



IMAGE 1

General Notes:

These instructions may show a different doll design than yours, but will work for all DIY Darling dolls of this type.

A seam allowance of around 3mm - 5mm has been allowed on all pieces.

Remember if the doll is meant for children under 3 years old there should be no small parts attached that could be removed and swallowed.

Step 1: Prepare

Cut out all pieces of the pattern carefully. Cutting as close as possible to the printed edge will make sewing easier. (Image 1). With a pencil mark a T on the back of the head piece in place as shown in Image 4.

Step 2: The Ears

Place front and back ear sections together, printed side together and sew along top two sides, leaving the bottom open.

Clip in toward the stitching around the corner of the ear (red lines in Image 2), then turn the ear out. Fold the middle bottom corner of the ear inwards and sew in place (bottom right example in Image 2) (Optional- you can leave the ears unfolded).

Step 2: The Head

Place the two ears on top of the face (Image 3) and then place the back of head on top, printed side down. Pin carefully and then sew around the entire edge (Image 4).

Cut a T shape in the back of the head where indicated by your T, be careful not to cut through to the face. Pinching the fabric between your fingers will help. With sharp scissors, clip in towards the stitching around the seam (Image 4). This will help stop the curve from puckering.

Turn the head out through the T cut (Image 5) and stuff firmly, particularly in the chin area.

Step 3: The Arms and Tail

Lay the alternate arm pieces together, printed sides in and pin them. Sew around edges leaving the top of the arms open.

Trim around the arms with pinking shears (Image 6). If you don't have pinking shears, trim excess fabric with normal scissors and clip in towards the stitches near the corners as with the head piece.

Turn the arms and stuff them about 1/2 full (Image 6).

Prepare the tail in the same way, and stuff to desired thickness, fat or floppy!

Step 4: The Body - Sewn In Arms (Strongest option)

Place the arms onto the front body piece and pin into place where they don't go across any seam edges (Image 8). Sew/tack in place as close to outer seam of body as possible.

Tip:

To turn thin pieces, squeeze and roll the fabric between your fingers until it puckers then push a thin paintbrush into the gap formed between the layers of fabric. Keep pushing and rolling the fabric until it turns all the way out.



IMAGE 2



IMAGE 3

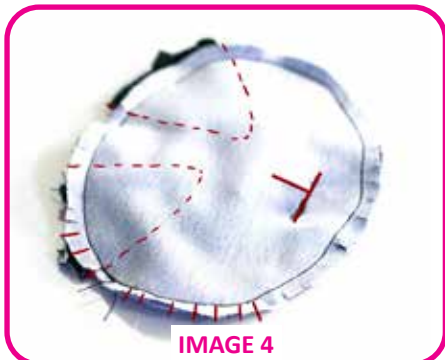


IMAGE 4



IMAGE 5



IMAGE 6



IMAGE 8





IMAGE 9



IMAGE 10



IMAGE 11



IMAGE 12



IMAGE 15



IMAGE 16



Lay the back body piece over the top, printed side down, and pin carefully. The arms will make it a bit tricky, but if you move each edge into place and pin it will be secure for sewing.

Sew around the body leaving the top of the neck open. (Image 9)

Using sharp scissors, clip in around any curves, particularly between the legs in the middle (Red lines in Image 9).

Turn the body out through the neck. Wiggle the arms around inside so the hands are pointing up, then push them up out the neck (Image 10). Then use the paintbrush to turn the feet and push them out after the arms.

Stuff the body firmly, particularly the neck area, then sew the neck closed. (Image 11)

Option 2- External Arms (Image 14)

Place body pieces printed side in, pin and sew around the body leaving the top of the neck open.

Using sharp scissors, clip in around any curves, particularly between the legs in the middle.

Turn and stuff the body firmly, particularly the neck. Sew the top of the neck closed (with machine is ok, it will be hidden).

Stuff arms close to full, then fold the hems in at the tops of the arms and hand sew the tops of the arms closed using a hidden ladder stitch.

Anchor a stitch on the underside of the arm and then sew the arm onto the body using the same method as used for attaching the head, using a ladder stitch to create a circle around the inside join between the shoulder and inner arm.

Step 5: Attaching the head

Push the neck up into the T cut in the back of the head and position into place, pushing the fabric flaps up into the hole for a neat edge. Wiggle it around until you are happy with the position (try it tilted to one side perhaps!) and then pin it in place. Use a hidden or ladder stitch to carefully sew around the neck line until the head is firmly attached. (Image 12)

Step 6: Adding on the Tail

Attaching the Tail

Snip a small slit into the back of the body. (Image 15)

Anchor a stitch to the very top of the tail then insert the tail into the hole.

Sew around the outside of the tail and hole using the ladder stitch, similar to method for attaching the head. (Image 16)

For extra sturdiness, sew around twice, until the tail is neatly secured.

You're all done! Hello Darling dolly! Enjoy this magical doll you made with your own hands! We'd love to see photos of your finished doll, please email them to info@fairiesandfantasy.com

Other ideas:

Why not put a rattle or bell inside while stuffing, or a crystal, heart, or other magical things? Or use some bean pellets for extra weight in the feet and hands? Embellish the outside of your doll with lace, buttons, glitter paint or even make some extra clothes!