#### **DIY DARLINGS DOLL PATTERNS INSTRUCTIONS - ATTACHING WINGS**



#### **General Notes:**

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

Please read the instructions all the way through before starting to familiarize yourself with the process and options.

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 the two wing pieces of the pattern carefully to the white edges. A seam allowance of 3-5mm is included within the painted area. Cutting close to the printed edge will make sewing easier (Image 1).

## Step 2: Cut an opening

Fold **one** wing piece in half, and snip a straight cut down the centre (Image 2). This will be used to turn the wings out through after sewing.

## Step 3: Sew and trim

Place both wing pieces together, coloured sides facing inwards. Sew around the entire outter border of the wings.

With sharp scissors, or pinking shears, clip in towards the stitching around the seam (Image 3), being careful not to cut your stitches. This is important especially around the curves. This will help keep the curve smooth. Turn the wings out.



If using a less rigid fabric, you may like to add some stuffing or wadding into the wings before attaching them.

Anchor a stitch into the middle of the doll's back, then run a ladder stitch (Image 7) down one side of the cut in the wings and the doll's back (Image 4).

When the ladder stitch is pulled tight, it becomes invisible (Image 5). Once one side is done, sew up the other side the same way until the wings are joined to the body.

## Step 5:

To give the wings some more shape, you can bunch the top wing up in the centre and run the needle through it (Image 6) then tighten, to gather the centre of the wings together. Anchor the thread firmly and trim off any excess thread.

# 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 selina@selinafenech.com

## IDEA!

Use snap-studs or hook-and-loop attached to the doll and wings to create detachable wings!



#### 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.













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