

Fancy Nancy

Approx 12" Cloth Doll

(6" Sitting.) © Judith Prior 2004

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Instructions.

Trace all of the pattern templates onto freezer paper.

Cut out all the freezer paper template pieces.

Body. On doubled stretch fabric right sides together, and on the fold at the bottom, iron on the body template. Sew around the template leaving open at the top (neck) where marked.

Cut out the body, leaving a 6mm (1/4") seam allowance around the sewing line. Turn to right side.

Using a funnel, fill the bottom third of the body with sand, or gravel from pet shop (fish tank). Place a paddle pop stick in through the neck and push it down firmly into the gravel. Fill the upper body and shoulders with poly filling, keeping the stick in the center. Gather the opening at the top and close it over the paddle pop stick. Don't turn the ends in.

Legs. On doubled woven fabric right sides together with the stripes matching, iron on the leg templates. Sew around the templates leaving open at the tops where marked.

Cut out the legs, leaving a 6mm (1/4") seam allowance around the sewing line.

Turn the legs to the right side. Fill the legs firmly with poly filling.

Ladder stitch the legs to the body, to make a sitting position. **See the Picture.**

Arms. Cut out the arms (one piece) on the fold as shown in the pattern. Sew down one side, leaving both ends open. Turn arms to right side.

Tie a knot in the center of the piece for the hands.

Fill the arms loosely with poly filling. Sew the open ends onto the doll at the shoulders.

Skirt. Gather a piece of 2" ribbon about 18" long to make a skirt, or hem a piece of fabric to finish at 2". Draw it in to fit the doll at the hips. Sew the skirt directly to the doll at the hip line.



Head. On doubled stretch fabric right sides together, iron on the head template. Sew around the template leaving open at the top where marked. Cut out the head, leaving a 6mm (1/4") seam allowance around the sewing line. Turn to right side. Push a 2" diameter foam craft ball inside the head. Run a hand gathering stitch about 1/2" to 3/4" down from the cut edge and pull the gathers in to stretch the covering over the head. Secure the thread. This gathered part is the top of the head.

Face. Draw or paint on a face. See the picture. You can embroider the lips with stranded cotton using satin stitch, for greater definition.

Hat. On doubled stretch fabric right sides together, iron on the hat template, sew around the curved part of the template leaving open at the bottom where marked. Cut out the hat, leaving a 6mm (1/4") seam allowance around the sewing line, turn under a 1/2" hem. Turn hat to right side.

Hair. Sew a strip of feather boa to the hat.

Blouse. This is just a frill of double edged lace. 1/2 yard (50cm) x 2" or 2 1/2". Run a gathering stitch 1/2" in from the top edge, pull the gathers in to form a 9" long frill. Zig Zag some gold crochet cotton or other pretty trim over the gathering stitch line for contrast. Pin the frill in place, at the dolls shoulder line then sew direct to the doll.

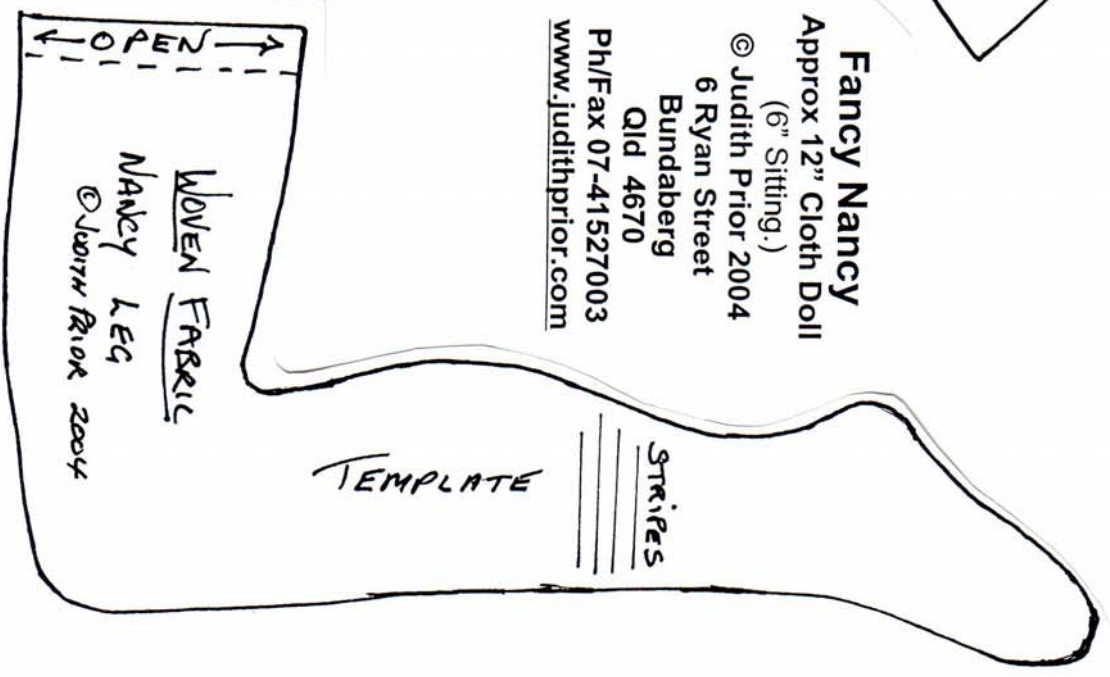
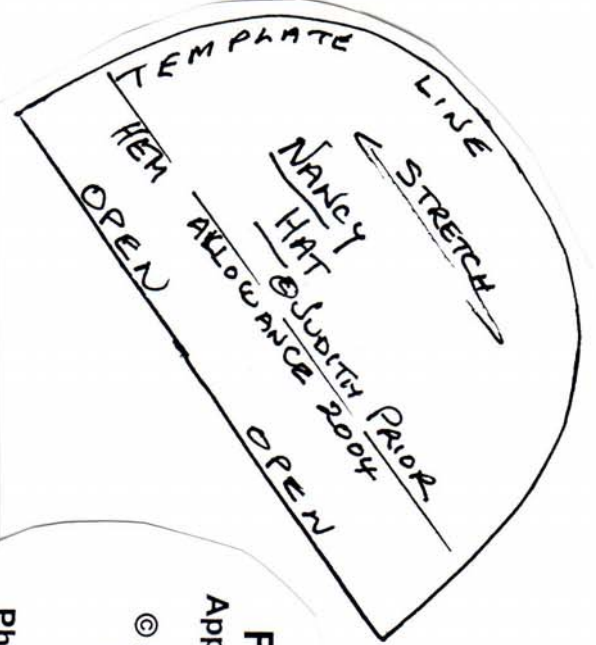
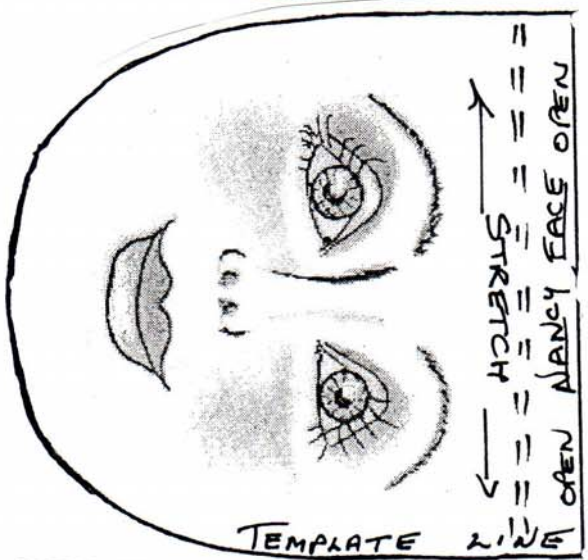
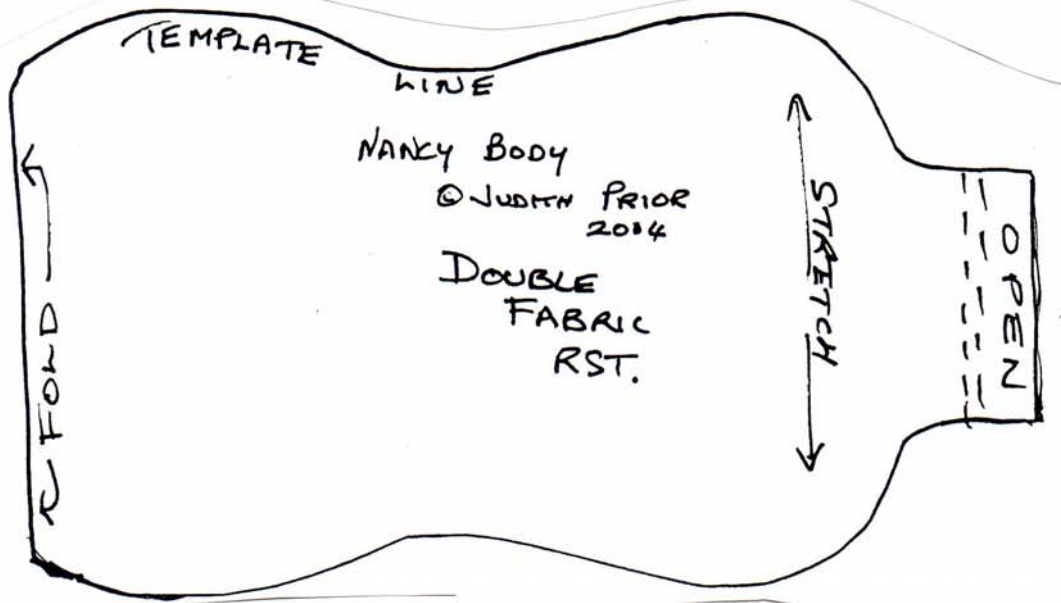
Finishing. Using a sharp scissors, cut a small slash for her neck, about 1/2" in from the sewing line of her chin, at the back. Push a hole with the scissor points in to the foam ball, to insert the paddle pop stick. Push the neck in to the cavity formed in the ball. Ladder stitch the head to the neck. Trim the join with beads or braid if you like.

Open out the hat and place it on her head to cover the gathered onion head look! Pin the hat in place with a few pins just stab them in through the hat, into the foam ball to hold. Check to see that the face is not covered by the feathers.... Sew the hat to the head fabric, using a back stitch.

And there she is! **Fancy Nancy.**

Looking very fancy in her stripped stockings!

I hope you enjoyed making Fancy Nancy, she's just the thing to use up all of those scraps of interesting fabrics and lace and small bits of trim, lurking in your sewing cupboard.



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