

## Things You'll Be A Needin'

- 1 Yard of Muslin
- 1/4 Yard Contrasting Homespuns
- Disappearing Marker
- Fiberfil Stuffing
- Black DMC Floss
- 6 - 1/2" Black Buttons (Eyes)
- Various Buttons for Stars
- Long Doll Needle
- Acrylic paint - Maple Syrup, Black
- Med. Sandpaper
- Coffee Mix
- Cinnamon
- Rusty Wire
- Prim Tag

### Threadbare Primitives

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Primitive Doll and Folk Art Patterns



#201 Prim Bunny Shelf Sitters

**\*\*BEFORE YOU BEGIN\*\***

- \* Read all instructions thoroughly and assemble all the materials you will need before beginning.
- \* 1/4" seam allowance is not included on most pattern pieces. Tracing line is sewing line unless otherwise indicated. Refer to pattern.
- \* You may coffee stain your fabric before beginning your project or after. (or both!)

**\*\*TECHNIQUES FOR PRIMIN' IT\*\***

**Coffee Stain Mix**

- \* Mix approx. 1/4 cup instant coffee with 1/2 cup water plus a pinch of vanilla extract. You may even add a hint of cinnamon to the mixture. For a lighter stain effect use instant tea. You may apply this with a sponge brush or squirt bottle.

**Bakin' Your Prims**

- \* Some people like to bake their projects in the oven to "age" them a bit. If you choose to do this after coffee staining PLEASE WATCH IT CLOSELY! Slow dry your project in a warm 180 degree oven on a cookie sheet with the door left ajar just slightly. Turn your prim every so often to prevent scorching and allow it to dry evenly.

**Sanding**

- \* The key to the prim look is careful sanding of your project. I use fine sandpaper. Medium is ok, just be careful, you don't want to sand straight through the fabric. Sand lightly all over. A little more in areas that would naturally show more age. Afterwards, you may rub lightly with cinnamon to "grubby" it up even more. Makes it smell good too!

**Makin' a Prim Tag**

- \* Spray or brush coffee mix on tags, bake in oven at 180 degrees until dry. After they cool add your favorite prim saying.

**\*Makin' The Star Ornies**

Trace your large stars onto doubled homespuns of your choice. Do the same for the small stars that go on the front of each bunny. With right sides together, sew around the traced lines leaving open where indicated on pattern piece. Trim excess and turn each star right side out. Stuff firmly and sew openings closed. For the large ornie stars, center an old button on each star and stitch in place. For the smaller bunny stars, cut a 12" length of rusty wire and wrap your little star, ending the ends in front. Make little curlys on the ends. See color photo. Spray your stars with coffee solution and bake on a cookie sheet at 180 til dry. Watch closely and turn often to prevent scorching. Remove from oven and set aside.

**\*Makin' The Wings**

Trace as many wings on to doubled homespun as you will need for your bunny sitters. Remember, you can make these shelf sitters with or without the wings, that's up to you! Tracing line is sewing line. Sew with right sides together on traced line, leaving open where indicated on pattern. Trim excess and turn right side out. Sew opening closed. Run a hot iron over the wings to flatten and smooth them. Spray wings with your coffee stain mix and bake in the oven on a cookie sheet at 180 til dry. Turn wings often and watch closely so they don't burn! Remove from oven and set aside.

**\*Makin' The Bunnies**

Trace as many bunnies as you wish to make on to doubled muslin. Sew on traced line, leaving open where indicated on pattern piece. Trim excess, turn and stuff the bunny firmly. Sew openings closed. Trace on the nose with your disappearing marker and pinch stitch. Refer to the pattern piece. Enter and exit from the back, this will be covered by the wings. Paint your bunnies with maple syrup and/or black and let dry. Now give them a good sanding and set aside. Spray your sitters with coffee mix and rub with cinnamon then bake on cookie sheet at 180 til dry. After the bunnies are cool and dry you may want to resand some areas for extra primming! Cut two small eye pieces from muslin and spray with coffee solution and let dry. When completely dry place the muslin eye pieces on either side of his nose and stitch on the 1/2" black buttons right over the top. Enter and exit from the back, we will cover that later with his wings. Stitch or glue on his wings, covering the threads enter and exit points. Glue or stitch on his wire wrapped star to the front. Check color photo for exact positions of all items. Now just make yourself a couple of prim tags, add your star ornies, and you're done! What cute little bunny angels!!!

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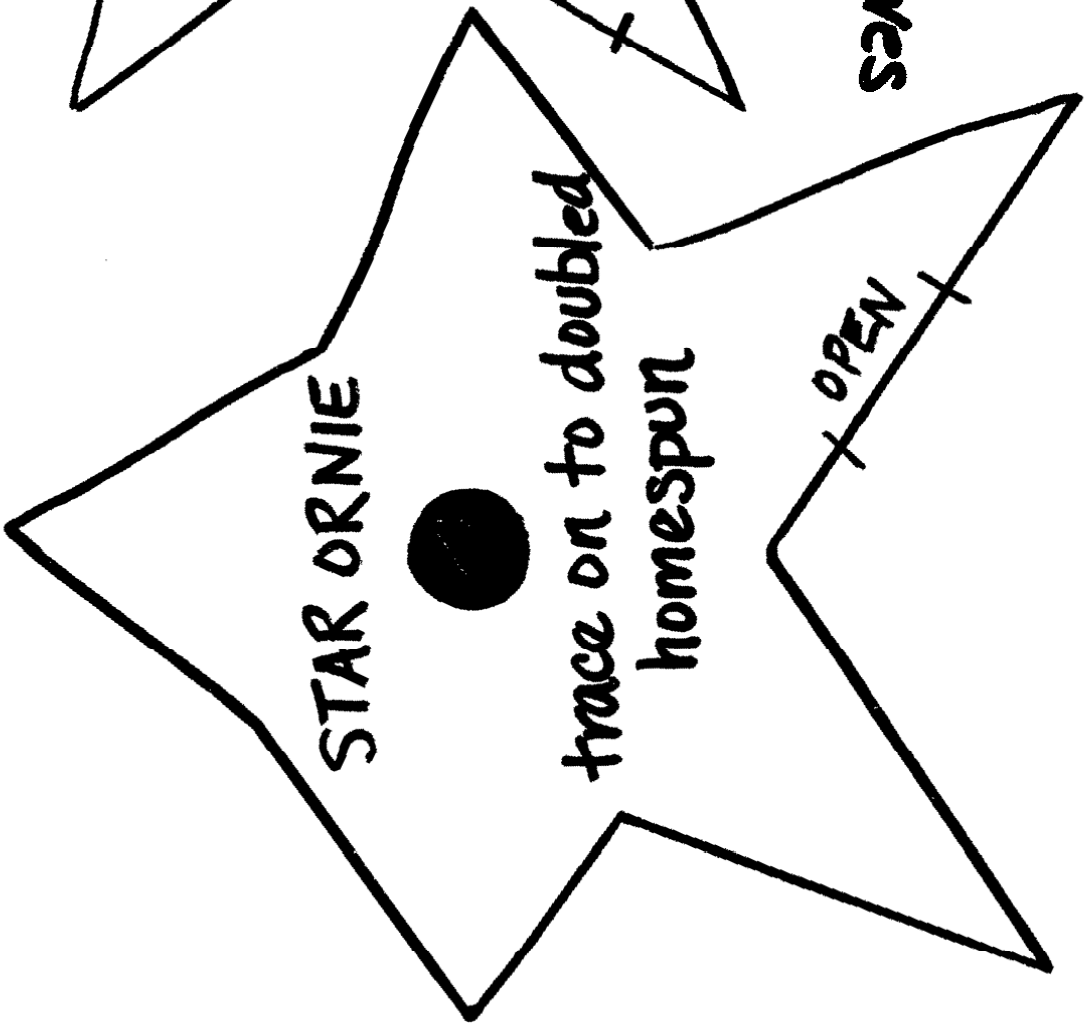


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