

Easter Bunny to Craft



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Materials:

Coloured card
Narrow ribbon
Chalks
Black pen
Glitter

Tools:

Heart punch
Large daisy punch
Small circle punch
Corner-rounding punch
Scallop scissors
Die-cutting machine and embossing folder
Glue pen
All-purpose glue
3D foam pads



Variation

Omit the egg and hand cut a large carrot shape. Add a strip of card fringed on both sides for the carrot top. Mount on a scalloped circle and use this topper to decorate a mini basket of Easter eggs.

Instructions:

- 1 Punch or cut a heart shape from coloured card. Place it so that the left lobe of the heart is at the top to form a head, and fold the right lobe in towards the centre to create a folded arm.
- 2 Punch a daisy shape and trim off two petals. Bend them to make the ears and attach to the back of the head using a 3D foam pad.
- 3 Cut a small oval shape and attach it to the front of the face to form a muzzle. Add a quarter circle nose.
- 4 Chalk the edges of each piece and add chalked cheeks. Draw on black dots for the eyes.
- 5 Hand cut an egg shape, chalk the edges and add glitter dots.
- 6 Cut a strip of card using scallop scissors and attach as a band around the egg. Tie a piece of narrow ribbon around the egg.
- 7 Cut a rectangle 5.5 x 3.5cm (2¼ x 1½in) and emboss in a die-cutting machine. Round the corners and attach the bunny and egg to the topper.

Pink Rabbit

Make a white bunny with pink chalking and add a purple glittered egg for a younger, fun variation on the colour theme.



Tags and toppers are basically mini, three-dimensional sticker motifs made using pretty papers, glitter and ribbons that are designed to adorn your crafting creations, cards and scrapbook pages. Craft shops are filled to overflowing with gorgeously themed packs of toppers and tags, but it is so easy and so much fun to make your own that I often wonder who buys them, despite the lure of the pretty packaging!

With a little imagination you can create toppers and tags using basic craft materials and tools, and for a fraction of the cost of shop-bought items. If you have cutting machines, punches and dies these will speed up your topper making, but a simple craft knife or scissors will work just as well. Best of all, these toppers need such small pieces of paper and ribbon that they are ideal for using up all the leftover scraps from other projects.

So next time you are tempted to buy a pack of toppers, go for the craft punches, ribbons and pretty papers instead and enjoy the creative process of crafting your own tag and topper designs and the satisfaction of knowing you made them.



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