24" BABY BODY SUIT Copyright 1998

(Uses Papoose head or baby head with flanged neck, 24" TT Short Arms)

FABRICS & NOTIONS

1 5/8 yd. Doe Skin (Imitation Suede) - body, collar

1 3/8 yd. Low Loft Bonded Quilt Batting - body

2 Pair Knee High Hose - inner body legs, arms

3 Cups Doll Pellets

Polyfil

2 Rocks approx. 1 1/2" Diameter - weights in feet

Assorted Beads - decoration Small Feathers - decoration

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE CUTTING FABRICS

- NOTE: 1. All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise indicated.
- 2. Use 2.0 to 2.5 stitch length on body and 1.0 to 1.5 stitch length for sewing on hosiery.
 - All pattern pieces are sewn with right sides together unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. We used a rock in each foot to serve as weights, however, doll pellets or fishing weights could be substituted. If doll is made for a child, the fishing weights should NOT BE USED.
- 5. When cleaning your greenware, it would be best to cut off the forearms just above the wrist. A groove can be made at the wrist if the greenware has been poured a little thicker than normal.

BODY SUIT CONSTRUCTION:

- 1. Sew batting to suit fabric and treat as a single fabric.
- 2. Sew darts on front upper body.
- 3. Sew the fronts together at the center front seam.
- 4. Sew the backs at the center back seam from notch down to seat/crotch.
 - Sew the top sleeve seams.
- 6. Open out suit and with wrong side facing up, sew the wrist casings in place. **See Pattern For Placement.**
- 7. **For Papoose -** With **wrong sides** together, staystitch two fringe strips together. Prepare two sets of fringe.
- 8. Pin fringe to body suit. See Pattern For Placement.
- 9. Fold and matching notches, staystitch the foot pleats in the seam allowances.
- 10. Pin and sew body together. It is necessary to pin the body together at the feet, legs and arm curves since you are sewing on fabric that stretches easily. **Start sewing** at

the center crotch/inseam and sew around the arm. Do not start at one sleeve and sew completely around to the other sleeve. This can cause the suit to be slightly twisted.

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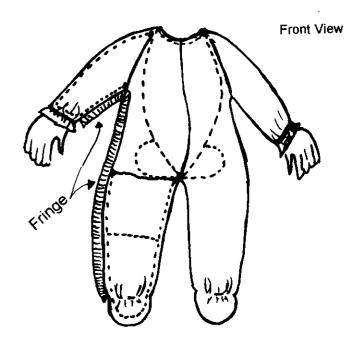
- 11. Pin and sew the neck casing to the neck.
- Take each rock and wrap with polyfil.Place one in each foot.
- 13. **INNER BODY LEGS** Cut off knee highs to measure 10" in length. Fill the toe of each knee high with 1/2 cup of doll pellets.
- 14. Sew a seam 5" from the toe to hold pellets in place. Then fill the top half with 1/2 cup pellets and sew across top to hold pellets in place. Tack one end, of this pellet filled inner leg, to the crotch seam and to the leg seam directly across from the crotch.
- 15. **INNER BODY TORSO** Sew together leaving the top open. Add 2 cups pellets to inner torso, then softly fill remainder with polyfil.

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 16. Close top of inner torso with a machine
 - stitch. Tack to upper shoulder seam on each side.

 17. **INNER BODY ARMS** Cut knee highs 4" long above the toes. Fill each 4" bag with
 - 4" long above the toes. Fill each 4" bag with 1/4 cup pellets. Close the top with a machine stitch. Tack to upper arms.
 - 18. **INNER BODY SEAT -** Sew bag together leaving an opening between the dots. Add 1/2 cup pellets. Close opening with a machine stitch. Tack this bag to the lower back inner body torso. **See Body Diagram.**
 - 19. Stuff a little polyfil in the stomach and buttocks of the **body suit**, to give it more shape.
 - 20. Stuff head with polyfil and allow the polyfil to protrude from the neck opening. This keeps the head from being so floppy.
 - 21. Place wire in the body suit neck casing. Position doll neck groove in the suit neck casing. Pull wire tightly around the neck and twist three or four times, tightening the wire tightly. Fold wire tails under the neck groove at center back.
 - 22. Place wire in suit arm casings. Mount hands in casings. Tighten wire and twist three or four times. Fold wire tails under the arm groove.
 - 23. Stitch the center back body seam together by hand.
 - 24. Sew soft sculpture stitch in each foot and back of legs in the knee area. **See Pattern For Placement.**
 - 25. Carefully cut fringe on each side of the body and around the collar. **See Pattern For Placement.**
 - 26. Decorate collar fringe with assorted beads and small feathers.
 - 27. **Check flier** for wrist and ankle decorations.

BODY DIAGRAM



"Inner Body" Is Illustrated With Dotted Lines

