

Spreadin' Some Love

This doll pattern is provided by the Material Girls, a cloth doll making club in Houston, Texas, in hopes that you will join with us in using dolls made from the pattern to spread a little love where it is sorely needed. As an ongoing project, Material Girls members make these little dolls as gifts for children in South African orphanages. So far 30 dolls have been provided, with many more waiting in the wings for transportation! Join with us to spread some love by beginning a similar project in your own area, if you wish. Look around. Kids needin' a little love are everywhere. This pattern and dolls made from this pattern are not to be sold, but shared ... made and given with love. Enjoy!

BODY- 14" x 14" Cotton fabric
Polyester fiberfill stuffing
"T shirt" paints for face
...or embroidery floss
Paints for shoes, if desired
...yards of black yarn-hair
Several knitting needles that are
about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{8}$ " in diameter
...or metal rods from hardware store
A bit of masking tape and boiling water



CLOTHING-

Girl - 2 pieces 9" x 16" - Dress
2 pieces 10" x 10" - Chemise
Boy - 2 pieces 10" x 10" - Overalls

Any lace and trims desired. For safety sake, no buttons may be used and ribbon bows must be sewn through in place to prevent untying.

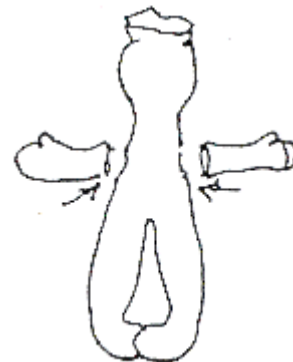
RST - Right Sides Together
RSO - Right Side Out
WST - Wrong Sides Together
F - Front
B - Back

Body may be sewn RST and turned, or sewn WST and trimmed $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from sewn line.

Sew body, leaving top of head open to stuff, and 1" on each side for arms. Leave top of arms open.

Stuff body and arms medium firm, slip arms into side seams and sew in securely -- thumbs up, please!

Pack neck firmly and sew top of head closed.



13" DOLL FOR ORPHANAGES IN AFRICA
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Paint or embroider face in any manner desired.
Be sure that doll has a big smile, as these are
to cheer little souls.

Paint shoes, if desired.

HAIR:

Snugly wrap yarn around metal knitting needle,
using masking tape to secure. Make several.
Pour boiling water over rod and then place in
a low oven for an hour or so to dry. When cool,
slide off of needle.



With thread to match, hand tack hair to head,
working from crown to hairline in a coil --
or working from hairline to crown, as you
prefer.



Advanced dollmakers may add ears, but they
aren't necessary.

Back

CLOTHING; - All clothes are sewn to the doll around the neck to
prevent undressing. Add laces and trims as desired.

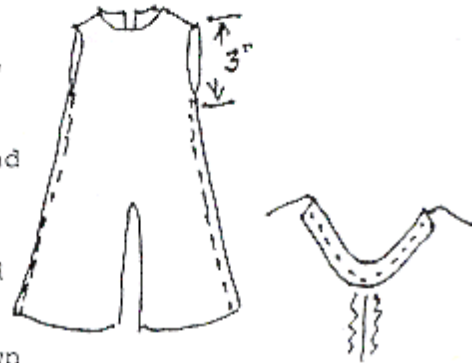
GIRL; - CHEMISE -

Place F to B and sew side seams, leaving a 3"
armhole opening.

Open out top, turn $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side around
armhole and leg and sew by hand or machine.

Place F to B again and sew shoulder seams and
inside leg seams.

Turn RSO and slip onto doll, neck opening down
the back. Hand turn in neck edge $\frac{1}{4}$ " and
gather and sew to neck of doll. Back slit may
also be closed, although it will be covered.



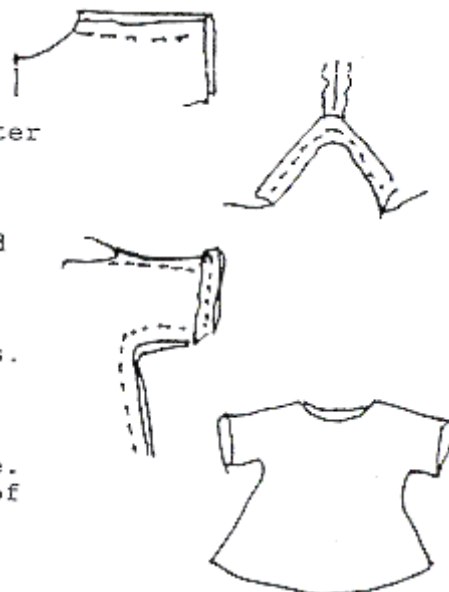
DRESS -

Place F to B, RST, sew shoulder seams and center B seam if it is open.

Open out top, turn $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side around sleeve and sew.

Place F to B again and sew underarm/side seams. Turn up hem $\frac{1}{4}$ " and sew.

Turn dress RSO and slip onto doll over Chemise. Hand turn in neck $\frac{1}{4}$ ", gather and sew to neck of doll. It's nice to see a bit of the chemise above the neck of the dress.



BOY; OVERALS -

The length of the sleeves will depend on how wide the material is -- long or short, and they may also be eliminated. Opening may be in the F or B and may be a seam instead of a fold.

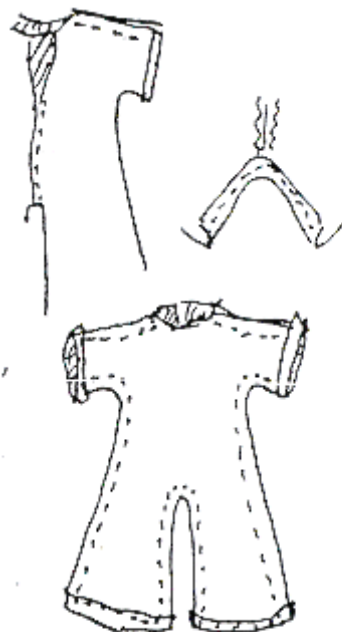
Place F to B, RST, Sew shoulder seams and center seam below opening if it is a seam.

Open out top, turn $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side around sleeves and sew.

Place F to B again and sew underarm/side seams. Open out legs and turn up $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem and sew.

Place F to B again and sew inside leg seams.

Turn RSO and slip onto doll--opening in the F or B, as desired. Hand turn under neck edge $\frac{1}{4}$ ", gather and sew to neck of doll.

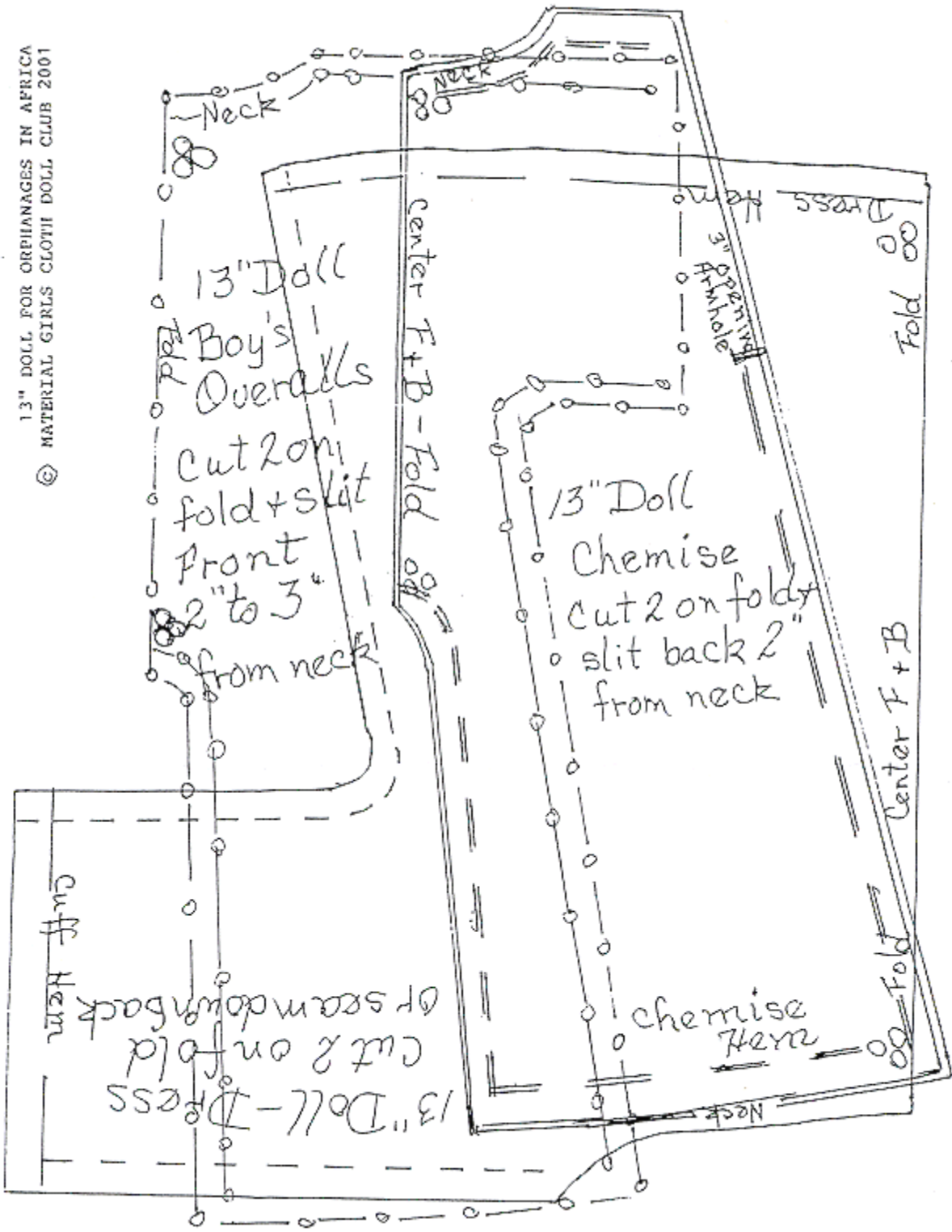


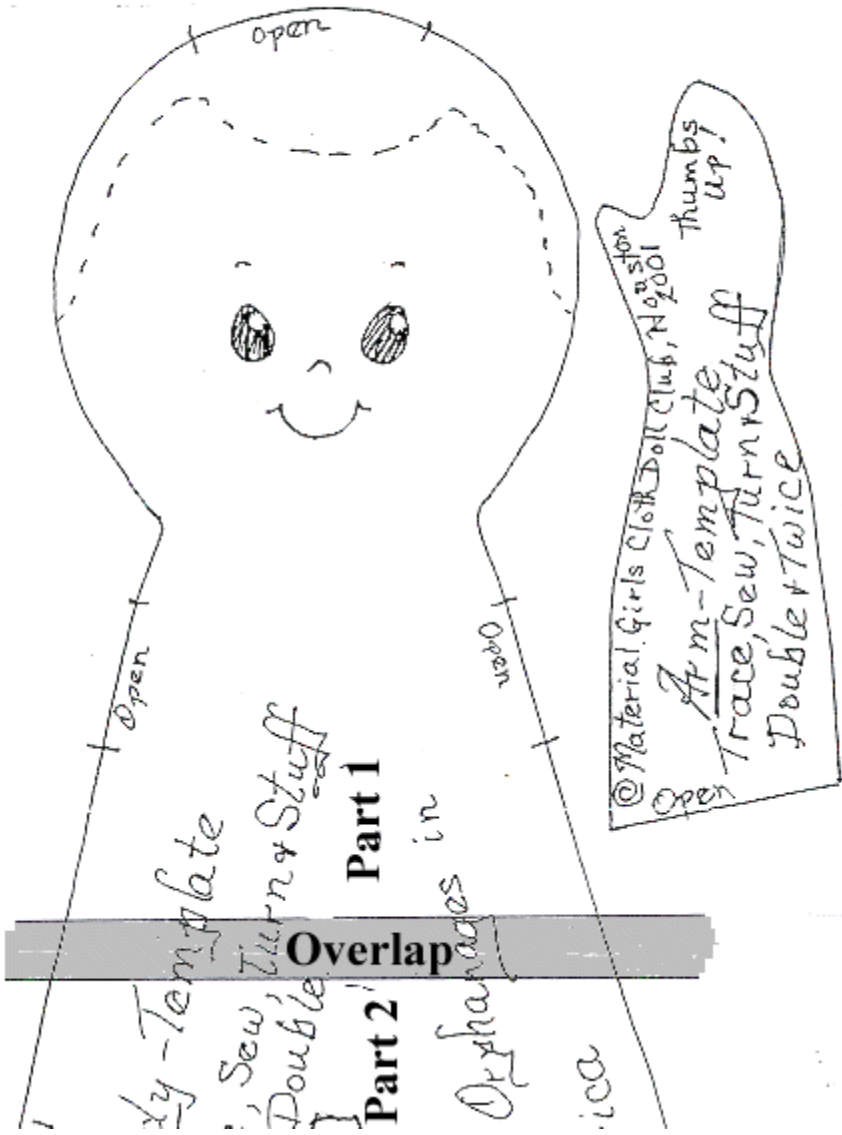
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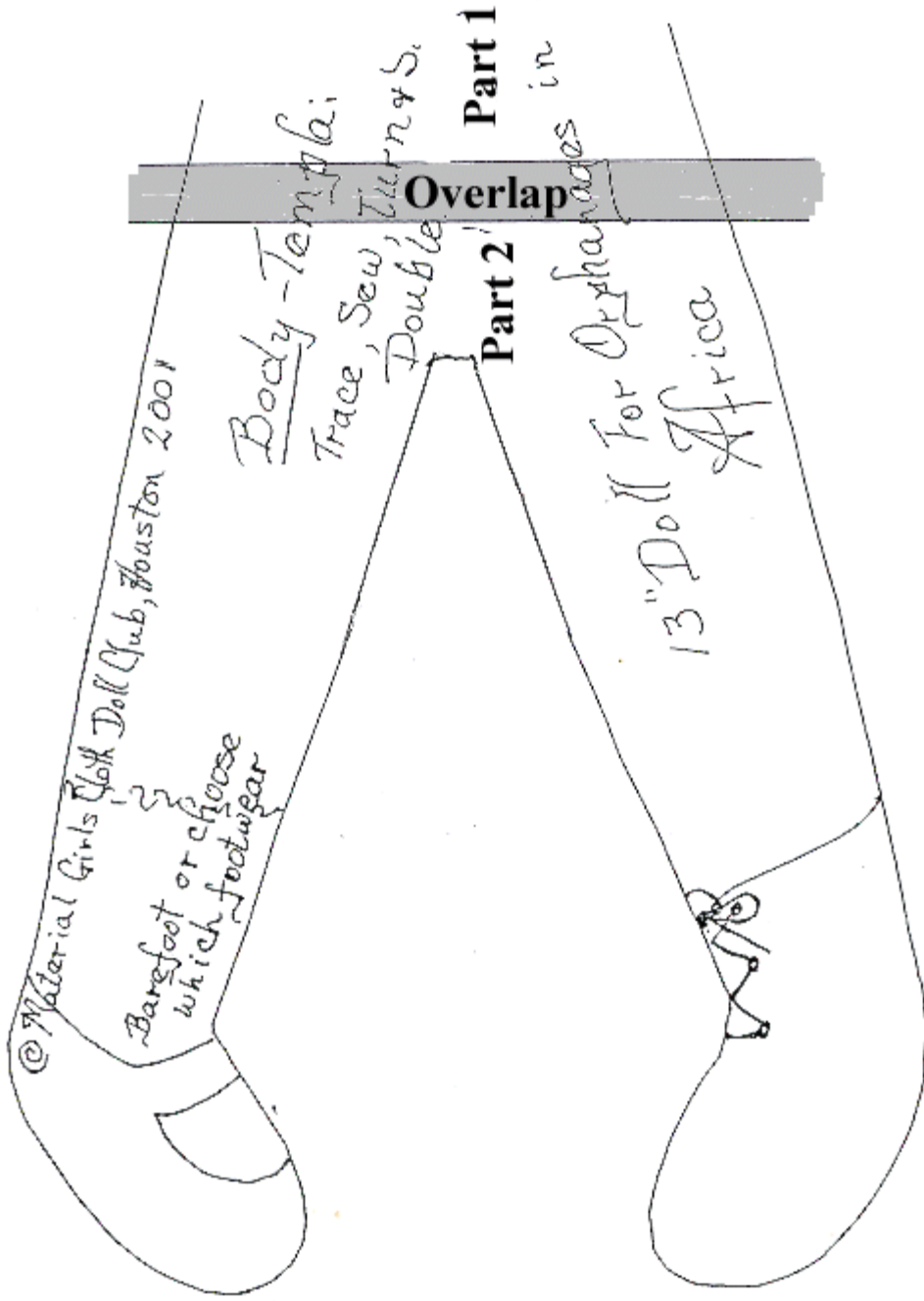
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Enjoy!
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Barefoot or choose
which footwear

Body - Template:

Trace, Sew, Turn &
Double

Part 1
Overlap

Part 2

in

13" Doll For Orphanages
in Africa