

# Family Art from Home

## No-Sew Fantastical Doll

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Dolls can be found in almost every culture. They have been made with clay, fabric, wood, metal, and many other materials. Doll makers often have to know a variety of skills such as mold-making, sculpting, sewing, and painting. For this doll, you will only need some scrap fabric, hot glue, and a little acrylic paint!

### Supplies Needed

- Scrap fabric in a solid color, natural fabric like cotton works well
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrushes
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Pillow stuffing/Cotton balls/Paper towels
- Optional: Ruler

### How to Do It

#### PART I

1. Cut a rectangle roughly 10in x 7in of your scrap fabric, or about the size of a piece of printer paper. Fold it in half.
2. Cut an egg-shaped oval out of the folded fabric, using as much of the fabric as possible. You can sketch out the shape first in pencil if you like. This will give you two matching pieces. Lay them out so that the side you want to see is facing up.
3. Cut a smaller oval out of cardboard. This one should be about 2in x 2in. It should be able to fit in the upper part of your fabric shape without touching the edges. You can also cut out ears from the cardboard. (see image 1)
4. Paint the cardboard shapes in any color of your choosing. Paint simple patterns on the two fabric shapes using the same color. Flowers, dots, and



IMAGE 1



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stripes all work well for this, but try whatever patterns you want! Use a second color to add more patterns. (see image 2)

5. Using the same paint color, add little blush circles on the cardboard oval face and make a small line for a nose. Make two dots of black paint for the eyes. You may want to use a third color to add more details to the patterns, or you can leave it with two. (see image 3)

Let the paint dry. If it is still wet, it will smear when you glue the doll together

## PART II

6. Put hot glue on the back of the oval face and glue it to the upper part of one of the fabric shapes. Glue on any extra shapes like ears (see image 4)

7. On the unpainted side of one of the fabric shapes, put a line of hot glue all along the edge except for a few inches to leave an opening for your stuffing.

8. Press the two pieces of fabric together with their painted sides facing out. Have an adult press along the edges while the glue cools to seal them.

9. It's time to stuff your doll! If you don't have pillow stuffing, you can pull cotton balls apart to fluff them up or scrunch up paper towels. Fill the doll with your stuffing and glue the gap.

Trim any extra fabric that extends beyond the glue line. Using one of your colors, paint a line all along the edge of both sides (see final image). Add any extra details with the paint and Voila! Your handmade cloth doll is complete.



IMAGE 2



IMAGE 3



IMAGE 4