to pocket back along top edge. Turn to right side.

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With a $\frac{1}{2}$ in (13mm) seam allowance and right sides together, sew bias binding to three unfinished sides of pocket through all thicknesses as shown. Fold bias binding around edges of pocket to lining side, folding ends neatly down at top. Press in place, and stitch in the ditch to secure.

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Place pocket as shown on right side front, in position indicated on pattern piece. Sew again in seam ditch through all thicknesses.

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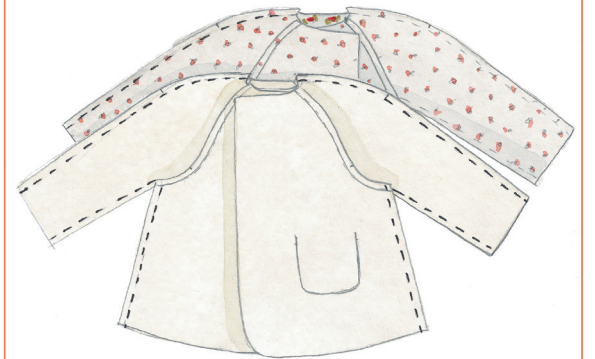
With right sides together and matching notches, sew sleeve fronts to coat side fronts using a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam allowance. Repeat for lining sleeve fronts and lining side fronts.

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With right sides together and matching notches, sew sleeve backs to coat back using a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam allowance. Repeat for lining sleeve backs and lining coat back.

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With right sides together and matching notches, sew coat front to coat back at shoulder seams, underarm seams, and side seams using a $\frac{1}{2}$ in (13mm) seam allowance. Repeat this step for coat lining shoulder, underarm, and side seams. Turn coat to right side.

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With right sides together and matching notches, sew hood to neck of coat. Repeat for hood lining and coat lining. Carefully fit lining into coat, matching and pinning outside edges.

Note

If you have a serger, you may wish to serge the inside long edge of bias binding. Alternately you can finish with a zigzag stitch on a regular sewing machine. However, as bias edges do not fray, it is also perfectly acceptable to leave the edge unfinished.

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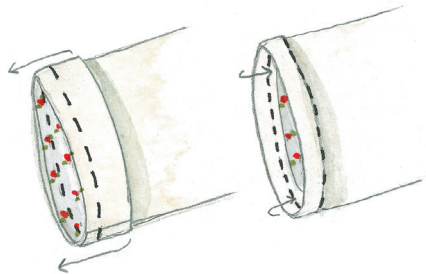
To create ties for closures, fold each tie in half lengthwise with right sides together. Sew long ends and one short edge together. Use a loop turner to turn to right side, press. Pin two in place at notches on right side front of coat, matching raw edge to raw edge of coat.

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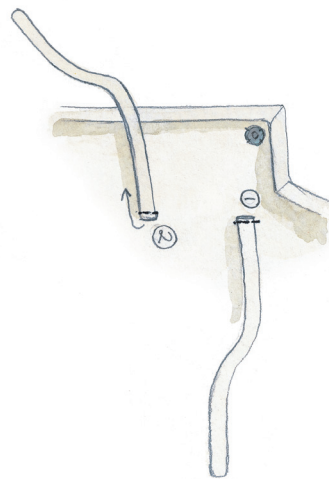
Beginning at left side seam, with right sides together, in the same manner as sleeve hems, sew bias binding using a 1/2in (13mm) seam allowance to bottom edge of coat, around left front, around hood, down right side front edge (sandwiching ties in place), and around front hem and back hem to finish where you began at left side seam.

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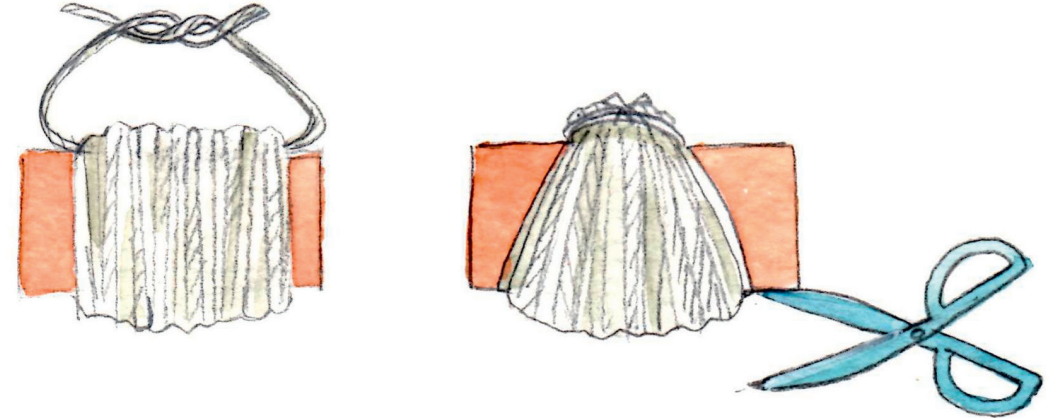
Fold bias to inside and press; stitch in the ditch all the way around to enclose raw edges. Take extra care at curves and corners—the bias will stretch to accommodate them. Fold right side ties toward opening and baste in place.

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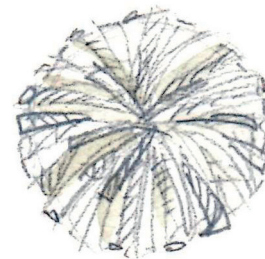
Sew snap in place on left side front and right side front lining in positions indicated on pattern. Sew open ends of remaining ties in place as shown (1), in positions indicated on left side front pattern piece. Fold toward open edge and stitch again to conceal raw edge (2).

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To create bunny tail, wrap fluffy yarn around a piece of cardboard 3 1/2in (9cm) wide and 6in (15cm) long. Wrap many times until yarn is about 1in (2.5cm) thick on either side of cardboard (number of wraps will vary based on thickness of yarn used). Use a tapestry needle to thread a double length of yarn under all layers as shown; tie in a tight, secure knot.

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Cut yarn through all thicknesses at edge opposite knot to release cardboard. Fluff up tail; trim ends if uneven. Hand stitch in place on back of coat, catching center knot of tail in stitching. Alternatively, stitch to large safety pin and pin in place, allowing for easy removal for cleaning.



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Wool woven fabric

- A Ear backs—2
- B Hood side—2
- C Hood center—1
- D Pocket front—1
- E Left side front—1
- F Right side front—1
- G Sleeve front—2

Cotton print fabric

- H Sleeve back—2
- I Ties for closure—4
- J Coat back—1
- K Ear fronts—2
- L Hood center lining—2
- M Hood side lining—2

- N Pocket back—1
- O Sleeve front lining—2
- P Side front lining—2
- Q Sleeve back lining—2
- R Coat back lining—1

