

# IMAGE 2



### **General Notes:**

These instructions may show a different doll design than yours, but will work with your DIY Darling doll.

A seam allowance of around 3mm 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)

Don't cut in between the legs at this stage, to make sewing easier.

## Step 2: Sewing (Image 2)

Pair up the doll front and back pieces and place them together, printed sides facing in.

Pin and then sew around the edge, leaving an opening about a finger width wide.

With sharp scissors, clip in towards the stitching around the seam and between the legs (Image 2), being careful not to cut your stitches. This will help stop the curve from puckering.

### Step 3: Turn and Stuff

Turn the doll out through the opening (Image 3).

Use a thin old bristle brush to push small pieces of stuffing firmly into any small corners and points, then fill the rest of the body with stuffing.

### **Step 4: Close the Opening**

Use a hidden or ladder stitch to carefull sew up the hole and close the doll (Image 4). When the thread is pulled, theste stitches close up so they are nearly invisible.



## 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.



### You're all done! Hello Darling Dollies!

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 or other magical things? Or use some bean pellets for extra weight? Embellish the outside of your doll with lace, buttons, or glitter paint! Or sew a looped ribbon into the top of the dolls so they can hang like ornaments, and make a mobile from them.