

# Little Lola Doll Kit Instructions

## Tools you'll need:

- ★ Fabric scissors
- ★ Needle and thread
- ★ Sewing machine (not essential but recommended)
- ★ Paint brush or similar long tool for stuffing

## Items you'll need:

- ★ Toy filling (a small bag)
- ★ Yarn for hair (we recommend an 8ply yarn, wool or acrylic)
- ★ Fabric for ears (we recommend fabric that will hold it's shape such as linen or felt)
- ★ Stretch fabric for bodysuit
- ★ Soft tulle or cotton fabric for skirt
- ★ Elastic (6mm wide) for headband and skirt
- ★ Small Pom Pom's for head band (or make your own)
- ★ Ribbon for skirt



### Step 1.

Assembling the doll:

Gather your stuffing and stuffing tool (we recommend using a stiff bristled paintbrush with the bristles trimmed)



### Step 2.

Stuff your doll parts using the tool to help get into the nooks and crannies. Stuff so all parts feel of the same firmness.



### Step 3.

Hand sew the openings on the backs of the arms and the top of the head, closed.



### Step 4.

Press the hem of the body opening up towards the inside – about 2cm.



**Step 5.**

Carefully pin the legs in place, inserting each one into the hem. Make sure the legs are the same length!

**Step 6.**

Machine sew (zig zag stitch is best) across the lower edge of the hem, making sure the legs are caught in the hem on the front and back. If you are not confident on the sewing machine, we suggest you do this step by hand.



**Step 7.**

Pin the head of the doll to the body.



**Step 8.**

Hand sew the head securely in place.



**Step 9.**

With a long needle and a heavy thread (or thread doubled), sew the arms in place, starting with the knotted end on the inside of the arm, then take needle to the outside of arm and stitch through arm and body to repeat the process on the other side. Make sure your arm seams face the back.





### Step 10.

Making the hair:

Take a piece of cardboard or book approximately A4 size. Wind your yarn around the cardboard about 35 times (depending on how thick your wool is – thicker use less winds).



### Step 11.

Holding the loop of yarn firmly, with the other hand, cut one edge of the loop.



### Step 12.

Machine sew through the centre of the yarn bundle, forming the centre part of the hair.

**Step 13.**  
Pin the hair to the dolls head in the desired position.  
Hand stitch in place.



### Step 14.

Making the bunny ears:

Using the pattern provided, cut 4 ear pieces from your desired fabric. If you are using felt, you just need to cut 2 pieces. For fabric ears, baste together, right sides together, turn through the right way and press flat.



**Step 15.**

Fold the 2 edges of the ears into the front centre, forming the ear, then hand stitch to the side of the dolls head.

**Step 16.**

Making the headband:  
Take your pom poms (or make your pom poms!) and a piece of elastic 15cm long



**Step 17.**

Hand stitch the pom poms to the elastic in the position shown, and stitch the elastic together to form the headband.



**Step 18.**

Make the clothes:

Cut the bodysuit out of stretch fabric. Sew the back seam together (we recommend using an overlocker, but otherwise a plain stitch on a sewing machine). Fold over the top of the bodysuit and stitch in place at the centre back seam. Flatten out the bodysuit so the seam is at the centre back. Bartack the bottom centre to form the 2 leg openings.



**Step 19.**

Using the skirt dimensions on the pattern provided, cut out the dolls skirt. Fold in half length ways, and straight stitch 1cm from fold, in a straight line all the way down the skirt. This will form the waist casing. Using a bodkin or safety pin, thread through your elastic or ribbon to create a full tutu skirt.



Now dress your doll and she's done!