

The Pincushion Girls

8" Pincushion Doll

From *Fanciful Cloth Dolls* by Terese Cato



Class Description

Create a pincushion with character and attitude! The pincushion the doll is holding and her hat can be made to fit any theme you choose. The project may be attached to a wood base or small papier mache box that can be used to store needles and pins.

- All sewing skill levels will enjoy creating this doll.
- Learn the technique of trace-sew-cut, and needle felting.
- Each student will complete an 8" pincushion doll
- Everyone will enjoy personalizing a pincushion.

Class Length

- This can be an all-day workshop or two classes lasting 2 to 3 hours each. The first class would be the construction of the doll body (including head and face) and the second class would be dressing and embellishing the doll.
- Everyone will work at a different pace. Allow enough time between the two classes so students may complete all steps (as homework if needed) and everyone will begin the second class together.

Class Supplies

- Required text: *Fanciful Cloth Dolls* (Chapter 3 page 38)
- Each student may use the material list on page 41 and make their own individual color choices.
- Fabric and trims required for the project are small amounts. Sewers and quilters with a fabric stash may have many of these items at home.
- Some items come packaged in amounts large enough for several dolls and may be shared (polyester fiberfill for stuffing, Curly Locks for hair, wool batting for hat, fusible web, white craft glue, buttons, and embellishments).
- Special tools needed include watercolor pencils, tiny turning tubes, #40 fine felting needle, 2" thick dense foam for needle felting work surface.
- Copy the templates on cardstock and cut out prior to class to save substantial class time. Refer to the list of templates required on page 41 and the template patterns beginning on page 84.

Classroom Preparation

- Sewing machine for each student
- Cutting and pressing station

Class Outline - Refer to the book for page numbers as noted

All Day Class

Follow the directions beginning on page 41 and demonstrate how to:

1. Construct the doll body.
2. Make the head, arms and ears.
3. Finishing the arms and painting the fingernails (page 42).
4. Create the face and attach the ears and arms. (page 43-45)
5. Make the blouse (page 46).
6. Embellish with jewelry (page 47).
7. Needle felting the hat and attaching the hat and hair (page 47-48).
8. Make a pincushion to hold (page 48).
9. Attach the doll to a base.

* For a 2-day class:

Complete steps 1 through 4 in the first class. Everyone will work at a different pace. Instruct students to finish any steps not completed in class as homework so all students will begin class 2 together. Complete steps 5 through 9 in the second class.