

BABY SOCK BUNNIES

This craft is especially fun because participants get to take home some really cute little bunnies . Because it is a simple craft, those who participate should have the opportunity to make two or more. This activity also allows for choices on the part of the participants; color of socks, color of ribbon, color of pompom tail.

Preparation is fairly simple. Several days before the activity is scheduled, make the rounds of used clothing stores and purchase baby socks, (larger than “infant”) ,colored ones work the best. You will need numerous pairs remembering to add one or two to use as completed examples. You will also need to purchase several bags of small dried beans or peas. Black-eyed peas work well, or lentils, 3-4 rolls of narrow ribbon, and some small pompoms.

To make the bunnies, place the sock inside a small plastic or paper cup and wrap the opening around the cups lip to hold it open. Participants dip the dried beans from a bowl and pour them into the sock until $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ full. The sock is lifted out of the cup and a rubber band is placed around the sock at a spot above the beans but leaving enough sock at the top to make ears. Next, cut a length of ribbon and tie it in a bow around the stuffed part of the sock, moving more beans toward the bottom, or tummy, of the bunny. Tie a knot above the bow to

keep it secure. Now just cut the top of the sock, above the rubber band, in half from the top of the sock toward the head, this makes the ears. Glue a pompom to the rear for a tail.

The face is applied with craft paint. Using the flat end of an unsharpened pencil or the eraser end, dip it in the paint and press it to the sock for the nose and eyes. Add teeth and the bunny is done.