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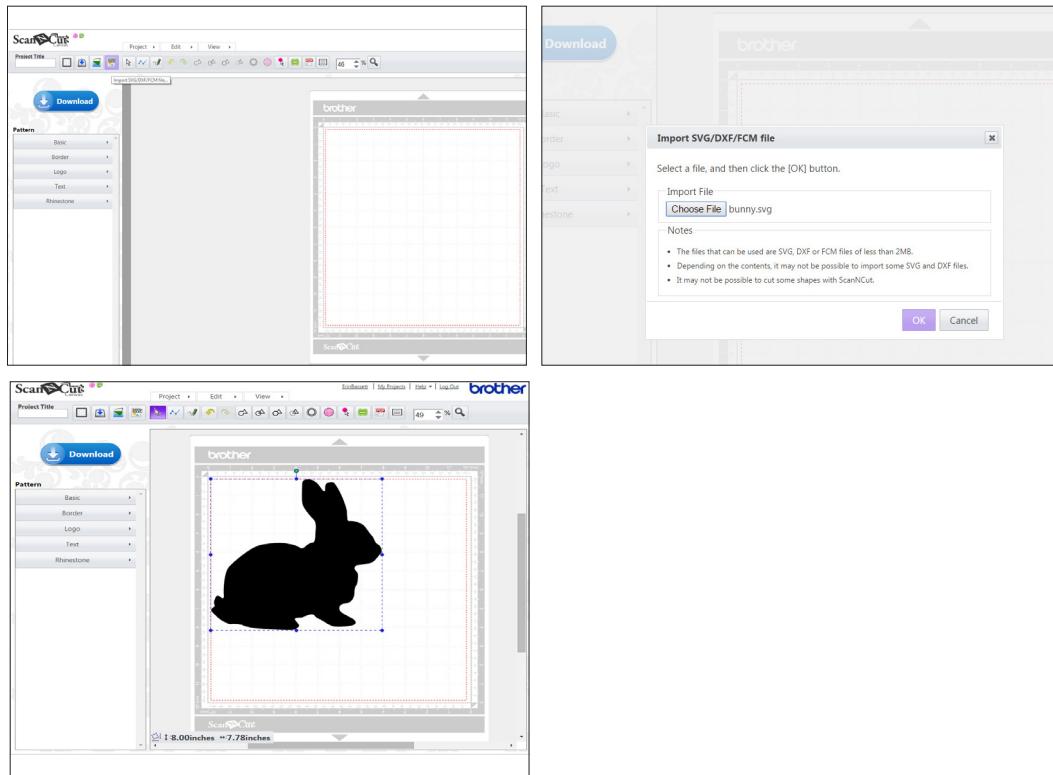
I'm so glad I'm sharing this cute garden flag with you, because to create it you need to do a couple of ScanNCut techniques that I get emailed the most about: importing .SVG files and cutting burlap. So, if you're curious on how to do those things and how to make this flag, follow along with the instructions below.

MATERIALS:

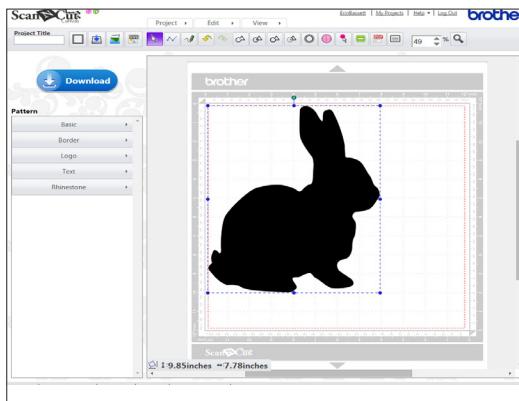
ScanNCut Machine and Accessories, ScanNCutCanvas, USB Flash Drive, USB Flash Drive, Burlap, Burlap, Placemat, Fabric Remnants (even old clothing could work), Glue Gun & Glue (or fabric glue), Yard Flag Holder

Step 1. Importing .SVG files

Open ScanNCutCanvas and then click on the SVG button. Choose your .SVG file, and then click "OK". And there's your bunny!

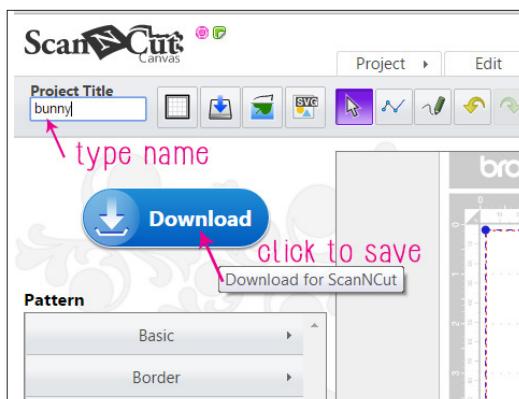


Now, just like other shapes, you can resize the bunny by first selecting “her” and then dragging out the handles. If you hold down the “Shift” key while you drag, it will keep the same aspect ratio. (If you don’t, then when you drag it you can distort the ratio.) So get your bunny resized how you like it. (Mine is about 8” wide by 10” tall.)



step 2. Saving the .FCM file

Type in a name for your file and then click the “download” button, then click on the name...in this case “bunny.fcm” and then direct it where to save the file (I recommend you save it to your flash drive so you can pop it into your ScanNCut and get cutting). And then click “close”.



step 3. Cutting out burlap bunny

(Settings: Blade depth - “7,” Cut Speed - “3,” and Cut Pressure - “9.” Use the standard mat and place the burlap face up on the mat (fusible back down). Always perform a test cut. My settings may vary from yours.)

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If you plan on ironing on your bunny onto your placemat, then prepare your burlap by cutting it to size and then ironing on you iron-on fabric appliqué sheet. Then smooth it onto the standard mat.



You can now cut it out...click "OK," then press "Cut" and then "Start".



step 4. Removing the burlap bunny from the mat

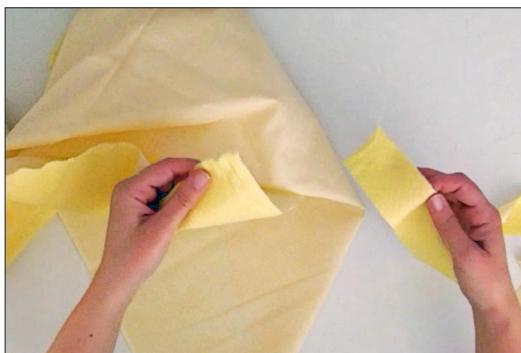
You can now carefully remove the burlap bunny off of the mat. Because of the inconsistencies with burlap fabric, you may come across a knot in the fabric that doesn't cut through all the way. If any points stick, apply gentle pressure to separate it or use your scissors to trim it.



Now your mat is probably really hairy! Remember to take an alcohol-free baby wipe to it later to remove all that fuzz.

step 5. Creating fabric flowers

Take a strip of fabric about 1"-2" wide and tie a knot in one end. Then place the short tail of the knot in your non-dominant hand. Start to twist and wrap the fabric around the knot, using your glue to adhere it into place. Keep going around and around the flower (allowing whatever side and edge of the fabric you want to show) until it gets to be about the size you want, and then snip off the end of the fabric. You can just glue the little remainder under the flower.



Now that it's finished, you can also glue down the tail if you desire.

step 6. Ironing on and placing pieces onto the flag

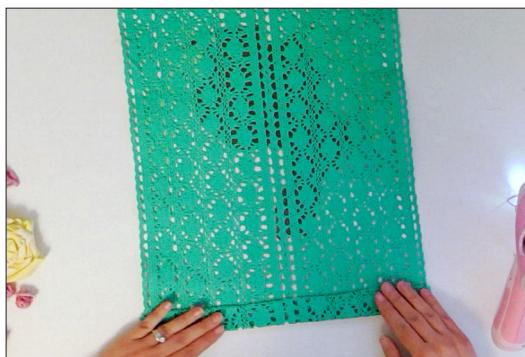
Now, I realized when I was playing around with the design that I wanted some green leaves on there, too. So, I cut out this design on some green fabric, backed with an iron-on fabric appliquéd sheet. It's a great design, since I can just snip it in half and have two branches of leaves.



step 6. *continued*

Ironing on & placing pieces onto the flag

After I cut everything out, I then ironed the bunny and the leaves onto the placemat. I also ironed that top edge under (at about an inch). Glue down just the edge of it so it forms that little sleeve for the garden flag holder to slip into.



step 7. Glue on the flowers!

Figure out where you want your flowers to go and then glue them on.



A handy tip if you're using a crocheted placemat like mine is to place the paper backing from the iron-on fabric appliquéd sheet under your design so the glue won't stick to your table top.

Now just slip your flag onto to your flag holder and you're done!

