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# Introduction To Making Cloth Dolls



## Synopsis

"This guide to cloth doll-making demonstrates how to create exquisite and stylish dolls that make wonderful gifts or collectibles. A great way to use up scraps of material, the dolls portrayed in these projects are made using a wide variety of colorful fabrics.

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## Customer Reviews

Meet three 16- to 18-inch designer dolls with lineages similar to those of such couture wearables as Rodarte and the late Alexander McQueen's. No wonder, since their UK creator, Horrox, has extensive experience in textiles and fashion. Her training shows, first, in the explanation of materials, tools, and equipment, with careful listing of both required and not-so-necessary tools. General how-to instructions follow, emphasizing the actual crafting of two different types of hands and faces, well illustrated with color photographs. Tips, some helpful, some not-so, are scattered throughout in shaded boxes, ranging from a reminder to craft both right and left feet to the steps of sewing the ladder stitch. Then the dolls debut, each with a second variation. Meet Miranda, Anastasia (woodland nymph), and Titania (yes, the fairy), all delightfully posed and designed to brighten the living space or bedroom of anyone, of any age. Eight pages of templates are appended. --Barbara Jacobs

"This serves as a great introduction to this craft. The instructions are clear and well illustrated and cater to all abilities in terms of being able to pick and choose how complicated your designs are."  
www.workshopontheweb.com (March 2011)

LOVE this Doll book. Easy read, great fun and progressive. I have made it a habit to pick up books and work through them. My latest craze has been cloth dolls and I own about 10 books from different authors and this one is my favorite. From a basic pancake doll to a complex jointed doll, the author takes you through a progression of techniques and tips to create some really cool and expressive art dolls. If you need some good face building techniques, ( usually the most intimidating part) this is a good start. I was able to take a few basic steps and create doll heads/ faces that were very basic to sophisticated to just fun and funky. Cool Hair techniques that I was not expecting made me think, Hmmm- what could I do with that? A new wing technique( new to me) is a bit more complicated and time consuming but produces a professional result. Patterns in this book were easy to read, easy to sew and some what interchangeable. If you are looking for an introductory book into this craft- this was an awesome artistic experience. Highly recommended.

Absolutely amazing book! Wish like heck I could attach a photo of my first doll from this book. It has several doll patterns and really, you should make them in order as each teaches a new / different technique. Lots of great information, little tips and tricks. Here are a few I have learned from my experience: 1. save cereal boxes. When you trace out your pattern pieces on tissue you can use a glue stick to mount them on the cardboard from the cereal boxes and not have to actually pay for poster board. More money to spend on fabric and hair and goodies. 2. This little darling [[http://www..com/gp/product/B00DV913JO/ref=oh\\_details\\_o03\\_s00\\_i01?ie=UTF8&psc=1](http://www..com/gp/product/B00DV913JO/ref=oh_details_o03_s00_i01?ie=UTF8&psc=1)] works great to fill with the fray check to get into the tight spaces in the hands and corners of the seam allowances you leave. 3. When you move on to trying to make more realistic dolls or character dolls, be very careful what type of hair you order. If you are order natural fiber such as mohair or angora, be sure it has been carded and you are ordering lengths of roving. My first doll I ordered hair and wasn't watching and totally missed the description. It was not carded and although washed and dyed nicely, it still had little bits and pieces of stray and "stuff" in it. Good hair costs so be aware and shop around. 4. Find a clear pressure foot for you sewing machine! it will save you tons in pain killers for the head ach you will have if you don't. I started out with a metal pressure foot and you just can't track the sewing line well enough. With a clear pressure foot and a lighter than usual pressure you should be able to track the stitch lines with no problem at all. Now, as to why I say this is great for a seamstress with a bit of experience... I have a niece that has absolutely no sewing experience at all. She saw the first doll and loved it and wanted me to teach her to make one for her little sister. I purchased another book of more basic dolls for her to start with and will be helping her make some

simple projects first. Do not think that you can go out and just purchase a sewing machine, fabric and the book and just whip out a doll. It's just not going to happen and you will be bent and disappointed in the extreme. Practice a bit first with more basic projects / dolls first and then graduate up to something more detailed. :)

This was my first book on how to make dolls. This book has inspired me to make many dolls I just have to work up the courage to make the doll in the book. The book has full illustrations and a CD that walks you through the steps slowly. There are also videos on line to help you out.

I'm a closet artist who has recently been inspired to share my gift with the world. Jan Horrox's book is the best combination of written and visual instruction on creating cloth dolls that I have seen. I've purchased other books for double the price and still had far too many questions. I love the Marcella Welch Nubian Dancer collection of fabric dolls (I have two encased beautifully in large acrylic boxes). So, I'm thrilled to have the guidance from Jan Horrox to create my own line of dolls inspired by great dance visionaries like Martha Graham, Alvin Ailey, Kathrine Dunham, Anna Halprin, Gabrielle Roth and others. This is coming together in a way that feels perfectly Divine... Thanks Jan!

Great photos, easy to read instruction. I am a former bear artist but struggle with sewing clothing like shirts with cuffs - something I find complicated because the instructions are so confusing. This book has very clear instructions supported by photos so I feel any beginner could take this book and make wonderful dolls. I am very happy to have this book!

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Fascinating book for anyone interested in unusual doll making. Easy to follow. Great inspiration.

Love this book. Easy pictures step by step instructions. Very clear and easy to understand.

Fabulous

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