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birdhouse

Free Project!



Butterfly Belle

You will need

- 40x20cm calico
- 20cm of yellow fabric
- 40x40cm of blue fabric
- brown pigment marker
- 20x15cm wadding
- blue acrylic paint
- polyurethane varnish
- Pencil or fade-out marker; hot glue gun, sewing supplies
- Sewing machine with stipple-quilting foot
- small blue heart button
- small butterfly net
- butterfly button
- wool or acrylic doll hair
- Polyester Stuffing
- blusher

- Trace the pattern shapes onto stencil plastic, or glue to cardboard, and cut out.
- Trace the body, 2 arms and 2 legs onto doubled calico. Sew directly on the lines. Leave the tops of the legs and bottom of the body open. Sew all the way around the arms (no opening). Cut outside the sewn lines about 5mm. Clip the curves. Cut a slit in the back of the arms. Turn everything right way out.
- Stuff the arms and body firmly. Stuff the legs to about 1.5cm from the top.
- Place the legs inside the bottom edge of the body. Sew across the opening, catching the legs as you go.
- Stitch the opening at the back of the arms closed. Leave the arms unattached for the moment.
- Trace the underdress template onto the yellow fabric and cut out. Fold the dress shape in half, aligning the ends. Sew the raw edges to make a large cone shape.
- Place the yellow dress on the doll. Sew a gathering stitch around the top of the dress, and pull in to gather around the doll's body at the chest. Take the thread through to the body a couple of times to attach.
- Trace the dress template onto the blue fabric and cut out. Repeat as for the yellow dress, but gather around the doll's neck.
- Now stitch on the doll's arms on top of the dress.
- Trace the collar shape onto doubled blue fabric. Sew on the traced line, leaving an opening for turning where marked.
- Cut out about 5mm outside the sewn line. Clip the curves and turn out through the opening.
- Stitch the opening closed. Iron the collar. Stitch around the doll's neck covering the gathered raw edge of the dress.
- Attach a small heart button at the collar.



- Copy the doll's face from the pattern and mark in with pigment pens. Add a little blusher to the cheeks. Cut a piece of the wool about 20cm. Tie a knot at the centre with matching colour cotton. Glue the hair to the doll's head.
- Fold the yellow fabric in half. Trace the wing shape onto one side. Cut a piece of thin wadding and place behind the yellow fabric.
- Sew on the traced line, leaving an opening for turning where marked. Cut out about 5mm outside the sewn line. Turn the wings right way out. Stitch the opening closed. Iron.
- Use blue thread to stipple-quilt the wings. Stitch to the back of your doll.
- Trace the shoe line onto your doll's feet with a fade-out marker. Paint the shoes with pale blue acrylic paint. Add a little polyurethane varnish for a shiny finish.
- Attach butterfly to the net & place in Belle's hands.
- To hang, attach a loop of twine or thread at the back of the doll.