Up-cycle a Man's Shirt for Easter Magic

I love combining thrift stores for men's dress shirts in fine fabrics. This week, I found this fabulous Lacoste shirt begging to be remade into an Easter basket liner and Easter outfit for my grandbaby. If you've never used a steam-activated shrinking interfacing, for example Pellon Fabric Magic, this project is for you. Steam activated shrinking fabric (available under several different brand names) gave my bunny applique just the right texture! The free bunny applique download and instructions for creating texturized fabric may be found here.

Instructions for Textured Bunny Applique

Supplies:

8" x 8" Fabric Magic by Pellon 8" x 8" cotton fabric for bunny Tear-away stabilizer Embroidery thread SQ 14 hoop Base fabric (overall front for my project) Bunny.jef file Bunnyfill.jef file

Step 1: Hoop Fabric Magic and cotton fabric, placing cotton fabric on top



Step 2: Load bunnyfill.jef and embroider This will create a net fill on the white fabric.



Step 3:
Remove fabric from hoop
Using an iron on steam setting, hover over the net fill being careful not to touch the iron onto the fabric. Simply hovering will cause the fabric to shrink.



Step 4:
Hoop base fabric, centering in hoop
Load bunny.jef file
Sew color 1, bunny outline
Place textured fabric atop outline, fitting to outline



Sew color 2, tack down and satin stitch

Press stop after the first part of color 2 has sewn, which is the outline. Trim close to stitching.



Press start and complete sewing color 2 which will be a satin stitch.

Complete!