Easter Parade Music Box

Add a whimsical touch to your Easter dinner with this adorable bunny sitting in a circle of flowers! The music box plays Easter Parade.

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Experience Level
Advanced

Size
Completed music box measures 7½” tall.

Materials
• 1 artist-size sheet 7-count plastic canvas
• Scraps of 10-count plastic canvas
• 2 (4½”) radial plastic canvas circles
• #16 tapestry needle
• #20 tapestry needle
• Plastic canvas yarn* as listed in color key
• #3 pearl cotton* as listed in color key
• ½”-wide satin ribbon: 30” light yellow
• 6” each light pink, white, light green, light blue and peach
• 32 (3mm) white pompons
• 3 (½”) white pompons
• 3 (¼”) white pompons
• 3 (½”) yellow pompons
• 3 (¼”) yellow pompons
• 2 (6mm) round black cabochons
• 12 black seed beads
• 18-note music box* that plays Easter Parade
• Music box adhesive mounting pad*
• 4’ clear plastic music box turntable
• Baby pink felt
• Natural raffia
• Polyester fiberfill
• Hot-glue gun

*Sample project was completed using Uniek Needloft plastic canvas yarn by Uniek, #3 pearl cotton by DMC, and a Music & Motion music box and Musical Movement Adhesive Mounting Pad, both by National Artrcraft. See purchasing information in the Needle Needloft on page 9.

Project Notes
Use #20 tapestry needle when stitching with #3 pearl cotton and #16 needle with plastic canvas yarn.
Refer to photo throughout.

Cutting
1. Cut plastic canvas according to graphs (pages 19–21). From 7-count plastic canvas, also cut one music box support, 15 holes x 55 holes; one basket bottom, 7 holes x 13 holes, which will remain unstitched; and one basket handle, 1 hole x 25 holes.

Music Box
1. Using fern yarn through step 8, stitch music box side as shown, leaving unstitched row where indicated. Roll stitched plastic canvas into a cylinder, overlapping unworked mesh; Whipstitch.
2. For music box bottom, cut out center crossbars from radial circle; Overcast center opening. Straight Stitch around circle over one bar, from second row of holes into third row of holes.
3. Continuing outward, Straight Stitch around circle from third row of holes to the fifth row, using two stitches per hole as necessary in the third row of holes. Repeat four more times, Straight Stitching from the fifth row of holes to the seventh row, from the seventh row to the ninth, from the ninth to the 11th, and one more time from the 11th to the outermost row of holes.
4. Without cutting yarn, Whipstitch bottom to music box side, beginning at seam in side (back of music box).
5. Roll unstitched support into a cylinder, overlapping one hole; Whipstitch. Apply adhesive pad to bottom of music box. Remove paper from other side of pad, remove music box key and line up hole with opening on base bottom. Press music box firmly in place. Place support around music box.
6. For music box top, Cross Stitch across center row of holes in remaining radial circle. Straight Stitch from the center row of holes to the third row of holes, using four stitches per hole in each center hole. Repeat step 3.
7. Without cutting yarn, Whipstitch top to music box sides, beginning at seam.

Bunny
1. Stitch bunny pieces as shown. Using light carnation #3 pearl cotton, Straight Stitch paws, Backstitch mouth and add French Knot nose.

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Attach pompon tail to back
Color numbers given are for Uniek Needloft plastic canvas yarn and DMC #3 pearl cotton.

2. Hold body pieces wrong sides facing; using tan yarn, Whipstitch front to back along all edges except bottom.
3. Wrap 36” white yarn around one finger; slide loops off finger and tie tightly in center with 6” white yarn. Clip loops; fluff out yarn ends with needle to form soft, round pompon. Stitch pompon to body back where indicated. Stuff body firmly with stuffing.
4. Hold inner arm and outer arm together, wrong sides facing; using tan through step 6, Whipstitch together. Glue arms to body at shoulders.
5. Overcast outer edges of ears; cut pink felt to fit inside each ear; glue. Whipstitch inner edges of each ear together to crease ears. Glue one ear on each side of head.
6. Whipstitch a foot top to each foot bottom, wrong sides facing. Hold two leg pieces together, wrong sides facing; Whipstitch long edges. Stuff with stuffing to form tube; repeat with other leg pieces. Glue foot to end of each leg; glue other end to bunny body.
7. Using white, Overcast muzzle. Glue muzzle and cabochons to face as shown.
8. Cut 12” light yellow ribbon; tie in bow around bunny’s neck. Trim ribbon ends. Glue assembled bunny to top of music box.

Basket
1. Stitch basket pieces as shown; using peach, Whipstitch long and short basket sides together; Whipstitch sides to unstitched bottom. Overcast top edge of...
basket. Overcast basket handle; glue handle in place.

2. Cut two 6” pieces light yellow ribbon; tie each in a bow and trim ends. Glue bow to base of handle on both sides of basket. Cut raffia into 1” pieces; glue inside basket. Glue basket to music box top between bunny’s legs; glue bunny’s hands to handle.

**Flowers**

1. Cut yellow and bright blue yarn into 12” lengths; separate into individual plies. Stitch large and small flowers as shown using 1 ply yarn. Glue 3mm pompon to center of each flower.

2. Glue one flower to bunny’s head; glue remaining flowers to music box base.

**Chicks & Ducks**

1. Using #3 pearl cotton, stitch and Overcast duck bills, chick beaks and all feet as indicated. Glue matching ½” and ¼” pompons together to form duck and chick bodies.

2. Glue medium tangerine feet to bottoms of white bodies for ducks, and dark lemon feet to bottoms of yellow bodies for chicks. Glue matching beaks and bills in place. Glue 2 black seed beads to each chick and duck for eyes.

3. Tie small bows from remaining pieces of ribbon; glue one to each duck and chick, varying the precise location.

4. Glue one chick and one duck inside basket. Glue remaining chicks and ducks to music box and bunny as desired (on model, one chick is glued behind bunny next to his tail).

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**All Graphs are best viewed at 200% or more.**
Chick Beak
1 hole x 2 holes
Cut 3 from 10-count

Feet
5 holes x 4 holes
Cut 6 from 10-count
Stitch 3 as graphed for ducks
Stitch 3 with dark lemon for chicks

Duck Bill
2 holes x 2 holes
Cut 3 from 10-count

Large Flower
3 holes x 3 holes
Cut 16 from 7-count

Small Flower
3 holes x 3 holes
Cut 16 from 7-count

Stitching Hints & Helpers

Soothe Your Hands
If your hands tend to get stiff from plastic canvas stitching, try powdering them with talc. They’ll feel a lot better!
—Sue Wiener, Florida

Stitching Helpers
I have had difficulty threading the yarn through the needle. So, I wrap the end of the yarn with a small piece of clear tape, flatten it and slip it right through the eye. Then I just snip off the taped end. This works like a charm every time!
—Georgia A. Fiolek, Pennsylvania

I have a hint to trace plastic canvas without leaving a mark. I use any color of acrylic enamel water-based paint and a fine point water-based brush to trace the pattern. After I cut the canvas, I rinse it under warm water, brushing away the paint with an old toothbrush. Both items are inexpensive and can be purchased at any craft store.
—Patricia Gleason, British Columbia

Pen Pal Request
I am looking for a pen pal who enjoys plastic canvas crafts as much as I do. I’m hoping to exchange ideas as well as become friends. I’m 32 years old. I also love cats.
—Bonita Stewart, P.O. Box 137, Lewiston, ME 04243

Beads, Beads, Beads!
I am constantly having to sort my colored beads. I recently decided to place my beads in an ice tray according to color. It works very well.
—Mary Monroe, Nevada

Web Sites Wanted
Do you know of a web site that caters to plastic canvas hobbyists? If so, please drop the staff of Plastic Canvas Crafts an e-mail at: Laura_Scott@whitebirches.com

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