

# ITH WHITE KNIGH AND BEAR AND SPAR



This Easter, White Knight paints in collaboration with Bear and Sparrow, an Australian owned, designed & handmade boutique children's décor business, has come up with a fun project that parents & kids can work together on. Create a lovely hat for the upcoming school Easter parades, and then even re-use it as a stunning table centrepiece for family meals over the Easter holidays.

## WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

- White Knight Squirts gloss spray paint - suggested colours below, but do feel free to use any other colour
  - » Pink
  - » Sky Blue
  - » White
  - » Bright green
- » Fuchsia
- 50cm square piece of AstroTurf
- Thick cardboard box
- PVA Wood glue (or a glue gun)
- Roll of corrugated cardboard wrap - you can also use a large cardboard box if you don't want to buy a whole roll

- Bamboo skewers
- Dust mask

- Plastic Easter eggs x 8
- Green braid ribbon x 1 metre
- Plastic daisy stem
- White pom-pom (or you can make your own)
- Kitchen scissors
- Stanley or sharp, sturdy kitchen knife
- Lead pencil
- Ruler or measuring tape
- · Print-out of bunny ears template (over page)







## **STEP 1: MAKING THE HAT BRIM AND TOP**



 Draw around a large (approx. 30cm) dinner plate onto a side of the cardboard box, without crossing any folds.



 Then in the centre of the circle, draw a smaller circle around a side plate.

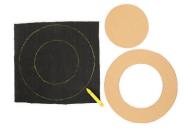


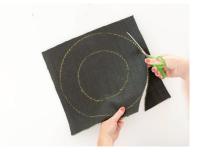
Cut out both circles using scissors, a kitchen knife or (for the cleanest finish) a Stanley knife.

# **STEP 2: CUTTING THE ASTROTURF**



4 Place the brim on the underside of the AstroTurf and trace around the outside and inside using a lead pencil.





5 Cut out both circles using scissors. To ensure a neat inner circle, pierce the AstroTurf with the Stanley knife first and then cut using scissors.

## **STEP 3: CUTTING OUT THE HAT BODY**



6) Wrap the corrugated cardboard around your side plate with a 4cm overlap to determine the length of your hat body.



7 Once you know the length, then draw a 9cm high rectangle along that length, stopping at the 4cm overlap.







# **STEP 3: CUTTING OUT THE HAT BODY CONT...**



8| Find the middle of the rectangle and draw a vertical line from the base and up about 18cm. Then place the bunny head cut-out on it, ensuring that the middle of the ears is centred to the line you just draw and trace around the ears, ensuring that it connects to the rectangle.





9 At each end of the rectangle, draw a quarter circle with a 6cm radius (this will be the bunny's bottom).





10 Using sharp scissors cut out the body of the hat. In some places, like along the straight edge, you can use a Stanley knife for a beautiful clean edge.

## **STEP 4: GLUING THE HAT BODY**



11 Turn the body over and then using a ruler flatten the top edge of the corrugated cardboard wrap. This will make it easier to attach to the rim and top of your hat. DO NOT flatten the section of the bunny head.



12 Place glue 0.5cm down from the top edge of the body of the hat, avoiding the bunny head section (otherwise the glue will make a crease line visible).



13 Attach the top of the hat to the body, hold until set in place, then leave for an hour or two to fully dry.



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14 Place glue on the inside of the brim of the hat and then attach the brim of the hat to the bottom of the body.

Once dry, trim off any overlap around the bunny's bottom.



## **STEP 5: SPRAYING THE HAT BODY**



15 Shake your chosen colour of White Knight Squirts Spray Paint for 1 minute until you can hear the ball moving freely around the can.



- 16 In a well-ventilated area (outside in the garden is perfect), holding your can upright and approx. 20cm away, spray the inside and outside of the Bunny ears and hat body.
- 17 Be sure to only do a thin layer each time, allowing 10 minutes between each layer for the paint to dry - you should only need 3 coats.
- 18 After each use, turn the can upside-down and spray until the colour stops coming out to prevent blockages.

#### STEP 6: SPRAYING THE EGGS





- **19** The plastic eggs have small holes in the tops of them, put a bamboo skewer through the top of each plastic egg to make them easier to hold and spray.
  - Spray the entire egg white. Leave for 10 minutes to dry.
- 20 Using all your favourite colours now to add splatters to the eggs. Slightly depressing the nozzle so the paint 'splutters' out of the can.

#### **STEP 7: TIME TO DECORATE**



21 Slip the brim-size AstroTurf onto the hat, being careful not to be too rough and mark the paint.

> Place the smaller AstroTurf piece on the top.



22 There is no need to glue them down as they are quite secure, but you can do so if you wish using PVA glue.

Add glue to your length of ribbon braid and attach to the brim of the hat to hide the exposed corrugated edge.



23 Then the final step, using scissors to cut the flowers and greenery and PVA wood glue or a glue gun attach, your eggs and flowers into position on the hat and glue your pom-pom tail to the bunny's bottom.

#### AND YOU ARE READY FOR THE HAT PARADE! HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER FROM WHITE KNIGHT & BEAR AND SPARROW.

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