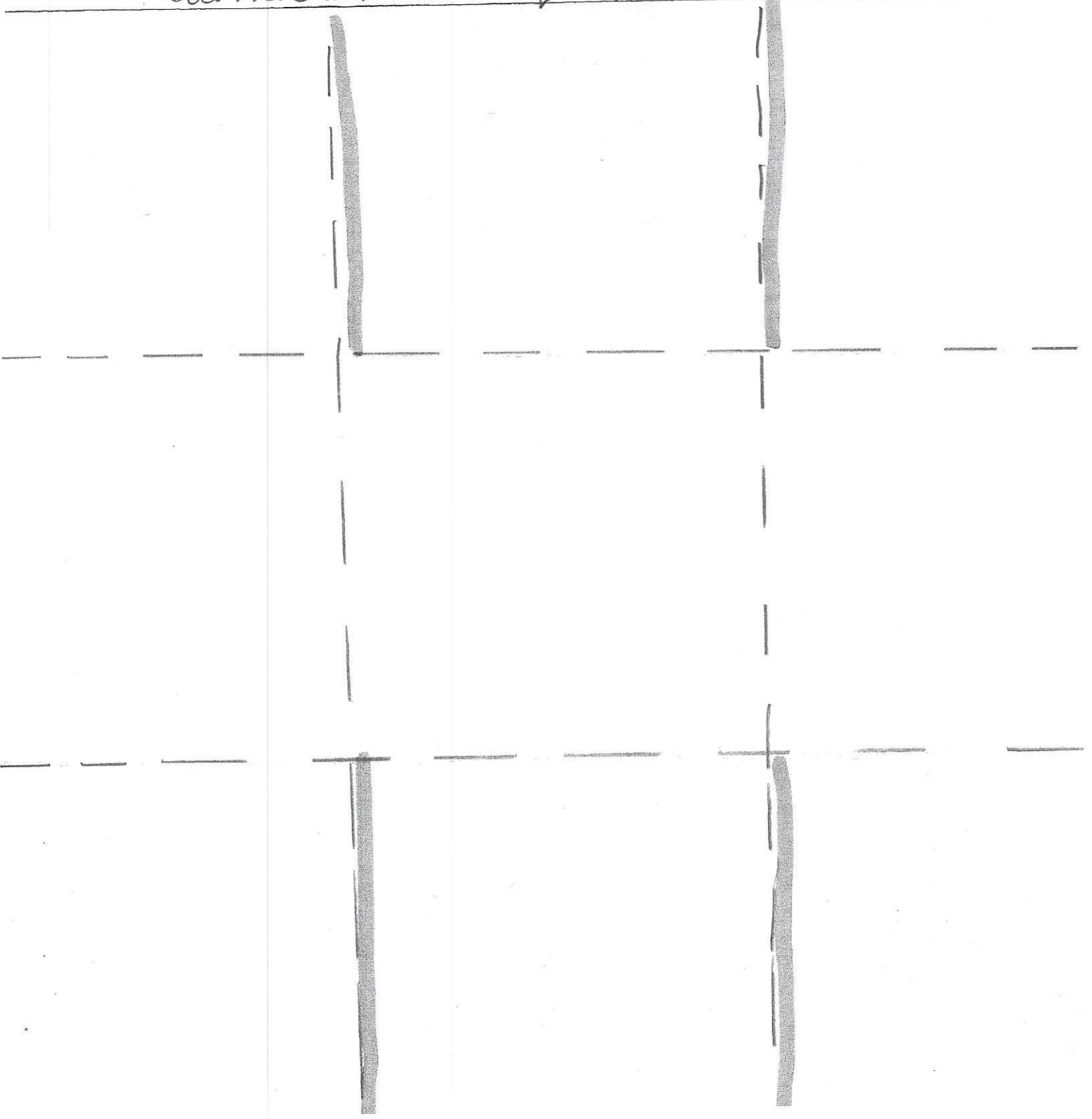


Easter Basket

Use a square piece of cardboard or paper. Fold in thirds in one direction, then the other as indicated by dashes. Cut 4 slits as indicated by solid lines. Fold to form the base of the basket. Decorate before taping or stapling. Add handle. Tear up recycled paper for "grass".

Cut here to make a square. Use cut off piece for handle.



Stand-Up Soffies

By M. Mable Lunz

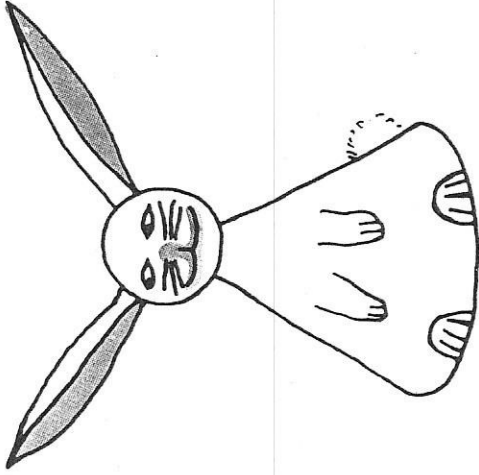
Draw and cut patterns from light cardboard, two for each Soffie. Lay the patterns, facing each other, on absorbent cotton, and cut around them. Leave the cotton on the cardboard.

For the rabbit, cut blue eyes and pink ear strips from felt. Place them on the cotton and sew through the cardboard. Also tack the cotton feet to the cardboard at the bottom. Do the same for the other side of the rabbit. Put the cardboard rabbits together, cotton sides out. Tie a narrow ribbon around the neck with a bow in back to hold the rabbit together. Separate the feet a little and the rabbit will stand.

For the duck, sew yellow felt wings, and bill in place. Sew or

staple the cardboard tails together under the cotton. Put a blue or black eye on each side and sew through both at once. By separating the bottoms a little it will stand.

For the chicken, make feet from a 1/2-inch circle of white pipe cleaner, twisting above each circle for the leg. Sew or staple the legs to the inside of the cardboard. Lay the cotton in place and sew on yellow wings. Fold a piece of yellow for the bill and sew it to one of the sides. Tack or staple the cardboard tails together. Put the eyes in place and sew through both sides.



Perky Bunny

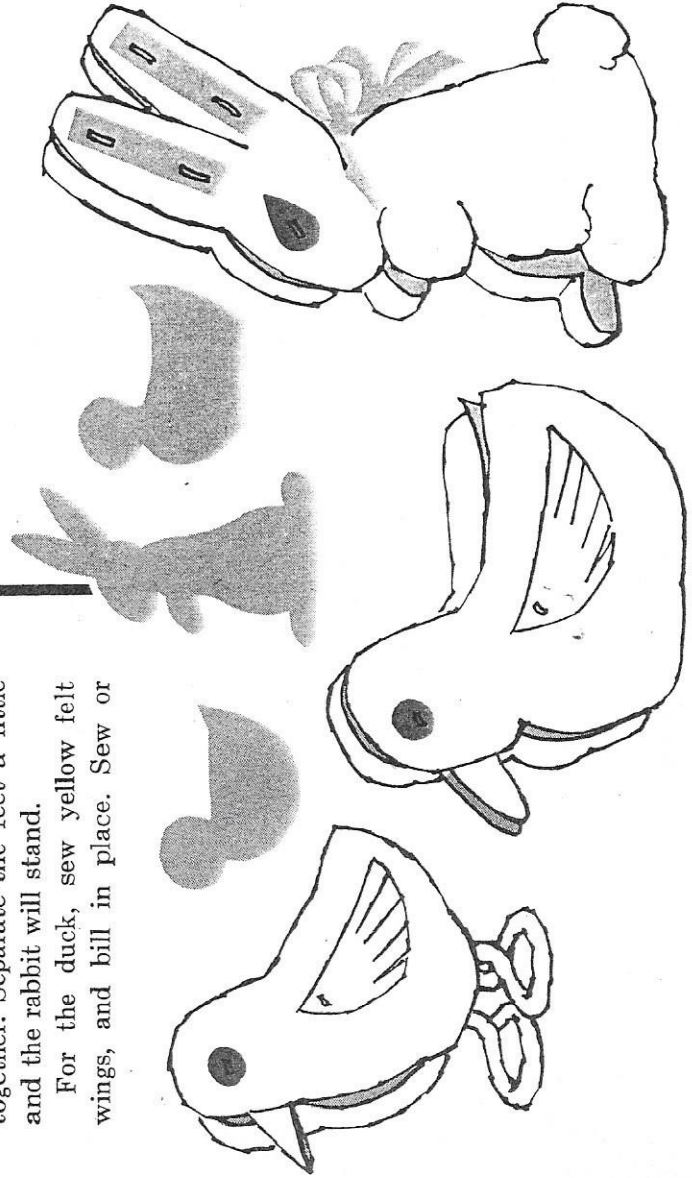
By Loretta Holz

Cut a half-circle of white paper about 5 inches across. Glue the edges together to form a cone.

Cut two circles of white paper about 1 1/2 inches across. On one of these draw the face of a rabbit with crayon, pencil, or felt-point pen. Cut two long pointed ears. Color the centers pink. Pinch the end of each ear together and glue to back of the head. Paste the second circle over the back of the head to cover the ear attachments.

At the top of the cone, make two small slits, one toward the right and one toward the left. Put a bit of paste on the very bottom of the face and slip it into the two cuts in the cone.

Sketch on the cone two sets of paws. Paste a bit of cotton in place at the back of the cone for a tail.



by Claudia Cimini



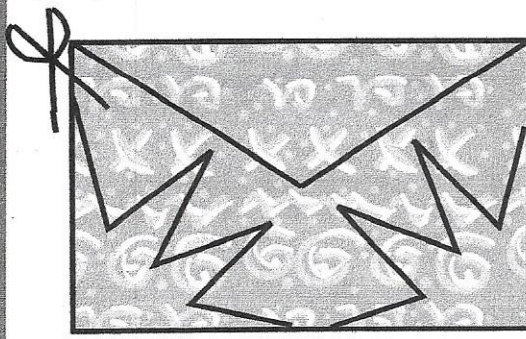
Materials, Tools & Directions

old envelopes, pipe cleaners, green construction paper, scissors, pencil

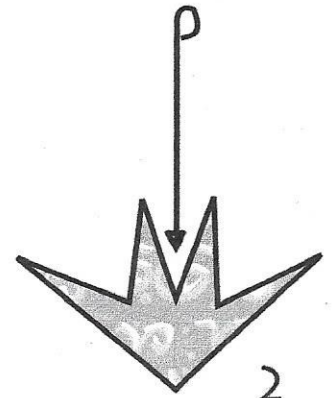
- 1) Draw flower outlines in the two lower corners of the envelope. Cut along lines.
- 2) Bend one end of a pipe cleaner into a small loop. Insert the other end of the pipe cleaner through middle of flower.
- 3) Curl petals around pencil.
- 4) Cut long leaves about one inch wide out of green paper. Poke two holes near base of leaf with pipe cleaner.
- 5) Thread pipe cleaner through holes.

Use colored or decorated envelopes for day lilies and plain white envelopes for Easter lilies.

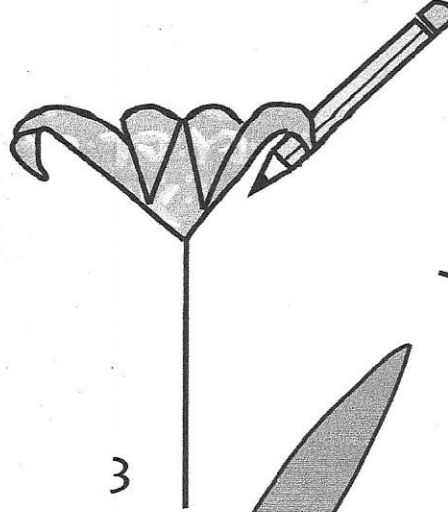
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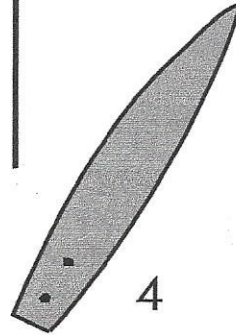
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