



Instructions and pattern for a
simple and versatile little doll.
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How To Make Ruby (a simple and versatile soft toy)

What You'll Need:

- :: Various fabrics - cotton, fleece, linen, wool - pretty much whatever you want!
- :: Wool or acrylic felt (for the face)
- :: Embroidery floss
- :: Your choice of embellishments (buttons, lace, trim, etc)

How to:

1. Trace each of the labelled pieces onto paper and cut out.
2. Trace or pin the pieces to your chosen fabric and cut out the specified number for each piece. Note that Pieces A, B, C, D & E already include a 5mm seam allowance.
3. **Arms & Legs:** With right sides facing, sew the arm pieces (Piece D) together using a 5mm allowance so that you end up with 2 separate arms. Then turn right side out and stuff each arm. Once stuffed, stitch the opening closed. Do the same with the legs (Piece E).
4. **Head & Body:** For one side of the doll, with right sides facing, sew Piece A to Piece B using the tabs as a guide (use the dotted line as the seam guide when joining the two pieces). Then with right sides facing, sew one Piece C to the bottom of Piece B. Again use the tabs as a guide. Repeat for the other side of the doll. Press/iron down seams.
5. **Face:** At this point you should have two head/body pieces, two (stuffed) arms and two stuffed legs. You may now want to attach the face (Piece F) or after the doll has been assembled. Position the face in the centre of the head. To attach, use the stitch of your choice and simply stitch around the face. Also stitch on the cheeks (Piece G) and embroider eyes and mouth (don't be afraid to try different expressions!). I also cut a small piece of small felt for some hair.

6. **Embellishing:** You may now want to embellish the front of the doll with buttons, trims, embroidery, etc or you may want to wait until the doll is assembled. For the example I made, I stitched some lace onto the skirt (where Piece C meets Piece B) and attached a bow button on the side of the face.

7. **Assembling the doll:** Take one side of the doll and lay it right-side up. Place arms into position using marked Arm Guides. Arms should be pointing inwards and downward. Baste or pin arms in place. Place legs into position with toes pointing in whatever direction you choose. Baste or pin into place. See Diagram.

Take the other side of the doll and lay it on top with right-side down so that right sides are facing each other. Pin in place ensuring both all edges line up. Stitch around the doll using a 5mm seam allowance and leave an opening as marked on the pattern.

8. Make a small cut on each side of the neck (making sure not to cut into the stitches) and make small notches around her head and on the bottom curved corners of her dress.

9. Turn doll right side out and stuff to your heart's content!

10. Blindstitch the opening closed and enjoy your new Ruby doll!



