

# April Bite Size 12" Block

## Easter Machine Appliqué and Mitered borders

Kits are available at In Between Stitches, includes fabric for the front  
Pattern design by Lisa Norton



### Fabric Requirements

Scraps are fine! You really don't need much.

1/2 yard of border print (includes 1/6th of a yard for binding and sleeve as well)

Fat eighth of white with small pink polka dots for background (you only need a 7 1/2" square)

Fat quarter of a water color print for the egg

Scrap of medium brown or 1/8th yard

Scrap of dark brown or 1/8th yard

Scrap of pink or 1/8th yard

One fat quarter for backing, cut to 13" x 13"

13" x 13" batting

Fusible web, light

Thread for top stitching to match fabrics (egg, bunny, background)

### Appliqué the Bunny and Egg

Cut a 7 1/2" square from the background fabric.

The appliqué design will be in reverse to what it will look finished. Trace the bunny parts and egg on fusible web paper liner. One liner is designed to come away easier. Trace on the liner that stays with the web. Stick to the wrong side of your fabric. Might require a tiny touch of the iron to make it stay. Cut out on the line (both the fabric and the fusible web).

Peel off the paper backing and arrange your appliqué pieces in the center of your square, using page 2 as a guide. Press for 10-20 seconds with steam on cotton setting. In coordinating thread, sew a blanket or zig-zag stitch around the edges.

### Mitered Corners in the Border

A mitered border is one in which the corners meet in a 45 degree angle. We're going to fussy cut the border so the border design meets in the corner in a matching way. *The formula: Width of the border X 2 + Length of quilt side = Border strip size.* The background square is 7 1/2" plus twice the width of the strip [2 1/2" x 2] is 12 1/2". Your strips will be 2 1/2" x 12 1/2". All four sides should be cut identical. Fold the strip in half and mark the middle. Fold the quilt in half and mark the middle. Pin the middle points and then out to the corners. Start 1/4" from the edge, back stitch, and sew the border to the quilt top, then stop 1/4" from the edge and back stitch. Repeat with all four borders.

With right sides together fold the quilt top diagonally creating a triangle. Align two perpendicular borders, one on top of each other. With a pencil and ruler, draw a line that continues from the 45 degree fold of the quilt, across the border piece on top. Pin in place.

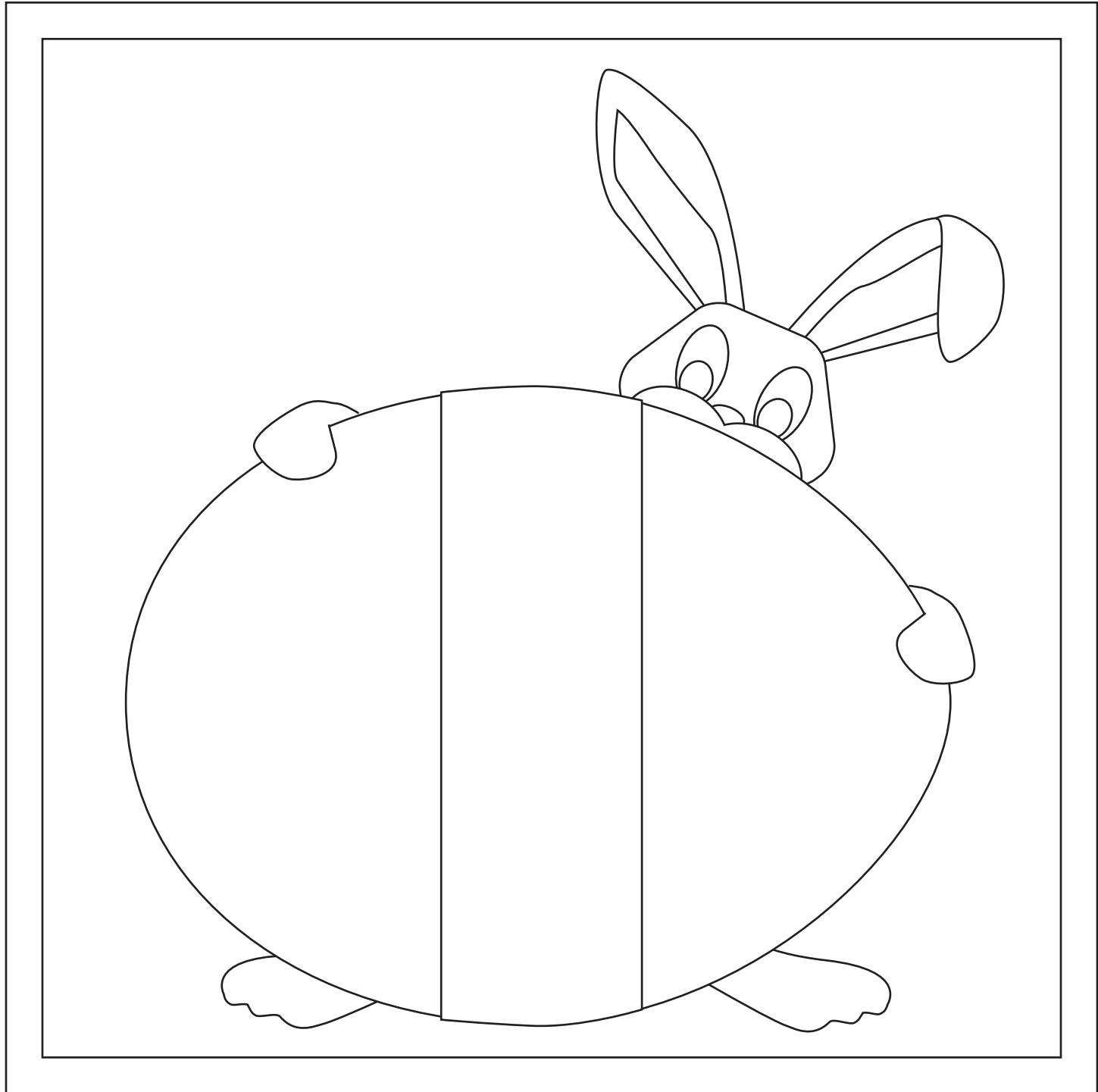
Starting at the stitch line you made when you sewed the border to the quilt top, sew along the pencil line. Backstitch at the beginning and at the end of the pencil line. Unfold your quilt top and make sure there are no gaps or puckers and it lays flat. Trim the excess border to 1/4" and press. Repeat for the other three corners. Wow, nice work!

## Finishing

Sandwich the 13" square batting and 13" square backing with the 12 1/2" top. Smooth out and safety pin together. Match the bobbin thread to your backing and the top thread to your top. With your free motion foot, meander the background and stitch the scallop in the border. Or you can machine quilt it as you desire.

Trim to 12" square.

Fussy cut to make binding by cutting two 2 1/4" strips by WOF. Cut off 9" of one end to make the sleeve. Roll under each end and seam. Press in half the long way and pin to the top of the Bite Size block on the back. Sew on binding to the front. Roll over and hand stitch to the back.



images are already in  
reverse for fusible web  
appliqué.

