

14" STANDING CLOTH BODY

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(Use 14" Lori, Rosie, & Angelica heads,
14" Lori Hands, 14" Singer Sh/Pl.,
14" Whitney Straight Legs)

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FABRICS & SUPPLIES

1/4 yd Muslin, Polyfil, Carpet/Craft Thread, 16" Twill Tape

Use wire for skeleton armature

NOTE: 1. WRST = With Right Sides Together.

2. All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise indicated.

BODY ASSEMBLY (A firmly stuffed torso is recommended, however, a soft torso will also work)

1. WRST, fold each arm tube in half lengthwise and sew seam according to pattern piece.

2. Sew all darts in body backs and front. Then sew the leg pleats. After sewing the pleat, open the pleat as much as possible then place the center of the pleat on top of the stitched seam. Press. Turn the body backs right side up and starting at the leg bottom, sew along the side of the pleat seam line to the end of the pleat. Stop, pivot, take one or two stitches and stitch down the other side. This will hold the pleats in place and will give an evenly shaped buttocks.

3. WRST, sew center front seam and center back seam. Then sew the body front to the body back at the side seams and crotch seam.

4. Leave body turned wrong side out. Place one leg at a time inside the body. With Craft/Carpet thread, bind the porcelain and cloth leg together by wrapping the thread around the groove several times. Tie off as tightly as possible and secure the knot with a drop of glue. After binding both legs turn cloth body right side out.

5. Stuff polyfil in each foot to ankle area. Then place armature into the porcelain legs. Stuff polyfil around the armature as tightly as possible up to the top of the porcelain legs. Then began firmly stuffing the cloth legs keeping the armature in the center of the legs and the body.

6. Continue stuffing the buttocks area and up to the top of the torso. With needle and thread whip stitch the back opening and the shoulder area closed.

7. Stuff a little polyfil in the hand area. Place the porcelain arms in the cloth arm tubes. Bind the cloth and porcelain together as in Step 4. Turn cloth arm tubes right side out.

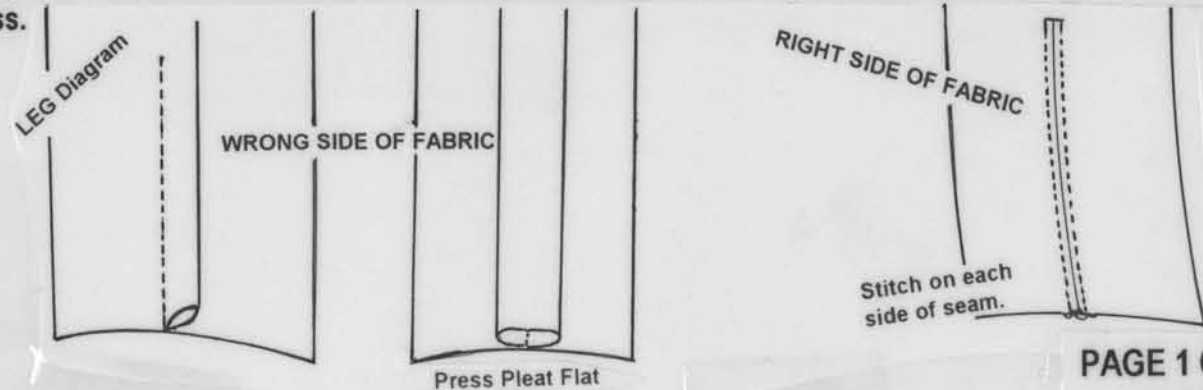
8. Place left arm on the armature and stuff polyfil tightly around the armature to the top of the porcelain arm. Stuff the cloth arm softly. Follow same procedure for both arms.

9. Hand stitch the excess cloth arm to the top of the shoulder area. Tip of the middle finger (on the right hand) should be about 1/4" above the bottom of the cloth leg. (Add a little polyfil in the upper arm to fill in the edge of the shoulders.)

10. Connect head and shoulder plate with method of your choice.

11. Cut 4 lengths of twill tape each 4" long. Place a length of twill tape through each sew hole in the shoulder plate.

12. Sew head/shoulder plate on the torso. Pull both ends of each twill tape length down as snugly as possible and pin to the torso. With needle and thread, hand stitch the twill tape ends to the torso. Your doll is now ready to dress.



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