

THE  
DOLL  
ARTWORKS

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½ yd Weavers Cloth or other medium heavy fabric  
1 yd heavy gauge wire, doubled for each leg  
24" heavy gauge wire, single, for arms

**NOTE:** All seams are ¼" unless otherwise indicated

**CENTER FRONT:** Sew from top to bottom. Clip curved seams. Sew in the two long front darts. Set aside.

**UPPER BACK:** Sew from top to ⊙. This will keep the two upper backs in line.

**LOWER LEGS:** At curved edge of Upper Body Back, run a line of machine basting between ■'s. Draw basting thread to gather curved edge of Upper Body Back to fit Lower Leg. Match ● and ▲'s. This is two curved edges going in opposite lines. Pin in the curved edges so that the edges do not slip while you are machine stitching. Do both legs. Sew from ⊙ to end. Sew in the darts on each side of the Upper Body Back at the hipline and sew in the long body darts.

**INNER LEGS:** Pin inner legs together on both sides beginning at bottom of legs. Sew this seam in and clip curved inside seams.

**FRONT & BACK:** Pin the outside seams together matching the ●'s near the top and lining up the ▲'s on the side. Stitch up outside seams from leg to top ● on each side. Be sure to stop at large ●. This remains open for stuffing.

**ARMS:** Sew arm tube up on long side, back stitching at each end. While still wrong side out, insert doll arm inside with porcelain even with edge of fabric. With threaded needle and heavy thread make a running stitch along the indentation of the arm, tie off tightly and wrap remainder of thread around arm, filling in the "ditch" in the porcelain. Tie off again and turn arm right side out with seam line on the inside of arm. Do other arm in the same manner, set aside, wrong side out.

**ASSEMBLY:** With body wrong side out, insert leg into body and again stitch and wrap each leg, just like the arms. With legs still in the wrong-side-out body, stuff each leg tightly to just above the ankle with plastic grocery bags cut in half. (Let's recycle these bags in our dolls. A hundred years from now we can stymie doll collectors.) Now insert the doubled heavy wire that has been wrapped with masking tape to the ankle area. Continue with the plastic bags to about 1½" from top of the leg. Finish this off

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with cotton packed tightly around the wire. The looped end of the wire is going through the body to nearly the shoulder plate. The cut ends are spread a bit and are now in the legs. Continue stuffing the body tightly so that she will stand well. When stuffed, close the top with overcast stitches.

Stuff the arms with the plastic bags in the same manner as the legs, just above the wrist.

Bend each end of the 24" wire into a loop about 1" deep. Insert one end into the arm and stuff with plastic bags to about 1½" from top of arm. Finish stuffing arm with stuffing and stuff around wire to approximately 4½" from edge of fabric. You will have extra fabric left at the top with the wire sticking out. Now do the other arm in the same manner. Stuff lightly so arm can bend.

**HEAD & SHOULDER PLATE:** Bend wire to fit over stuffed body. Make sure elbows come to the waist, no longer. If your wire is a bit long, then put a crimp in the wire in the center under the shoulder plate area. When arms are set to your satisfaction, set head/shoulder plate on the body. Make any adjustments you feel necessary and then attach shoulder plate to the body. Sew the shoulder plate to the body. Use ¼" twill tape (available at the fabric stores) and a large straight upholstery needle.

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