

Rag Doll Workshop

Pattern Instructions

Materials

Body fabric - 0.5 yard
Dress fabric - 0.25 yard
Embroidery floss for face – black and red
Needle and thread
Yarn for hair
Stuffing

Body

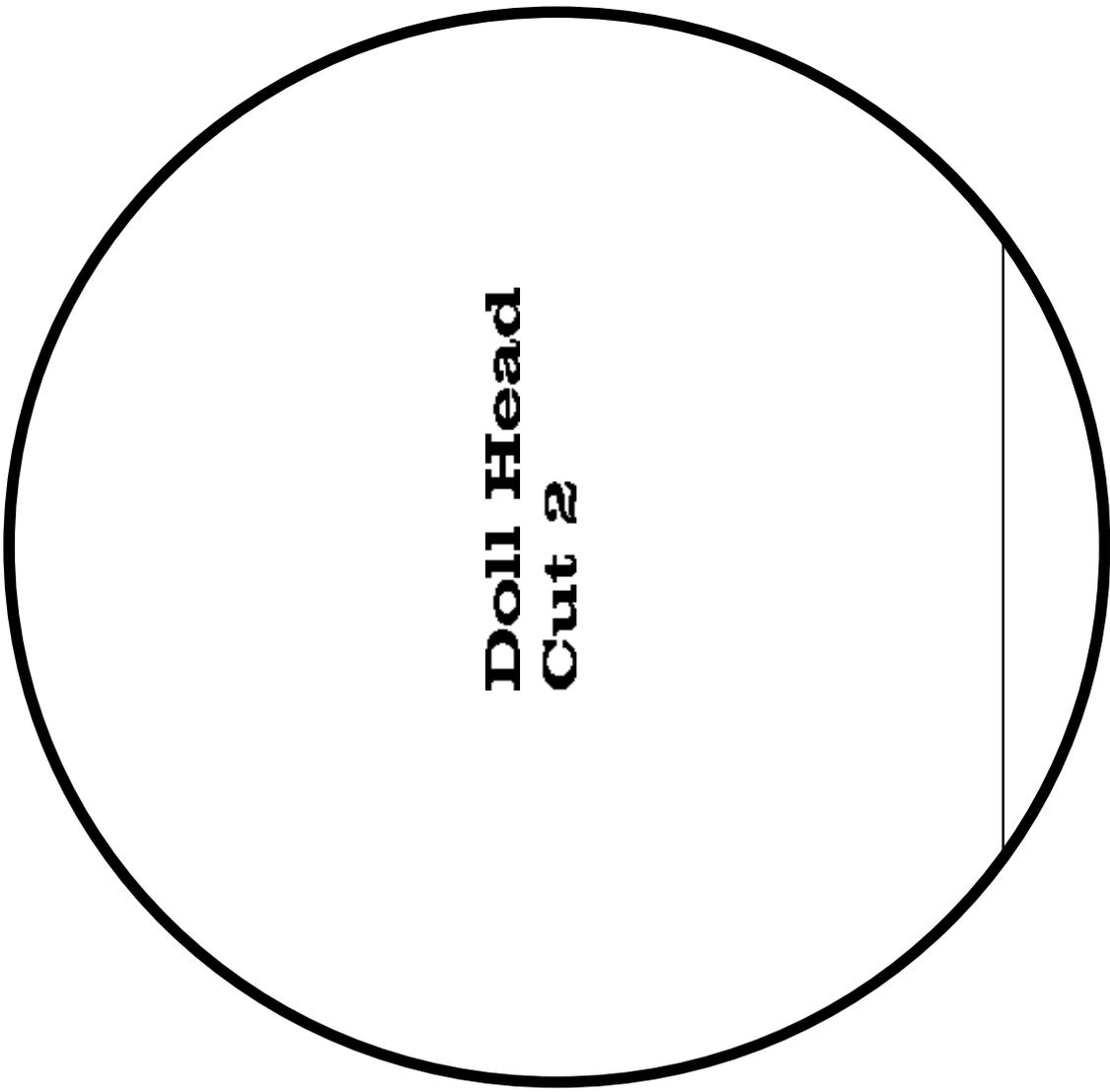
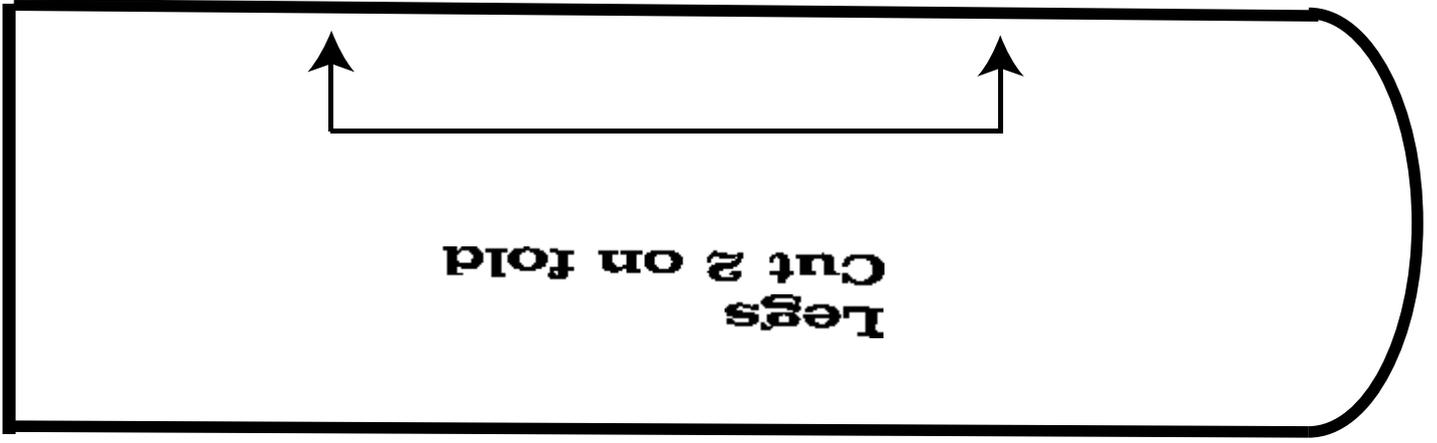
- 1) Cut out all doll pattern pieces from body fabric.
- 2) Sew two arms and two legs together with right sides facing using 0.25 inch seam allowances. Clip curves, trim, turn and press. Stuff arms and legs lightly and place aside.
- 3) Sew doll torso piece to head two times, right sides together. Press seam down toward torso.
- 4) Baste arms and legs to the right side of one of the new body pieces. These pieces should be sewn facing inward. When the doll is turned and stuffed, the arms and legs will stick out from the body.
- 5) Once the arms and legs are basted into position, place the second body piece on the first, right sides facing. The arms will be enclosed within the two body pieces, but the legs should hang out of the bottom. Sew around the body from the lower left corner (next to the left leg) to the lower right corner (next to the right leg).
- 6) Clip curves, trim and turn. Stuff body.
- 7) Sew doll bottom closed either by hand or by machine.
- 8) Use embroidery thread to make eyes and mouth.
- 9) Add yarn for hair.

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Dress

- 1) Cut out bodice pattern pieces from dress fabric.
- 2) Cut out an additional piece of fabric measuring 8 by 30 inches.
- 3) Sew bodice front to back at shoulders. Press seams flat. You will have two bodice pieces. One piece will be the outer top and the other will be the lining.
- 4) Placing right sides of the two bodice pieces together, sew around neckline and down the two bodice back edges.
- 5) Sew left and right armholes.
- 6) Clip curves and corners, turn and press.
- 7) Sew sides together. Press.
- 8) Prepare skirt. Fold and press 0.5 inches on one long side of the rectangular piece of fabric. Fold and press the same amount again. Topstitch over fold.
- 9) Sew the two short sides of the rectangle together, right sides facing, from the hemmed edge (step 8) to approximately 2.5 inches from the top edge (the unhemmed long side). Press seam open and continue pressing up through the 2.5 inches of the unsewn area. If you like, you can cut a bias strip and sew it to the skirt opening. If you have never done this before or are feeling lazy, you can instead top stitch down over both sides of the skirt opening folds.
- 10) Run long gathering stitches along the unfinished (top) side of the rectangle. Typically, two gathering lines are run in case the first one breaks while adjusting. Run one 0.5 inches from the side and the second 1 inch from the side. If you have lots of experience, you can get away with one line. Pull gathering threads.
- 11) Align the bottom of the outer bodice to the gathered skirt, right sides facing. Pin, baste and then sew. This pattern is drafted with a large allowance on the bodice for attaching the skirt. Your final seam should be stitched 1.5 inches from the edge. If you prefer a narrower edge, just trim 1 inch from the bottom of the bodice and the top of the skirt and then use a 0.5 inch seam allowance. Once your skirt is attached, go back and trim the excess fabric.
- 12) Attach lining to skirt seam by hand. Topstitch if desired.
- 13) Finish the back of the dress with buttons, snaps or Velcro.



**Doll Body
Cut 2**

