

The
CRAFTY HANDS
Collection

RAG DOLLS



INTRODUCTION

Making a doll for yourself or for someone you love is always a pleasure. Part of the enjoyment comes, of course, from choosing the materials, and deciding on the style and the decorations, but the most enjoyable and challenging part of creating a doll is giving it a character.

This book contains instructions for making a dozen soft dolls. They are all made from stockinette or fine jersey, and they are filled with polyester stuffing or kapok. Practically all of them are made in the same way; there is a simple pattern for the basic body (see pages 6–7), which is then dressed in different ways – as a fairy or a princess, as a footballer or even Superman.

You will find a doll to suit every occasion – an artist to give to a painter, a chef to give to a cook or a hitch-hiker for someone who is going on a journey. Alternatively, of course, you can dress your doll in whatever way you want.

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Note

All the grids are shown half-size.
1 square = 2cm/3/4in.

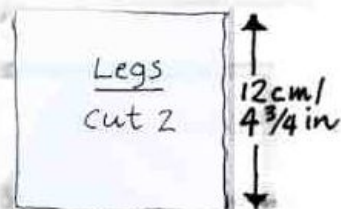
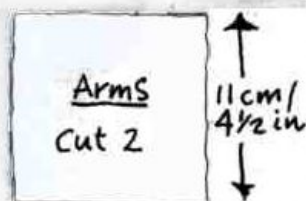
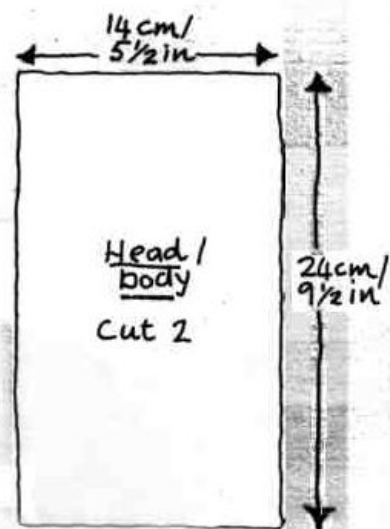
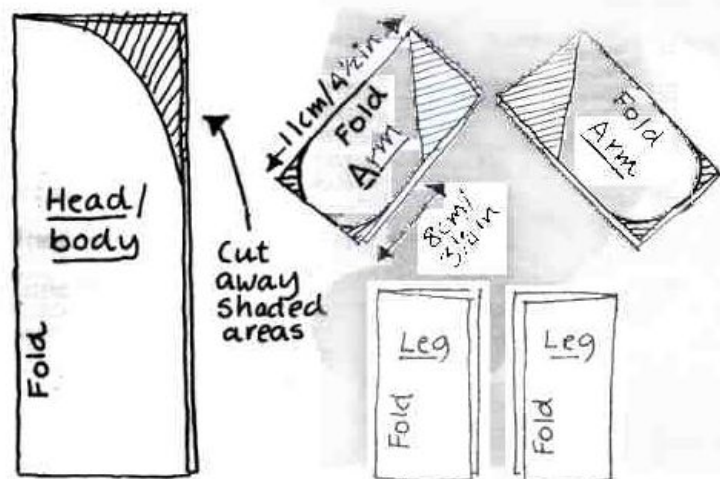


MAKING THE BODY

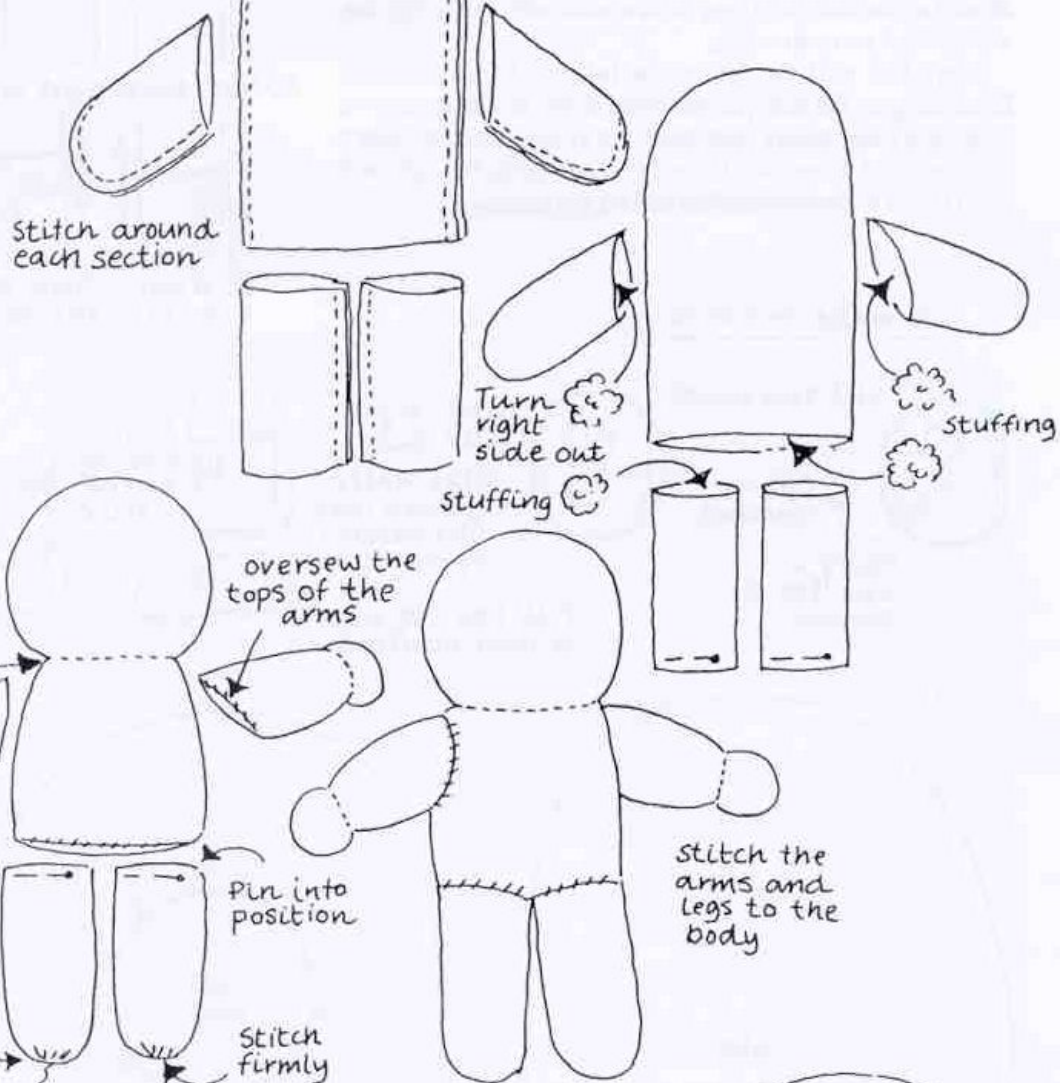
Almost all the dolls on the pages that follow are made in exactly the same way. Only the clothes and accessories vary from one doll to another.

The bodies are made from white or flesh-coloured jersey and are stuffed with polyester fibre or kapok. The instructions for the dolls made in a different way – Superman, the Pixie and Little Mischief – explain how the bodies are assembled. The bodies of all the other dolls are made as shown here.

For each doll you will need a piece of jersey about $51 \times 24\text{cm}/20 \times 9\frac{1}{2}\text{in}$. Each doll is made from five 'bags': one for the head and body, $24 \times 14\text{cm}/9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}\text{in}$; two for the arms, $11 \times 11\text{cm}/4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}\text{in}$; and two for the legs, $12 \times 12\text{cm}/4\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{4}\text{in}$. Seam allowances of $5\text{mm}/\frac{1}{4}\text{in}$ are included in all these dimensions.

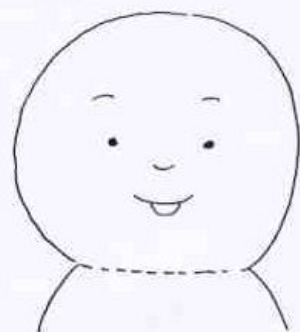


Assembling the body



THE FACE

Sketch in the main features with a very soft pencil, then embroider them with a single strand of embroidery thread. Use black cotton for the eyes, eyebrows and nose, and red cotton for the mouth. Don't make the eyes too large. To bring the face to life, use water-based crayons to add the faintest touch of pink to the cheeks and a hint of grey to the eyelids. If you like, dot a few freckles round the nose, and, as a final touch, embroider a tiny glint of white in each pupil.

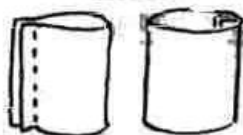


SHOES AND SOCKS

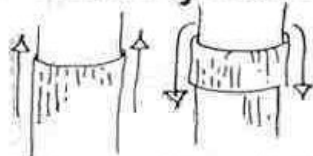
These instructions for making shoes and socks apply to almost all the dolls, and they can be easily adapted to suit the style of doll you are making.

Copy the outlines onto the fabric of your choice. Depending on the doll, you will need either four soles or two soles and two 'uppers'. Cut them out in pairs, adding a seam allowance of 5mm/1/4in. Unless you are using felt, you will need to cut V-shaped notches around the edges.

To make one sock



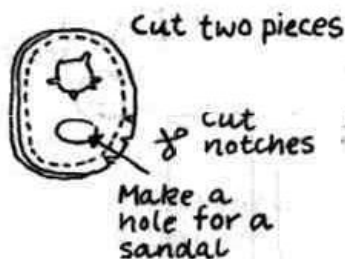
Stitch, turn right side out



Slip over the leg

Turn down the sock top

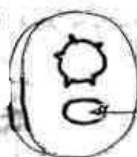
To make one shoe



Cut two pieces

cut notches

Make a hole for a sandal



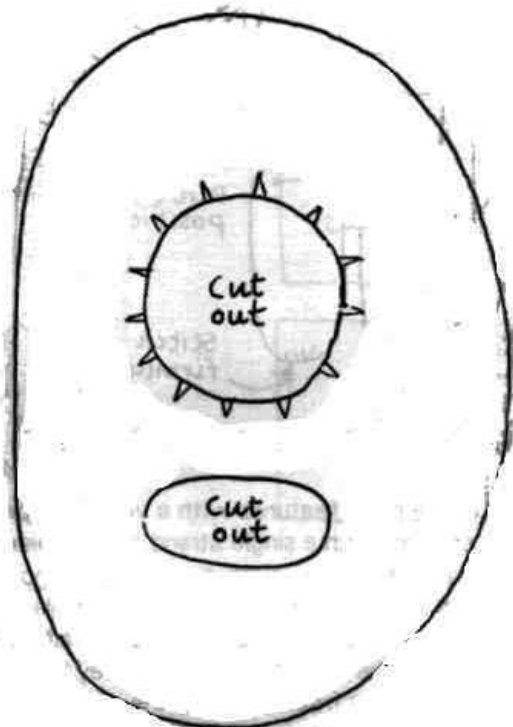
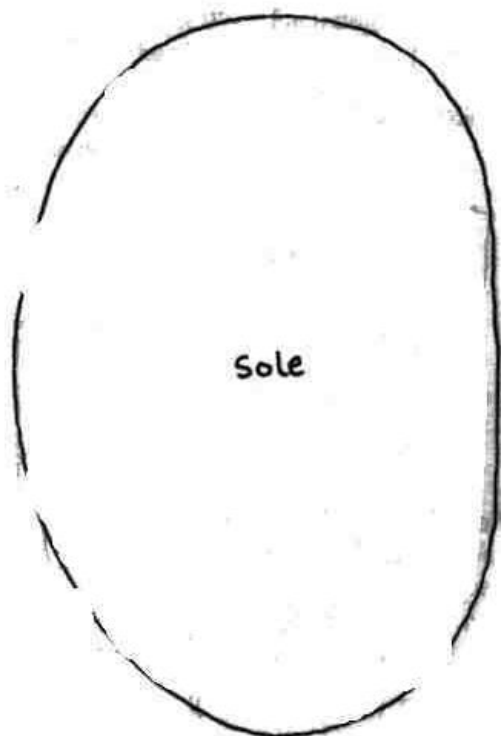
Turn right side out

Glue white jersey over the sandal opening

Fill the toe with a little stuffing



Stitch the leg to the shoe



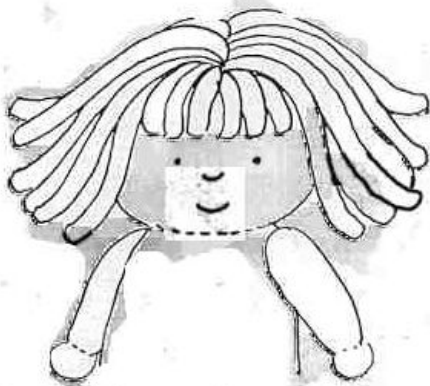
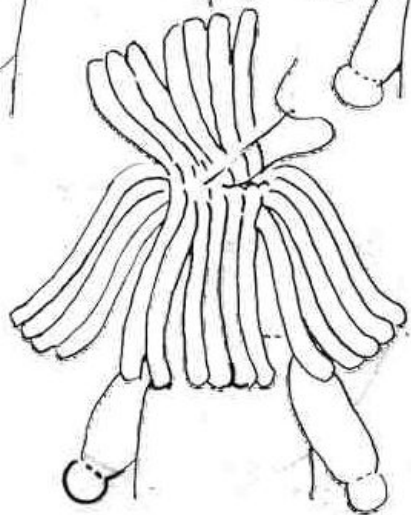
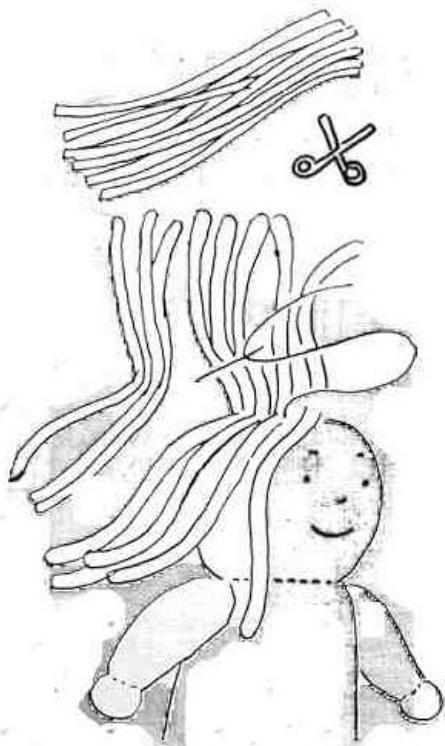


HAIR

You will need a surprising amount of wool – about a ball or a hank. Choose colours that are as close as possible to natural shades – black is too severe and straw yellow is better than lemon yellow. If you want your doll to have auburn hair, choose brick-red, which looks more subtle than scarlet. Of the dolls in this book, only the witch has got strangely coloured hair – green seemed appropriate.

For long hair you will need to cut pieces 40cm/16in long; for mid-length hair you will need pieces 30cm/12in long; and for short hair, cut pieces 25cm/10in long.

Stitch the lengths into position along a line that will form the parting. When the hair is in place, trim it to length, curl it, ruffle it, plait it – arrange it however you want.



BROTHER AND SISTER

Illustrated on page 13

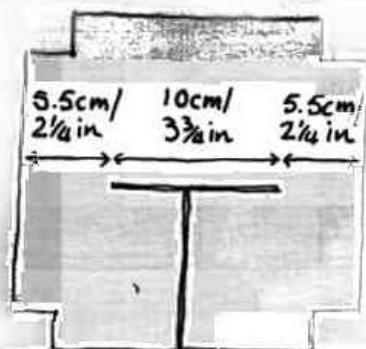
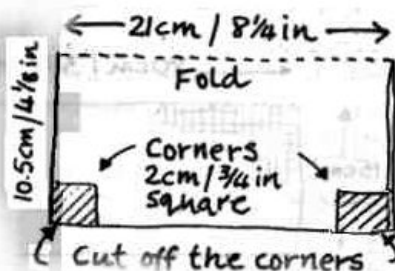
You will need

Tartan cotton: 2 pieces, each 21 x 21cm/8¼ x 8¼in (blouse/shirt); 2 pieces, each 45 x 3cm/17¾ x 1¼in (collar); 2 pieces, each 80 x 15cm/31½ x 6in (skirt/pants). **Red felt:** 22 x 22cm/8½ x 8½in (jacket). **Bias binding:** 1m/3ft. **Elastic.** **White jersey:** 2 pieces, each 14 x 6cm/5½ x 2½in (socks). **Black felt:** 4 pieces, each 9 x 7cm/3½ x 2¾in (shoes).

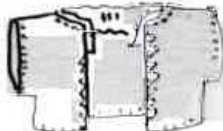
The girl's skipping rope is made from fine cord with wooden beads for the handles.

See page 8 for instructions on making the shoes and socks.

Blouse / shirt



cut an opening up the centre front and for the neck

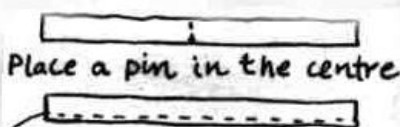


stitch collar around neck opening, easing to fit



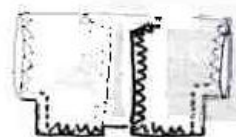
Turn back the collar
Close with a button & loop or 2 pieces of Velcro

Collar



Place a pin in the centre

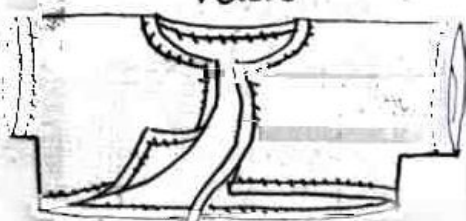
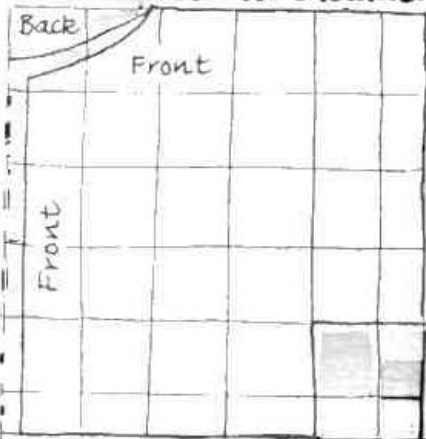
oversew 1 long edge
Run gathering stitches along the other



stitch underarm seams
oversew all raw edges

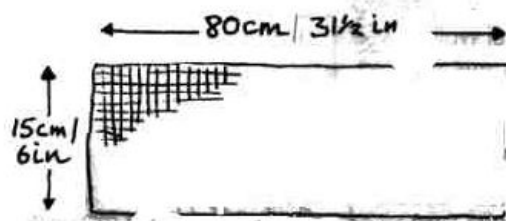
Jacket

Fold at shoulder

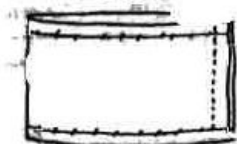


Stitch under the arms
Turn to right side
Stitch bias binding around all raw edges

The Skirt and the Pants



Skirt



Turn up a hem along the other long edge

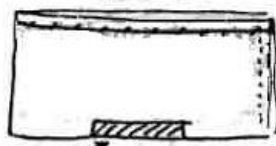


Thread elastic through the waistband
Turn to the right side



Turn down a hem along one of the long sides
Stitch together the two short sides

Pants



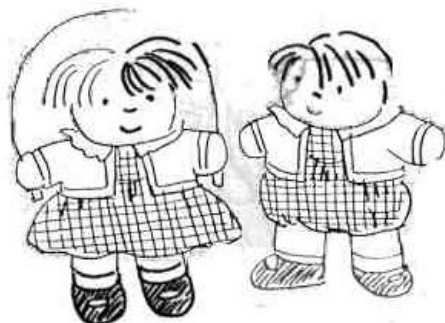
Cut out a little rectangle
(6 x 2cm / 2 1/2 x 3/4 in)



Stitch along the gusset
Turn up hems around both legs



Thread elastic through the top and leg hems
Turn to the right side





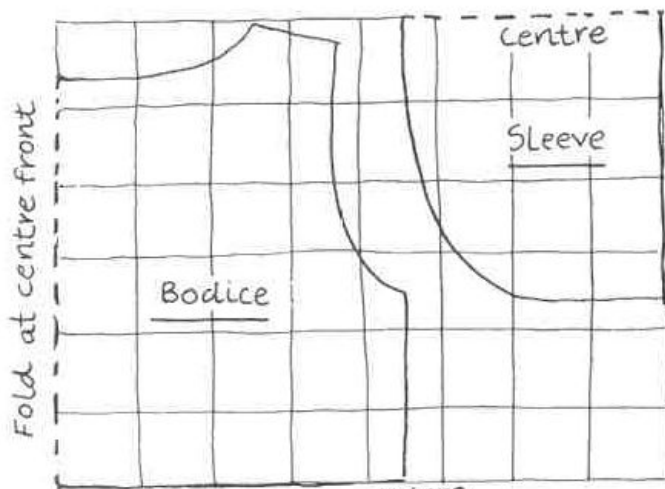
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Illustrated on page 16

You will need

Red and white striped jersey (legs). Red and white checked cotton: 2 pieces, each 34 x 28cm/13¼ x 11in (bodice); 2 pieces, each 16 x 8cm/6½ x 3¼in (sleeves). Red cotton: 110 x 13cm/43½ x 5¼in (skirt). Elastic: 22cm/8½in. Red taffeta: 2 pieces, each 20 x 14cm/8 x 5½in (hood); 1 piece 50 x 5cm/20 x 2in (collar). Yellow ribbon: about 50 x 6cm/20 x 2½in. White cotton: 10 x 8cm/3¾ x 3¼in (apron). White lace: 30cm/12in. Patterned braid: 60cm/24in. Yellow cotton: 4 pieces, each 8 x 6cm/3¼ x 2½in (shoes). Yellow felt: 2 pieces, each 4 x 2cm/1½ x ¾in (bows).

The Blouse

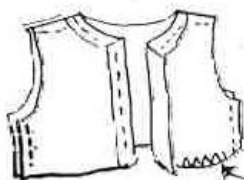


Legs

Make from red and white striped jersey

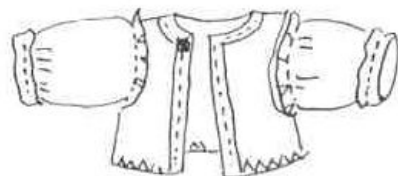
Shoes

4 identical pieces (see p.8) add a bow to each

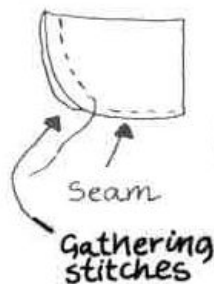


Oversew

Stitch the side and shoulder seams
Press down and hem neck and front opening
Oversew the bottom edge

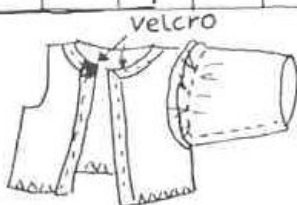


Turn up hems at the bottom of the sleeves
Thread elastic through the cuffs
Turn to the right side



Seam

Gathering stitches



Stitch in sleeve, easing to fit and clipping to seam

The Skirt

110cm / 43½in

13cm / 5¼in

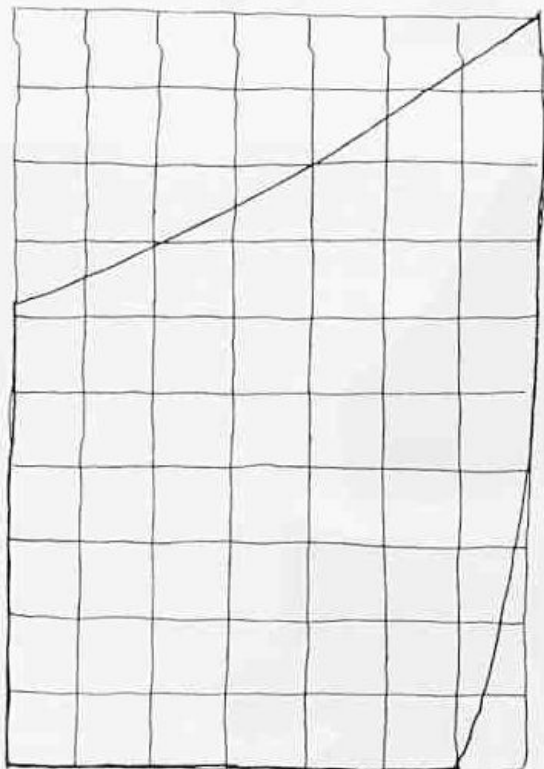


Turn up hems along both long edges
Join the two short sides



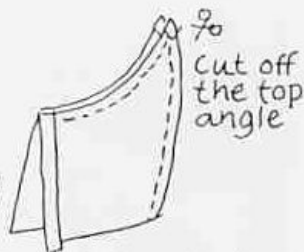
Thread elastic through the top hem
Turn to the right side

The Hood



Turn back the front edge by about 1cm / ½in

Stitch with right sides together



70°
Cut off the top angle



Turn to the right side

Make 2 darts each side of the back seam

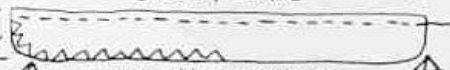
Make a dart at each side of the front



The Collar

50cm / 20in

5cm / 2in



Curve the corners
oversew edge gather other edge



Tie with ribbon



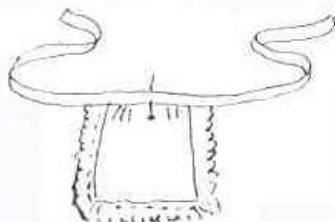
The apron



Stitch lace to
3 sides



Gather the top
edge



stitch braid
along top edge

The basket



Crochet 2
stitches



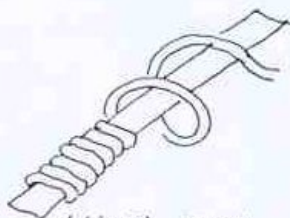
Work 6 stitches
into the first
stitch



Continue to work
in circles, making 2
stitches every 6
stitches



Fasten off
after 5-6 rows



wind wool
around a
piece of card
10 x 1 cm /
3 3/4 x 1/2 in



stitch handle
in place



THE FAIRY

Illustrated on page 19

You will need

Pink cotton: 1 piece 60 x 18cm/24 x 7in (skirt); 2 pieces, each 12 x 9cm/4³/₄ x 3¹/₂in (sleeves); 4 pieces, each 10 x 7cm/3³/₄ x 2³/₄in (shoes).

Pink net with silver spots: 1 piece 60 x 18cm/24 x 7in (stitched over skirt); 2 pieces, each 24 x 9cm/9¹/₂ x 3¹/₂in (oversleeves); 1 piece 20 x 2cm/8 x ³/₄in (headdress).

Blue cotton: 1 piece 75 x 5cm/30 x 2in (frill around skirt); 2 pieces, each 14 x 11cm/5¹/₂ x 4¹/₂in (bodice); 1 piece 22 x 15cm/8¹/₂ x 6in (headdress).

Blue net with silver spots: 1 piece 75 x 5cm/30 x 2in (stitched over skirt frill); 1 piece 45 x 3cm/17³/₄ x 1¹/₄in (ruff); 2 pieces, each 22 x 3cm/8¹/₂ x 1¹/₄in (frill around wrists); 1 piece 22 x 15cm/8¹/₂ x 6in (stitched over headdress).

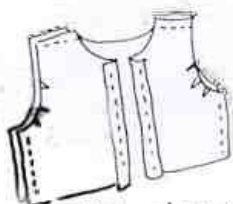
Silver braid: 1 piece 54cm/21¹/₄in (skirt); 2 pieces, each 12cm/4³/₄in (cuffs); 27cm/10¹/₂in (headdress).

Pink ribbon: 50cm/20in (belt). **Elastic.** **Lightweight card:** approximately 22 x 15cm/8¹/₂ x 6in. **Wooden dowel:** 15 x 0.5cm/6 x ¹/₄in. **Blue and pink tissue paper.** **Silver star.**

Cut out the bodice from the template on page 20



Stitch the shoulder and side seams

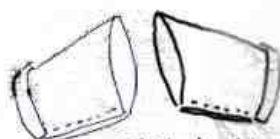


Turn down the back opening

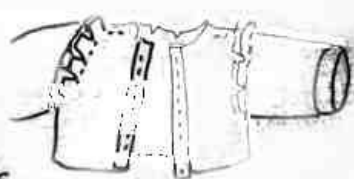
Run gathering stitches along one side of the ruff



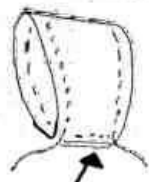
Gather the ruff and stitch it to the bodice



Stitch the sleeve seams



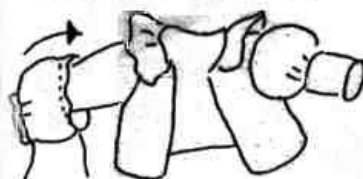
Turn up the cuffs



Stitch the short seam of net for the oversleeves
Gather along the other ends



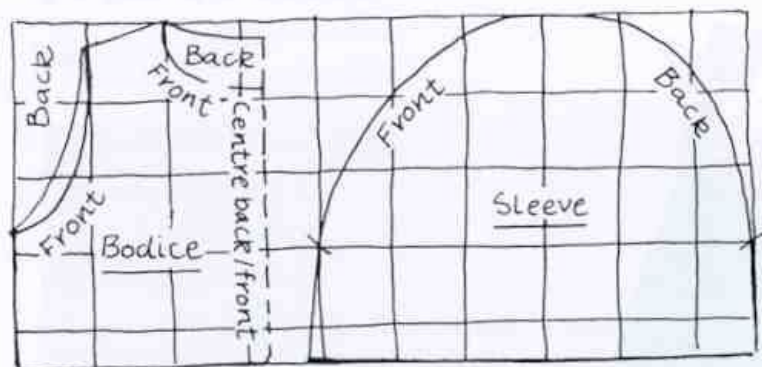
Turn to right
Gather the ends
Gather one side of the ruff.



Turn the bodice right side out
Slip on the oversleeves
Stitch into position



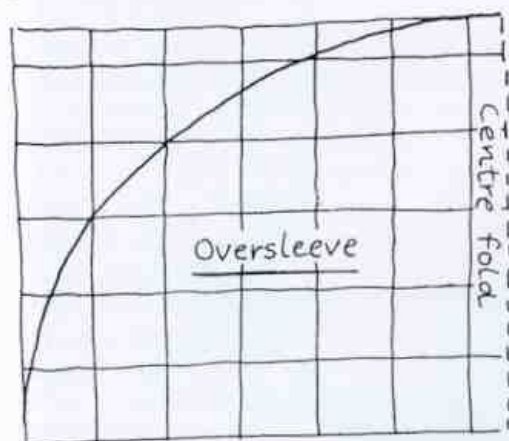
The Bodice



Gather along one long edge of each frill



Stitch the frills in place



Fasten the back with small pieces of Velcro or stitch it on to the body

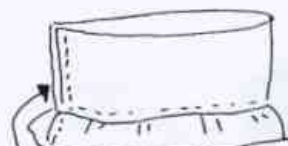
The Skirt



Run gathering stitches along one long edge of the frill



Stitch frill to skirt

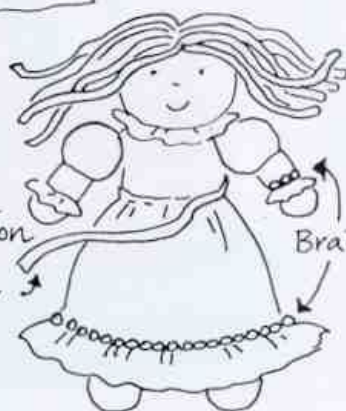


Stitch the side seam
Turn right side out

Turn down top seam and thread elastic through

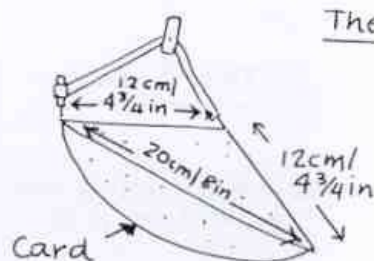


Fasten the ribbon at the back

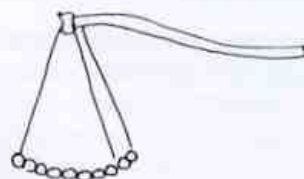


Braid

The Headdress



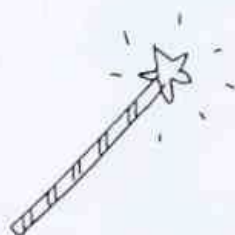
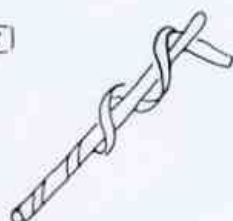
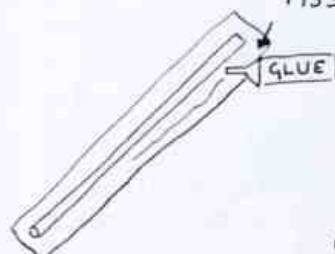
Glue braid around the bottom edge



Fasten pink net to the top

The Magic Wand

Tissue paper



THE PRINCESS

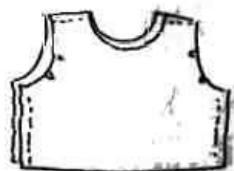
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The Bodice

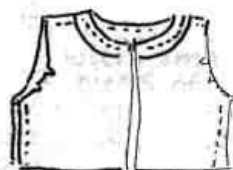
You will need

White and gold lamé: 1 piece 60 x 24cm/24 x 9½in (skirt); 1 piece 110 x 8cm/43½ x 3¼in (skirt frill). **Red lamé:** 1 piece 70 x 20cm/27½ x 8in (overskirt). **Silver lamé:** 2 pieces, each 14 x 10cm/5½ x 3¾in (bodice). **White lamé:** 2 pieces, each 20 x 17cm/8 x 6¾in (sleeves); 1 piece 40 x 8cm/16 x 3¼in (ruff). **Gold braid:** 110cm/43½in, plus sufficient to trim crown. **Lightweight card:** 27 x 8cm/10½ x 3¼in. **Silver paper:** 30 x 16cm/12 x 6½in. **Red ribbon (bows).** **Pearl beads and sequins (jewellery).**

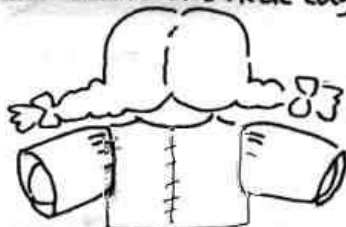
Cut out, using the template on p 24



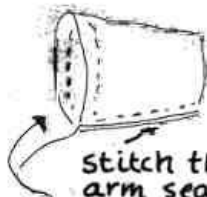
Stitch the shoulder and side seams



Cut open the centre back
Turn down the neck edge



Stitch the bodice onto the doll's body



Stitch the under-arm seam
Gather the top edge



Stitch sleeves in place, gathering to fit

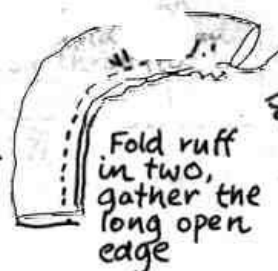


Turn back the cuff

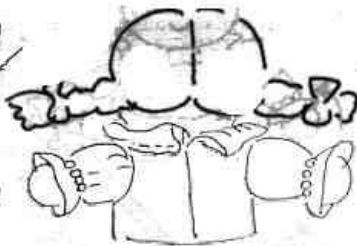


Gather the cuff around the wrist

Stitch braid over gathers



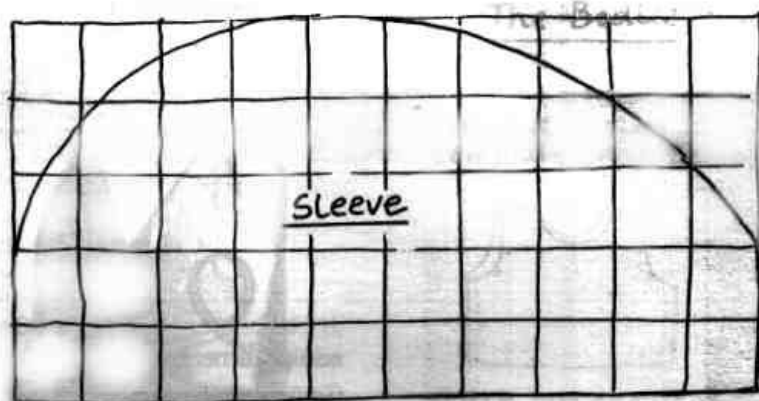
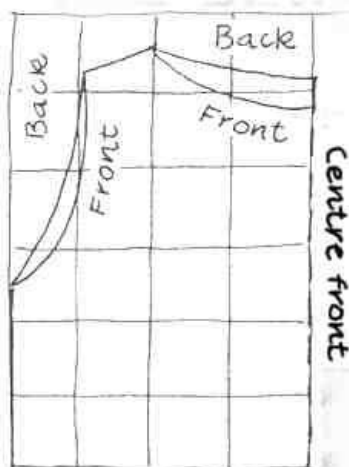
Fold ruff in two, gather the long open edge



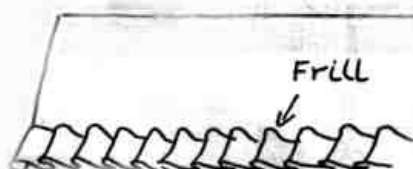
Stitch the gathered ruff in place around the doll's neck



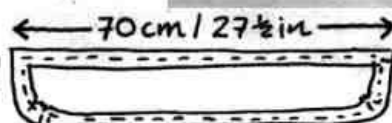
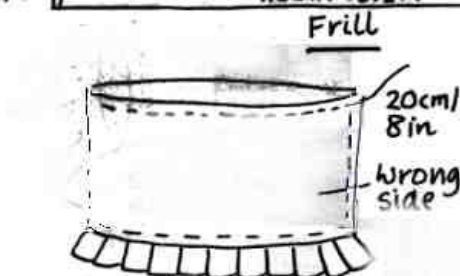
The Bodice



The Skirt



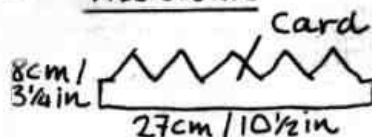
The Overskirt



Gather the top edge and sew to the top of the skirt

stitch the short seam
Gather the waist
Turn to the right side, slip on and stitch to the doll

The Crown



Glue silver paper to the card
staple the ends together

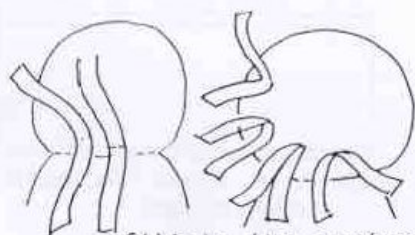
Jewellery



THE WITCH

Illustrated on page 27

The Hair

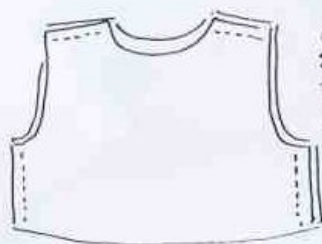
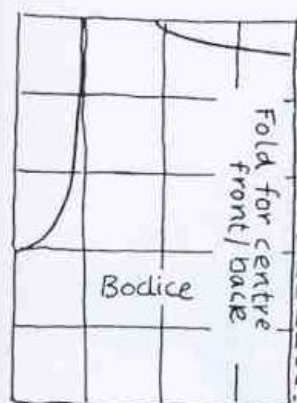


Stitch the centre of each strip of felt to the head

You will need

Grey and white striped jersey (legs). Green felt: cut into strips 20 x 1.5cm/8 x 1/2in (hair). Grey jersey: 2 pieces, each 26 x 24cm/10 1/4 x 9 1/2in (bodice); 2 pieces, each 24 x 16cm/9 1/2 x 6 1/4in (sleeves). Black and red spotted cotton: 70 x 17cm/27 1/2 x 6 3/4in (skirt). Blue jersey: 4 pieces, each 12 x 8cm/4 3/4 x 3 1/4in (shoes). Black jersey: 45 x 44cm/17 3/4 x 17in (cloak). Yellow felt (hat). Elastic: shirring and flat. Black ribbon (shoes). Black lace (hat).

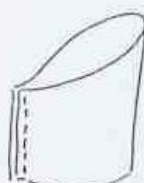
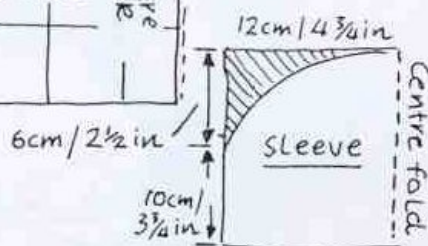
The Bodice



Make the shoes from 4 identical pieces (see p8)

Grey and white striped jersey for the legs

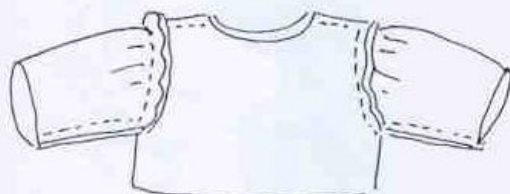
Stitch a black bow to the shoes



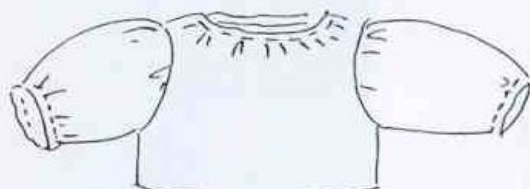
Stitch



Gather the top edge

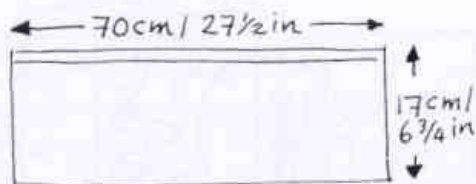


Stitch sleeves to bodice, easing gathers to fit



Stitch narrow hems at neck and cuffs with shirring elastic

The Skirt



Turn in hems on both long edges



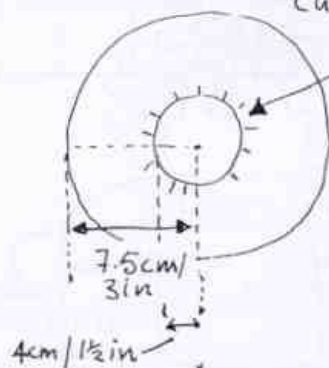
Stitch short seam



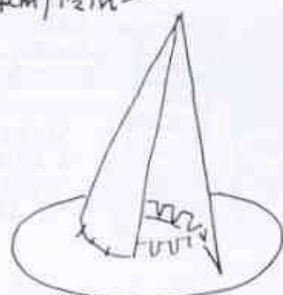
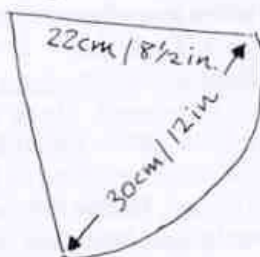
Thread elastic through the waist band. Turn to right side.

cut notches

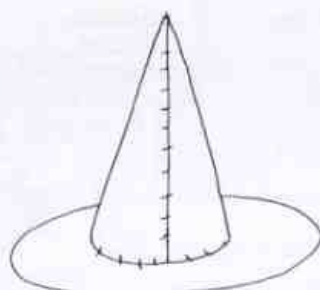
The Hat



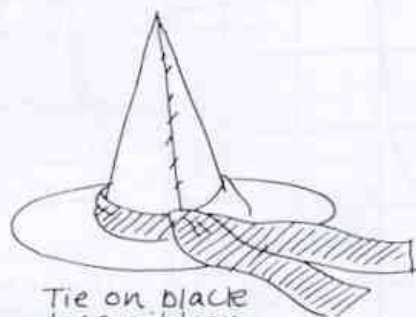
cut out a circle with a radius of 7.5cm / 3 in and another of 4cm / 1 1/2 in



stitch or glue top to brim

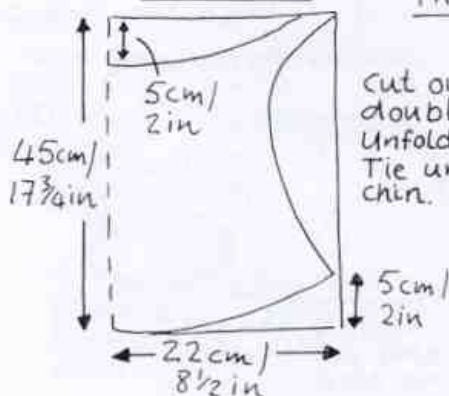


close the cone with tiny stitches



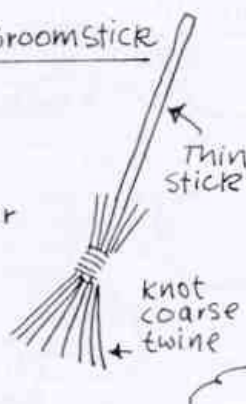
Tie on black lace ribbon

The cloak



The Broomstick

cut out double. Unfold. Tie under chin.





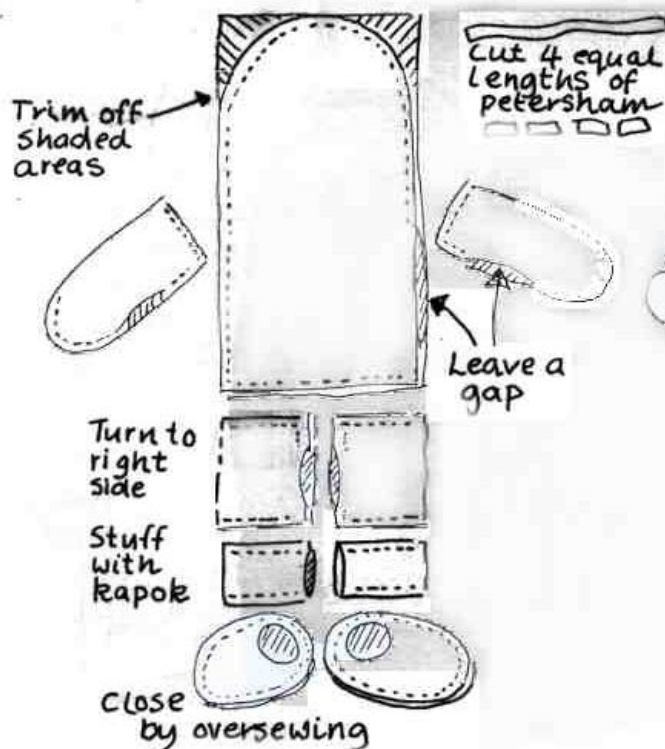
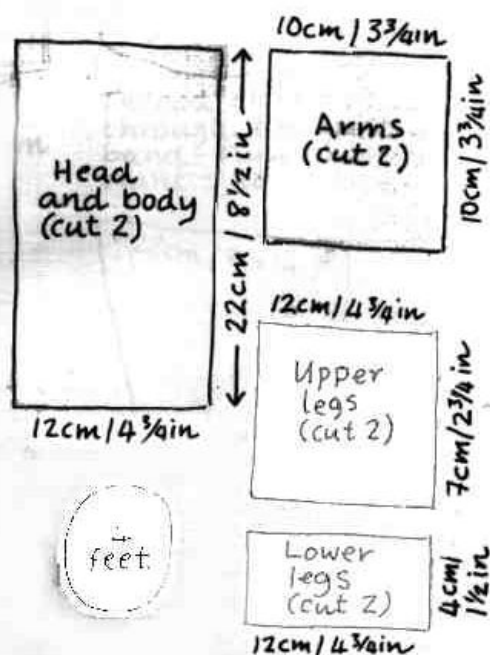
THE PIXIE

Illustrated on page 31

The Pixie's body is made in a different way from the bodies of the other dolls.

You will need

White jersey: 2 pieces, each $22 \times 12\text{cm} / 8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4}\text{in}$ (head and body); 2 pieces, each $10 \times 10\text{cm} / 3\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}\text{in}$ (arms); 2 pieces, each $12 \times 7\text{cm} / 4\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{4}\text{in}$ (upper legs); 2 pieces, each $12 \times 4\text{cm} / 4\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}\text{in}$ (lower legs). **Petersham:** $16 \times 2\text{cm} / 6\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}\text{in}$. **Blue and white/pink and white cotton:** 2 pieces, each $24 \times 17\text{cm} / 9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}\text{in}$ (trousers); 1 piece $25 \times 10\text{cm} / 10 \times 3\frac{3}{4}\text{in}$ (bodice); 2 pieces, each $14 \times 10\text{cm} / 5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}\text{in}$ (sleeves). **Blue/pink cotton:** 1 piece $42 \times 4\text{cm} / 16\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}\text{in}$ (ruff); 2 pieces, each $15 \times 2\text{cm} / 6 \times \frac{3}{4}\text{in}$ (cuff frills); 4 pieces, each $12 \times 8\text{cm} / 4\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4}\text{in}$ (shoes); 2 pieces, each $24 \times 15\text{cm} / 9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\text{in}$ (hat). **Elastic.**



The Bodice

Cover the chest with cotton fabric



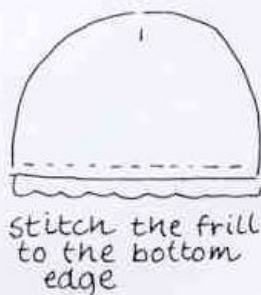
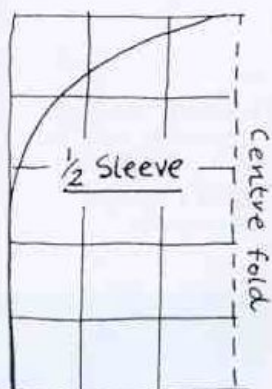
stitch the back seam to the doll's body

Run gathering stitches along the ruff



stitch the gathered ruff around the neck to the top of the bodice

The Sleeve



stitch the frill to the bottom edge



stitch the underarm seam

Turn to the right side



Run gathering stitches around the top edge



Gather the cuff, above the frill

Place the arm in the sleeve

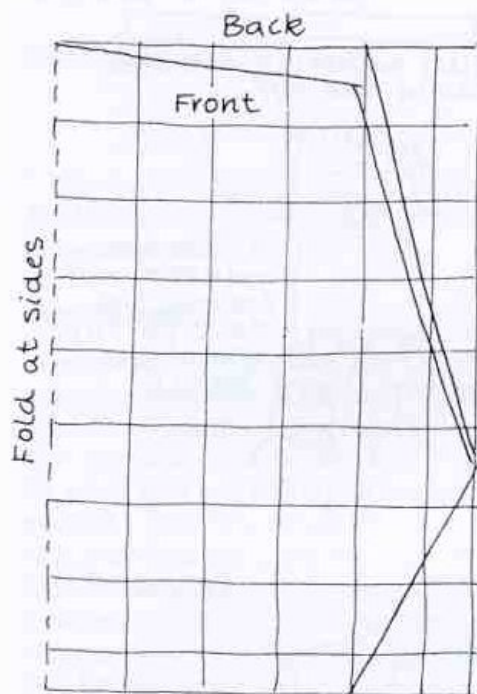


stitch sleeve to arm



Attach the sleeves directly to the doll's chest without stitching through the arms

The Trousers



stitch inside
leg seam



stitch front
and back
seams



Hem waist
and legs



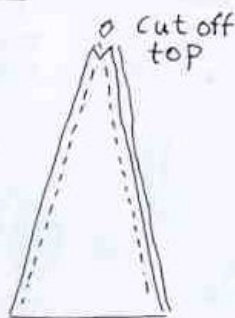
Thread elastic
through waist
and ankles
Turn right
side out

The Hat

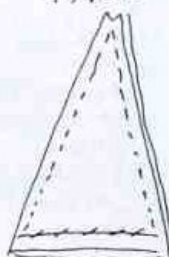


← 12cm /
4 3/4 in →

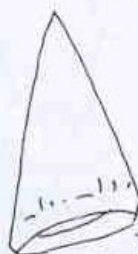
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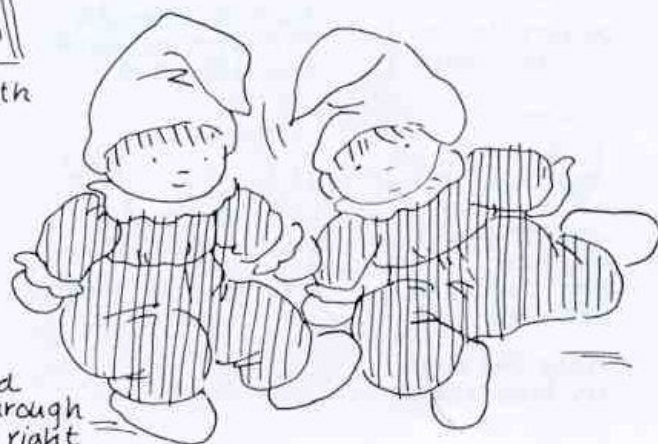
Stitch both
sides



Turn in a hem
of about 1cm / 1/2 in



Thread
elastic through
Turn to right
side





THE ARTIST

Illustrated on page 33

You will need

Grey jersey: 1 piece 20 x 19cm/8 x 7½in (trousers). **Yellow jersey:** 1 piece 25 x 14cm/10 x 5½in (jacket); 2 pieces, each 13 x 7cm/5¼ x 2¾in (socks). **Blue and yellow jersey:** 1 piece 22 x 12cm/8½ x 4¾in (T-shirt). **Blue felt (beret).** **Black felt:** 4 pieces, each 8 x 5cm/3¼ x 2in (shoes); 1 piece 15 x 7cm/6 x 2¾in (satchel). **Elastic.** **Black ribbon:** 28cm/11in (satchel strap). **Large button.** **Lightweight card:** 12 x 10cm/4¾ x 3¾in (portfolio). **Black tape** (portfolio ties).

The Beret

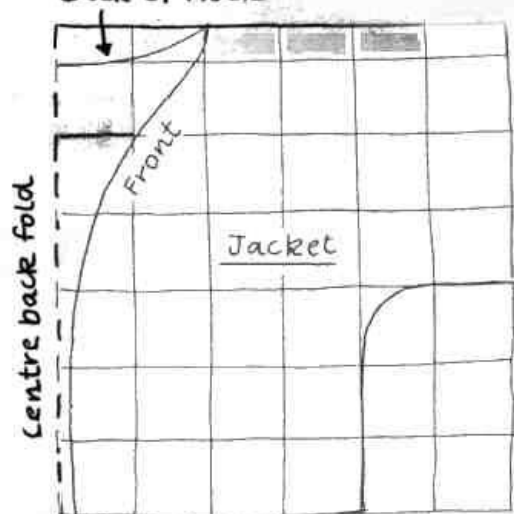


Hem the edge and thread elastic through



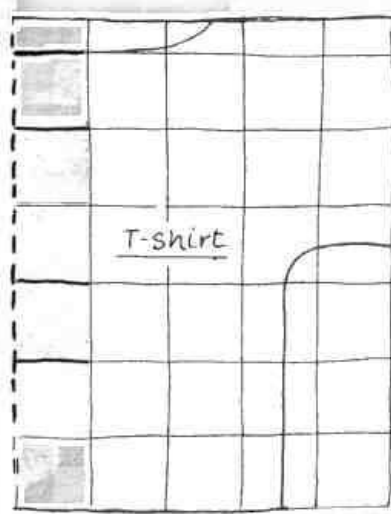
Try on for size before fastening off

Back of neck

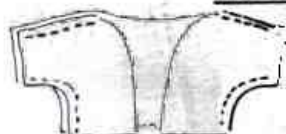


The Jacket

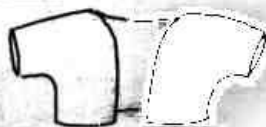
Fold at centre front and centre back



The T-shirt



stitch shoulder and underarm seams



Turn to right side



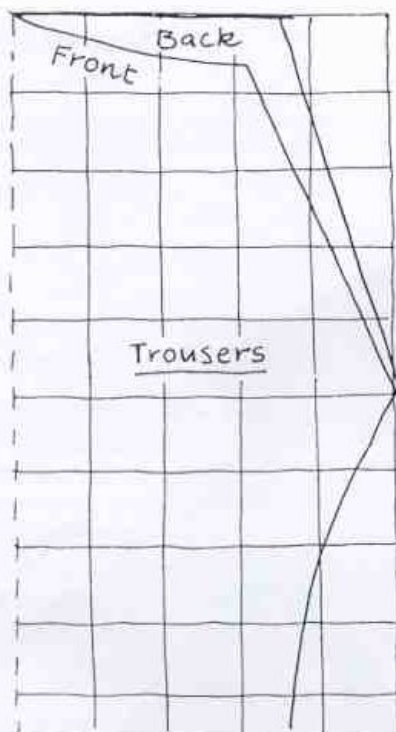
stitch shoulder and underarm seams



Turn to the right side



The Trousers



Stitch inside leg seams



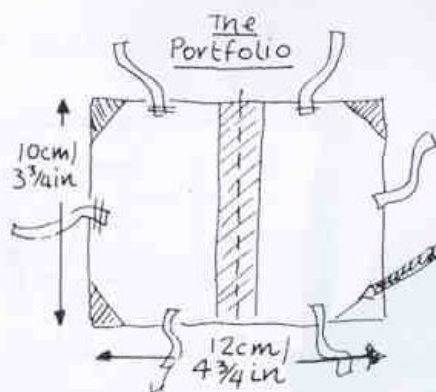
Stitch front and back seams



Run two parallel lines of stitches around waistline
Thread elastic through



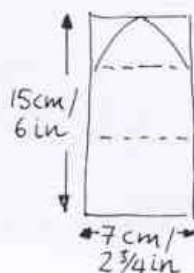
Turn to the right side. Turn up bottoms of the trouser legs once or twice



Fold the card in half
Colour the corners and a centre stripe in black
Decorate the rest in green and black

Stitch or glue tape in position

The Satchel



Fold and trim



Attach the strap

Cut a button-hole

Attach the button

Stitch sides together



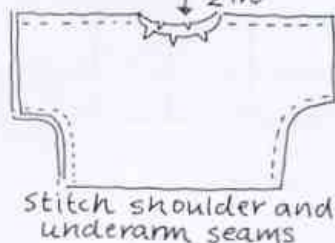
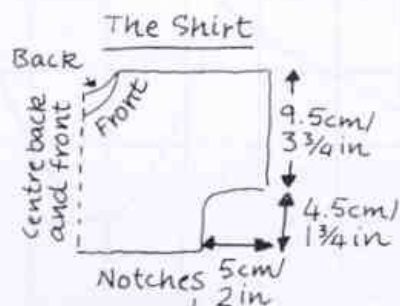
THE HITCH-HIKER

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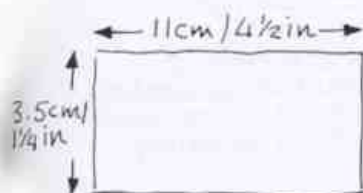
You will need

White and black check cotton: 2 pieces, each 30 x 16cm/12 x 6 1/2 in (shirt). **Denim:** 1 piece 20 x 19cm/8 x 7 1/2 in (trousers). **Red felt:** 1 piece 20 x 9cm/8 x 3 1/2 in (jacket); 1 piece, 15 x 8cm/6 x 3 1/4 in (cap). **Green felt:** 2 pieces, each 14 x 9cm/5 1/2 x 3 1/2 in (jacket); 2 pieces, each 9 x 7.5cm/3 1/2 x 3 in, plus a strip, 20cm/8 in (cap). **Blue jersey edging strip:** 60cm/24 in (jacket). **Yellow felt:** 2 pieces, each 22 x 2cm/8 1/2 x 3/4 in (jacket). **Blue felt:** 2 pieces, each 13 x 5cm/5 1/4 x 2 in (cap). **Card:** 9 x 7.5cm/3 1/2 x 3 in. **Yellow and black dotted cotton:** 1 piece 42 x 14cm/16 1/2 x 5 1/4 in (scarf). **Yellow cotton:** 1 piece 11 x 3.5cm/4 1/2 x 1 1/4 in; 2 pieces, each 22 x 4cm/8 1/2 x 1 1/2 in; 1 piece 25 x 5cm/10 x 2 in (knapsack). **White felt:** 4 pieces, each 8 x 5cm/3 1/4 x 2 in. **Red and blue bias binding or felt (trainers).** **Shirring elastic.**

The Trousers: Make them in the same way as for the Artist (P.34)



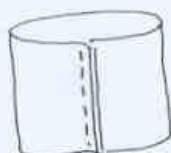
The Knapsack



Base



Turn down a hem around the flap

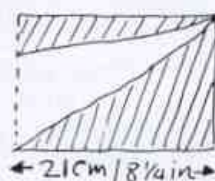


Stitch the short seam

Thread shirring elastic through the top hem



The Scarf



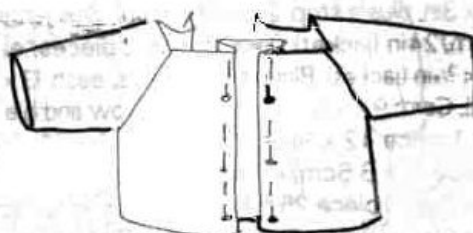
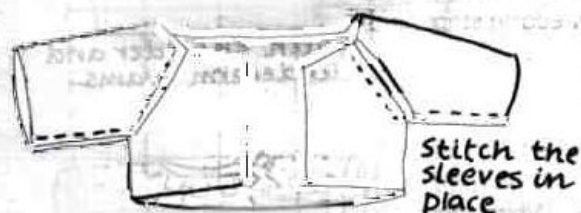
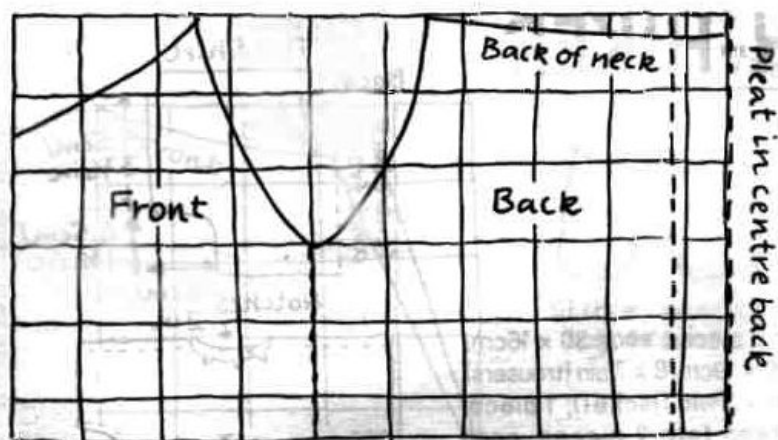
Cut out double. Hem. Knot in place

The Trainers

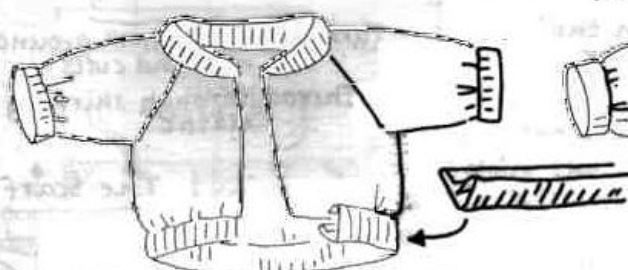


stitch on strips of felt or bias binding

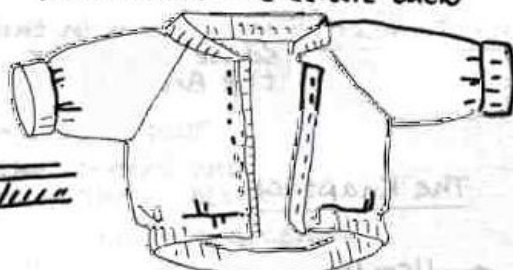
The Jacket



Turn to the right side. Pin a double pleat down the centre back

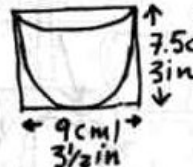
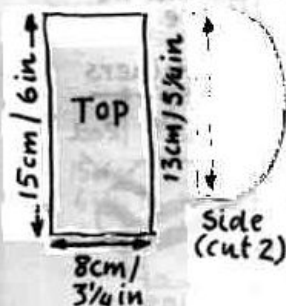


Fold edging strip in half.
Turn in raw edges
Oversew the edging in place
around the neck, cuffs
and waist



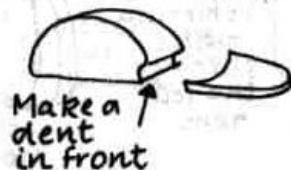
Make a false zip from 2
strips of yellow felt, decorated
with black felt-tip pen. Stitch
them down front openings

The Cap



The Peak

Cut 1 card
template and 2 from
green felt





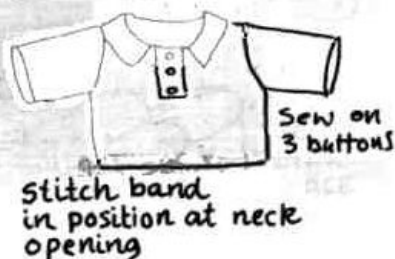
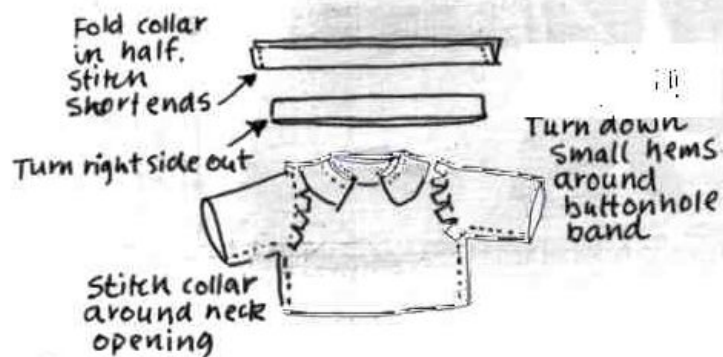
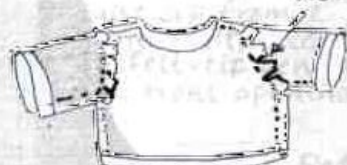
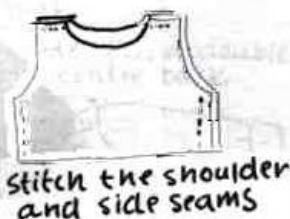
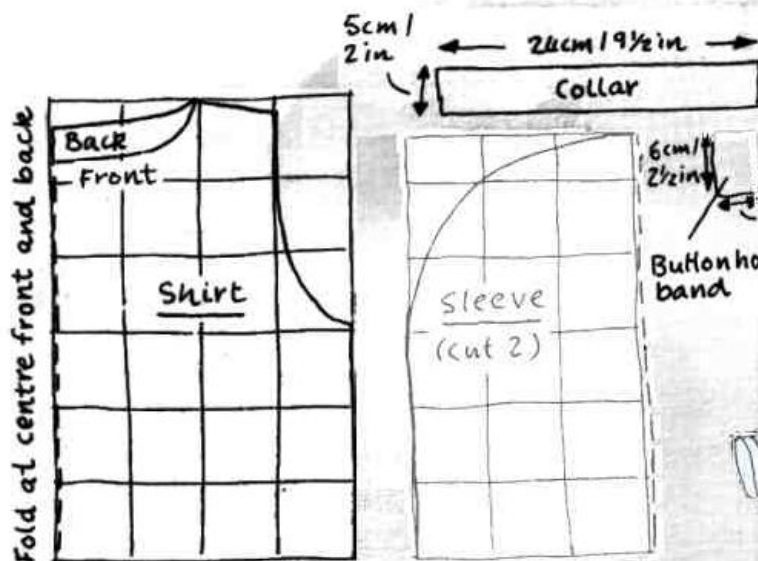
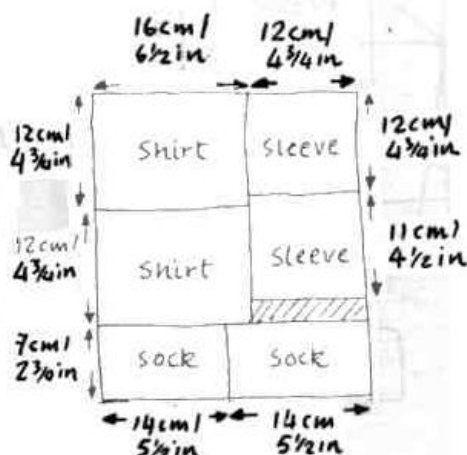
THE FOOTBALLER

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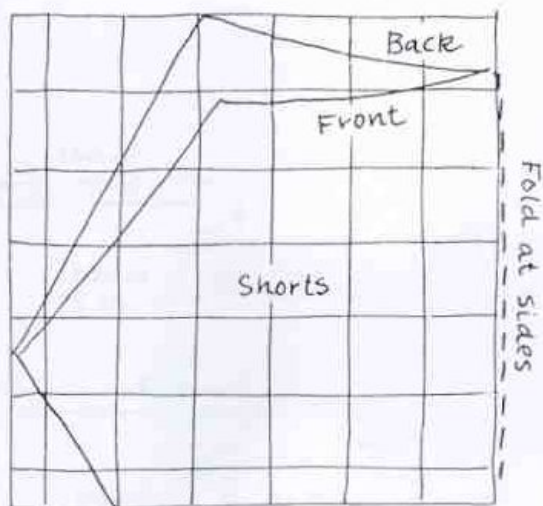
You will need

Red and green jersey: 1 piece 29 x 24cm/11½ x 9½in (shirt); 1 piece 28 x 7cm/11 x 2¾in (socks). **Red cotton:** 1 piece 24 x 5cm/9½ x 2in (collar); 1 piece 6 x 5cm/2½ x 2in (buttonhole band); 2 pieces, each 26 x 13cm/10¼ x 5½in (shorts). **Black felt:** 1 piece 30 x 11cm/12 x 4½in (boots). **3 small buttons.** Strips of felt or ribbon: 40cm/16in (laces). Small football.

Direction of stripes ←→

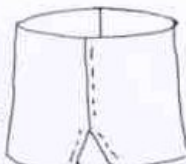


The Shorts



Stitch the inside leg seams

Stitch the front and back seams



Turn down hems at waist and bottom of legs

Thread elastic through the waistband

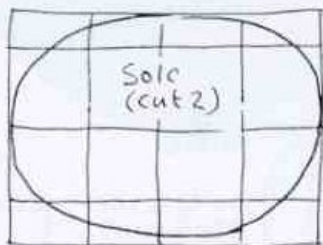
The Boots



Place the back crease on the centre of the sole



Stitch the upper around the edge of the sole



Stuff the feet



Stitch the front seams
Sew on strips of felt or ribbon



Before stitching the boots in place, stitch socks around the legs



The football is a small polystyrene ball, decorated with black felt-tip pen



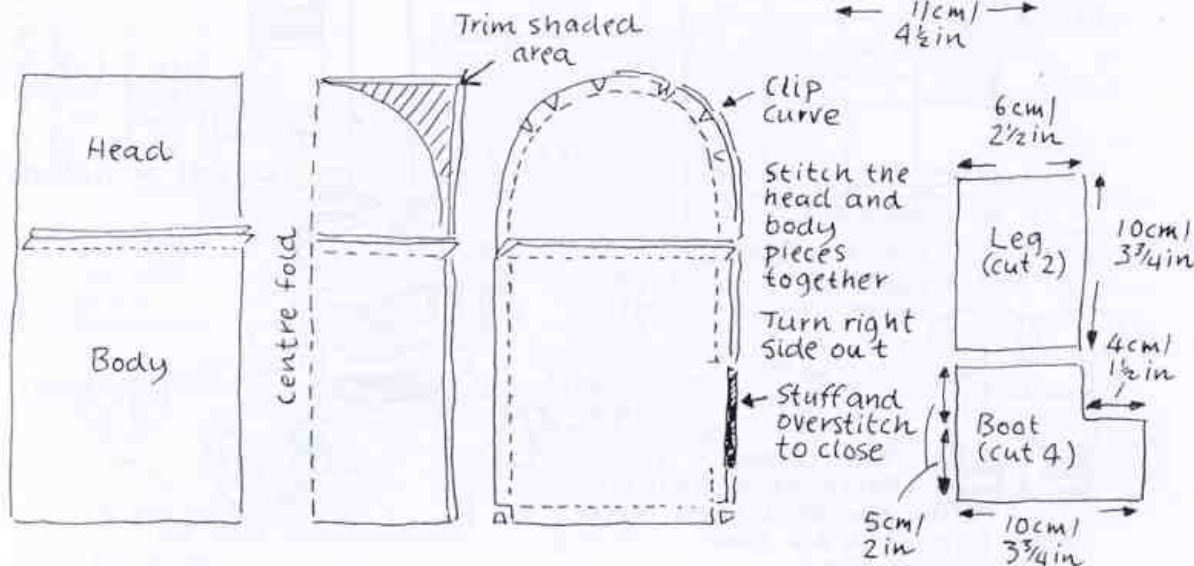
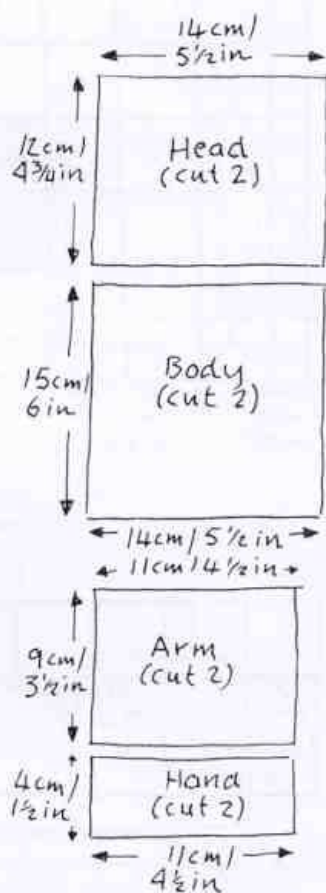
SUPERMAN

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The body of Superman is made in a different way from the bodies of the other dolls.

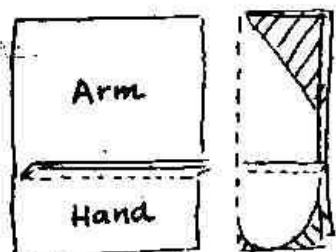
You will need

White jersey: 2 pieces, each 14 x 12cm/5½ x 4¾in (head); 2 pieces, each 11 x 4cm/4½ x 1½in (hands). **Red jersey:** 2 pieces, each 15 x 14cm/6 x 5½in (body); 4 pieces, each 10 x 6cm/3¾ x 2½in (legs). **Blue jersey:** 2 pieces, each 11 x 9cm/4½ x 3½in (arms); 2 pieces, each 14 x 7cm/5½ x 2¾in (shorts). **Silver lamé:** 4 pieces, each 10 x 10cm/3¾ x 3¾in (boots); 1 piece 38 x 38cm/15 x 15in (cape). **Yellow felt:** 1 piece 28 x 2cm/11 x ¾in (belt); 1 piece 5 x 5cm/2 x 2in (badge).





The Arms



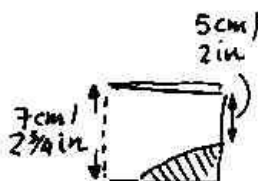
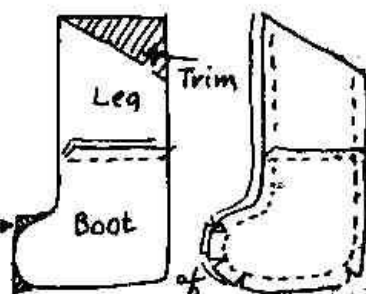
Fold in half.
Cut away shaded areas

Stitch around edge

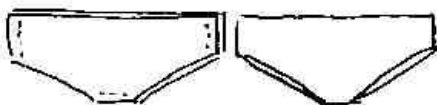
Turn to the right side

Stuff

The Legs

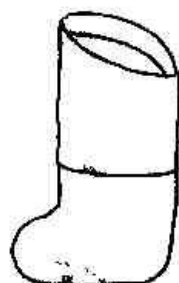


The Shorts



Stitch the side seams

Turn right side out

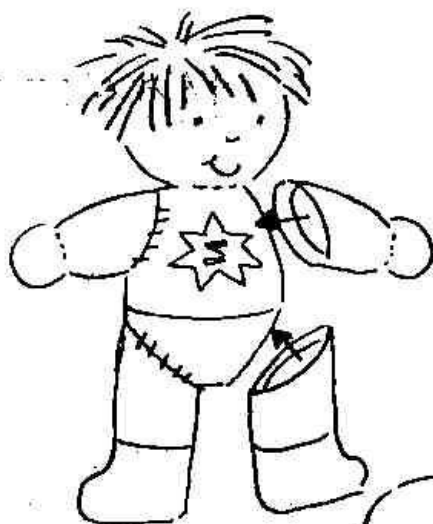
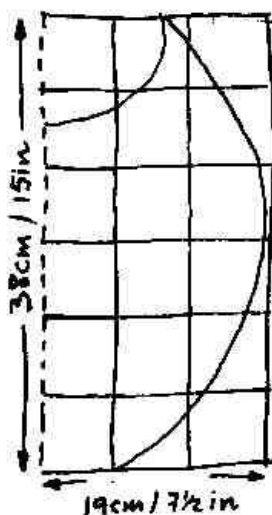


Turn to right sides

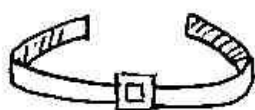
Stuff with kapok

Turn down a small hem around top

The Cape



The Belt



Stitch a strip of yellow felt around the waist. Add a card buckle covered with silver lamé.

Decorate felt badge and glue to chest

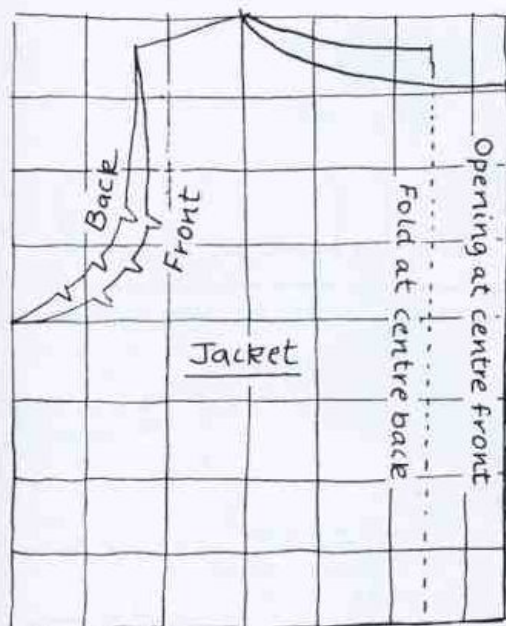


THE CHEF

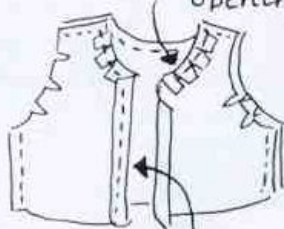
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You will need

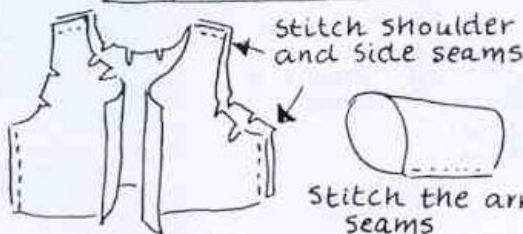
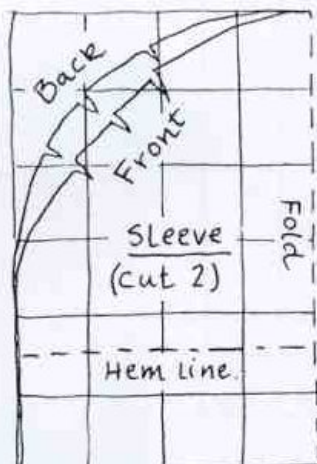
White cotton: 1 piece 45 x 30cm/17³/₄ x 12in (jacket); 1 piece 48 x 24cm/19 x 9¹/₂in (trousers); 1 piece 34 x 20cm/13¹/₄ x 8in (apron); 1 piece 32 x 14cm/12¹/₂ x 5¹/₂in and 1 circle 16cm/6¹/₂in in diameter (hat); 1 piece 48 x 20cm/19 x 8in (scarf). **White ribbon** (apron ties). **Elastic.**



Clip, turn down & stitch neck opening



Turn in one front side



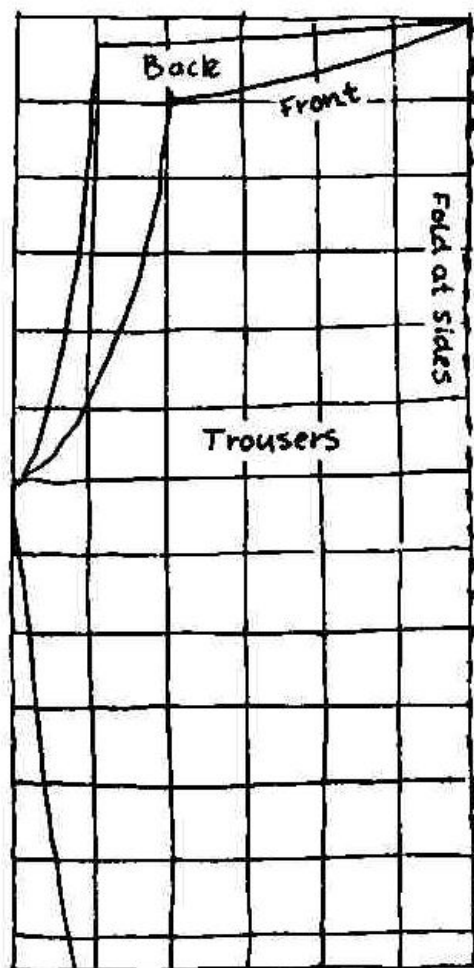
stitch shoulder and side seams

stitch the arm seams

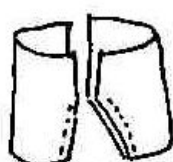


Oversew bottom edge and other front opening

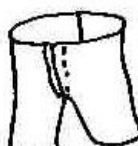
stitch the sleeves into place



The Trousers



Stitch the inside leg seam



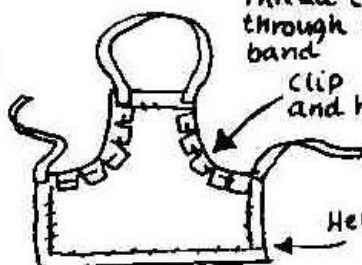
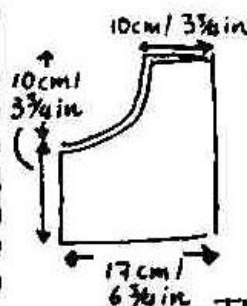
Stitch the front and back seams



Hem bottom of legs and waist

Thread elastic through waist-band

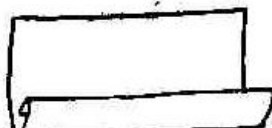
clip and hem



Add 3 ribbons

The Apron

The Hat

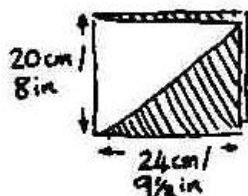


Turn up 3cm / 1 1/8 in along 1 edge



Stitch along 2 edges

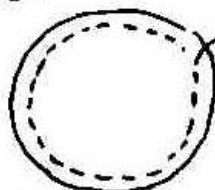
The Scarf



Cut the folded rectangle in two over stitch edges



Stitch the 2 short edges together



Gather round the circle

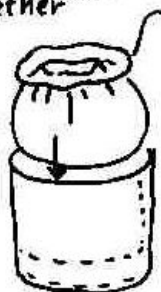


Pull

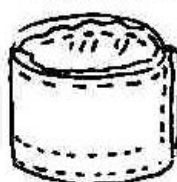
The Tart



- Salt dough: 1 part salt & 2 parts plain flour mixed with water
- Press into a metal tart tin. Top with balls of dough
- Bake and leave to cool before painting and varnishing



Place crown in the rim stitch around top edge



Turn to the right side and reinforce with light-weight card if necessary





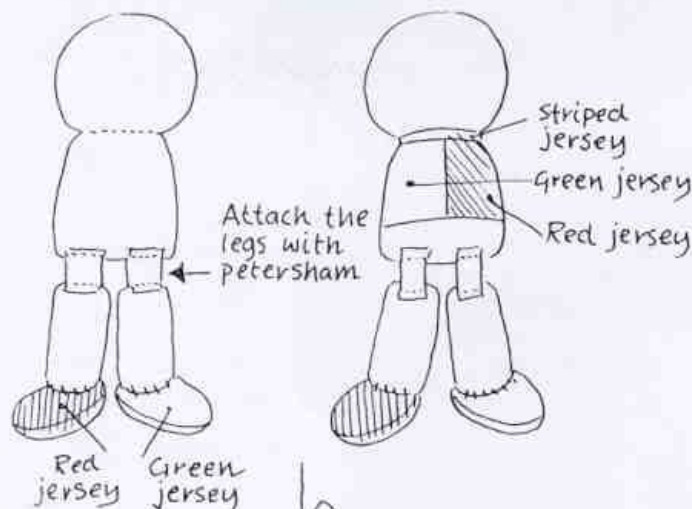
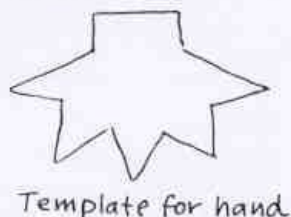
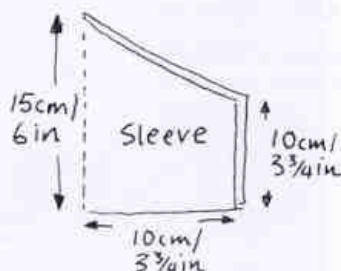
LITTLE MISCHIEF

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This doll's body is made in a different way from those of the other dolls. It also has two faces – one happy, one sad – and the hair is, therefore, attached not to the head but to the hat, so that you can choose which face you see.

You will need

Pale pink felt (hands). **Yellow jersey**: 1 piece 30 x 26cm/12 x 10 1/4 in (hat); 2 pieces, each 20 x 15cm/8 x 6 in (sleeves). **Red jersey**: 1 piece 19 x 8cm/7 1/2 x 3 1/4 in (top); 2 pieces, each 10 x 10cm/3 3/4 x 3 3/4 in (shoes). **Green jersey**: 1 piece 19 x 8cm/7 1/2 x 3 1/4 in (top); 2 pieces, each 10 x 10cm/3 3/4 x 3 3/4 in (shoes). **Red striped jersey**: 26 x 3cm/10 1/4 x 1 1/4 in (collar). **Green and white striped jersey**: 46 x 25cm/18 x 10 in (trousers). **Red and white striped jersey**: 46 x 25cm/18 x 10 in (trousers). **Petersham**. **Elastic**.



Gather the bottom of the sleeves. Insert the hands and stitch in place



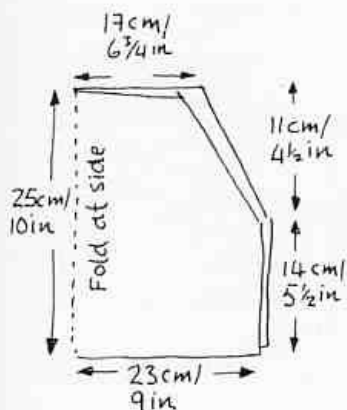
Place the arm in the sleeve. Gather the top of the sleeve



Stitch sleeves to sides of body. Leave arms free



The Trousers



striped
green &
white
jersey



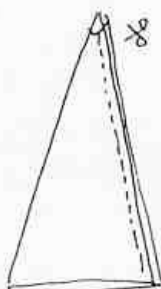
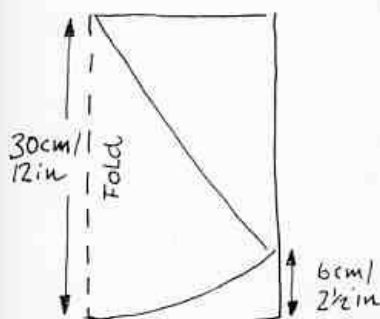
stitch the
inner leg
seams and
the front
and back
seams



Hem waist
& bottom of
legs

Thread elastic
through waist-
band. Turn
right side out

The Hat



Turn to the
right side



cut lengths of
wool and stitch
them to the
sides of the
hat

The Noses

Cut little
circles of
red jersey.
Gather and stuff
them. Stitch one
on each face



Embroider the mouth
and the eyes



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