

Peaty Rabbits Baskets

Crafter level: Intermediate

Time needed: 1 hour each, not including drying time

What you'll need

For the white, bunny face basket

- 2, 6-in. peat pots
- Heavy-duty shears or craft knife
- Craft paint in white, pink and black
- Paintbrushes (foam brush for base coat and smaller brushes for face detail)
- Pencil
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Pink and natural raffia for bow, whiskers and filler
- 1-in. white pom-pom for tail

For the purple basket

- 6-in. peat pot
- Purple craft paint
- Foam paintbrush
- Square scrap of burlap
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Felt bunny shape*
- Small piece of string or twine for bunny's bow
- Small white pom-pom
- Small grapevine wreath
- Gardening shears (for cutting the wreath)
- Shredded paper filler

* If you can't find a pre-cut bunny shape, use our template to cut your own.

How to make it

For the white, bunny face basket

1. Cut 2 ears (close together) from 1 peat pot. See Diagram 1. Cut a strip from the remainder of the pot (below the lip) about 1 inch wide by 10 inches long—or as long as you can from what you have left. Remove the plug from the bottom of the same peat pot. Throw out remaining scraps.
2. Paint the remaining pot, the 2 ears and the handle with white craft paint. Let dry. Apply a second coat and third coat, if necessary, letting dry between coats.

Note: We used a second coat of pink and then a third coat of white to give it a slightly mottled look.

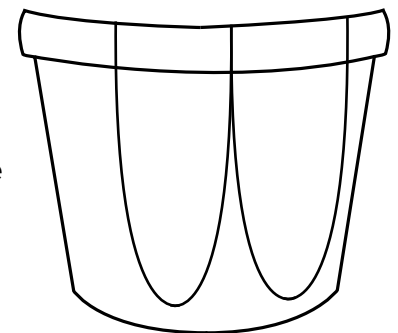


Diagram 1



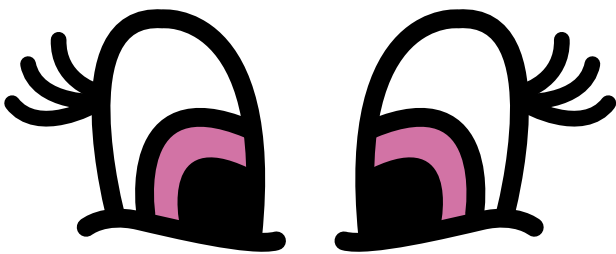


3. Paint the middle of both ears and the plug from the first pot pink. Let dry.
4. Trace eyes onto the side of the pot with pencil. Use the templates provided or create your own. Outline the eyes with black paint using a small paintbrush. Let dry. Add irises in pink paint with a small paintbrush.
5. Cut a few small pieces of natural raffia for the bunny's whiskers. Glue center of whiskers to the back of the plug. Then glue the plug to the pot between the eyes. Glue ears to the top of the pot above the face.
6. Glue the ends of the handle to the inside of the pot along the lip, centering it behind the ears and face.
7. Make a bow from the pink raffia and glue it to the center top of the handle. Glue the white pom-pom to the back of the basket, centered between the handle.
8. Fill pot with pink and natural raffia.

For the purple basket

1. Paint the outside of the pot with purple craft paint. Let dry. Apply a second coat and third coat, if necessary, letting dry between coats.
2. Fringe a square of burlap and attach it to the side of the pot carefully with a small amount of hot glue.
3. Tie the scrap of string or twine into a small bow around the felt bunny's neck. Center the bunny onto the center of the burlap and secure it with another dab of hot glue. Glue the small pom-pom to the tail of the bunny.
4. Cut a section of grapevine from the wreath to make the handle. Attach the handle inside the lip of the pot with liberal amounts of hot glue. Make sure your bunny design is centered between the ends of the handle.
5. Fill pot with shredded paper filler.

Bunny face basket eyes template



Purple basket bunny template

