

Dilly Dolly



*A silly little 11" doll,
perfect for
package decorations,
ornaments,
or companion for a
cloth doll.*

Tools and Supplies
Stuffing and stuffing tool
Turning tool
Needles with thread to match fabrics
Fabric medium
brown, red and pink gel pens
pink Prismacolor pencil
Acrylic paints in chosen colors
for shoes and socks
Assorted trims, ribbons, doodads
1/4 yd. fabric for body
9"x12" fabric for bloomers
9"x12" fabric for dress
scrap fabric for collar
2 - 4mm black beads for eyes
2 - 1/4" buttons for jointing



*My Sister Kate
Cloth Confections*

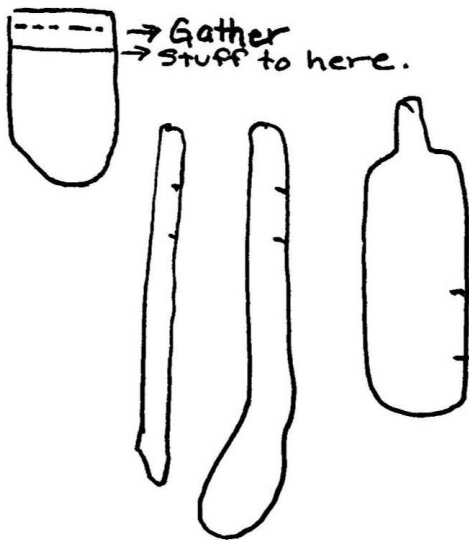
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I am a dollmaker who likes my dolls to hold something. This pattern was created for that reason. I find that dolls that have a toy, book or blanket in hand, it seems to add more to the character of the doll. The character who inhabits this pattern can be used for that purpose or just as a little prop or doll. You decide. She could also be used for ornaments or package decorations. Either way, she's silly in her own way, much like me. I like silly - makes me long for the days when I was young and silly was an accepted way to act.

General Directions

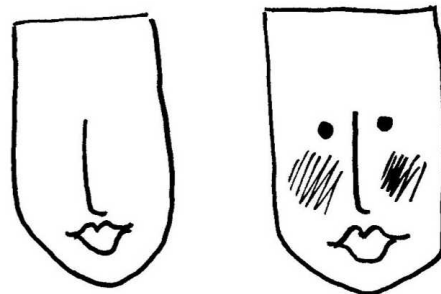
Please read all directions first to familiarize yourself with the process. Pattern pieces are templates except when indicated. Transfer pattern pieces to freezer paper, cut out, iron on to the wrong side of doubled fabric. The edge of the freezer paper is the stitching line. Use a tight stitch on your sewing machine, such as a 1.5. Trim seams to 1/8" and clip inside curves. When going around small curves, stop, lift your presser foot - turn fabric - presser foot down and take 2 stitches, stop again, lift presser foot and turn your fabric and continue on. This process will give you a cleaner small curve to turn. In the corners, clip up to the stitching line. You may want to apply a bit of fray check on these small areas to insure you don't blow out a seam. When turning right side out, use a turning tool, especially in small areas. Stuff firmly except where indicated. Be patient, take deep breaths, eat chocolate when necessary.



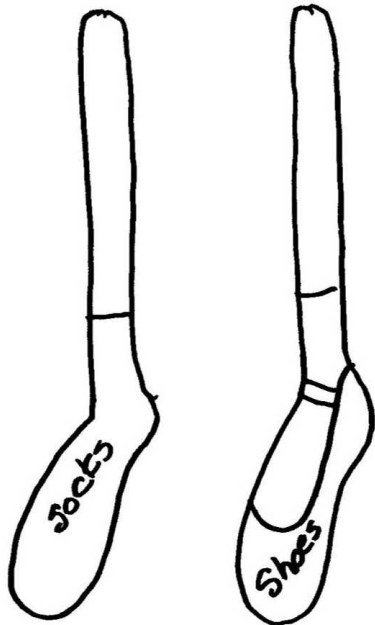
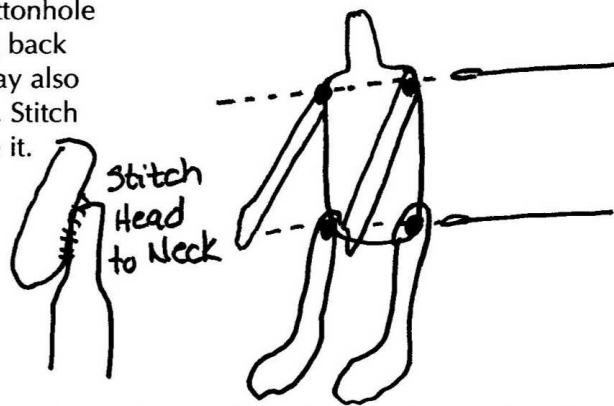
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Body, Arms, Legs, Head - Trace, iron, stitch and cut out the body parts. Remember to leave an opening where indicated. Stuff the body firmly, especially the neck. Stitch the opening closed. Stuff the legs and arms firmly up to about an inch from the top, stuff this area lightly. Stitch openings closed. Stuff the head through the top firmly, leaving about 1/4-1/2" unstuffed. Gather the top opening with quilting thread and pull snugly to close. Knot and anchor thread.

Face - With a brown gel pen or similar pen type, draw the nose and outline the mouth. Fill in the mouth with pink or red gel pen. Blush her cheeks with a pink Berol Prismacolor pencil, pastels or regular blush. Seal the face with Createx fabric medium. Thread a needle with black quilting thread and knot. Going in at the back of the head and coming out at the front where the first eye will be, put your bead on the needle and go back through the head and pull snugly to indent a little, repeat for the other eye. Exit at the back of the head and secure thread. Using the brown gel pen, add eyebrows. You may wish to seal this area again with Createx.

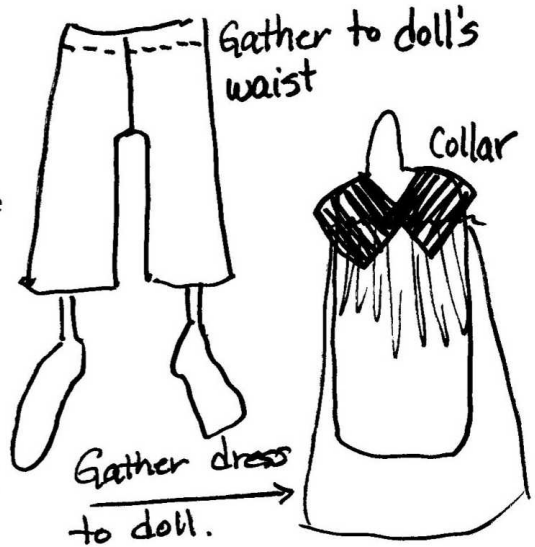


Jointing - Thread a doll needle with strong thread, buttonhole or linen is good. Attach the arms and legs by stitching back and forth through the body, the legs and arms. You may also choose to attach with buttons using the same method. Stitch the head to the neck stub with strong thread to secure it.



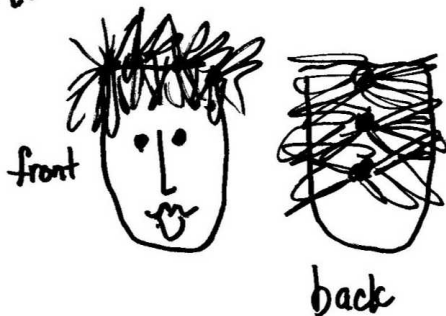
Shoes, socks - Using acrylic paint in colors you've chosen, paint the socks on Dilly first. When dry, paint on her shoes. Seal using decoupage or a couple coats of Createx. You can also add a little gathered lace to the tops of her socks and glue on small buttons to her shoes. Maybe a bow!

Clothes - Cut out bloomers, with right sides together stitch center front and back seams with scant 1/4" seam. Turn right side out. Fold waistline edge in about 1/2", do the same for each leg. Put on doll and with threaded needle gather the waistline to the doll. Do the same on the legs or



leave as is. You can also fray the edges of the pants. Take your piece of fabric for the dress and sew the short side. Gather one edge and hem the other according to how long you want her dress to be. Place the dress on Dilly's body and gather it tightly around her chest and under her arms. Cut two collars on fold. Stitch where indicated, leaving open where indicated to turn. Turn, press. Place one of each collar on each side of her neck with edges slightly overlapping at the center front and center back. Glue or tack stitch in place. EMBELLISH! Add ribbons, small flowers, doodads, buttons or whatever.

wrap yarn, tie in middle. Clip ends.



Hair - Using yarn or specialty threads, make 5 to 7 small bundles by wrapping around 3 fingers and securing in the middle. Cut ends. Glue to head as shown. Make a bow from ribbon or torn fabric and glue to top of head.

Optional - I like to buy bridal embroidered leaves for wings. Take two wings and wire them together in the center. Wrap a ribbon around them glue to back of body. Tie ribbon in a knot at the top for hanging.

