

11 INCH DOLL'S CLOTHING

A basic guide to sewing 11 inch doll's clothes, tools, supplies and tips.

PLEASE READ OUR TIPS AND TRICKS SECTION FOR AWESOME ADVICE & GUIDES & T's & C's

Remember anything creative is all about having fun and enjoying the process. Creating 11 inch Doll's clothes are quick and easy to make, it is a wonderful starting point in learning to create your own clothing and sewing in general.

If you are a beginner at sewing or at creating doll's clothes, take your time follow the quick and easy instructions. If you make a mistake it is okay - and you are bound to make mistakes, I still make mistakes after many decades of sewing. Doll's clothes do not need to be perfect.

PATTERNS

Please visit – www.rosamaycrafts.com To download our FREE patterns.

Our patterns are simple, with great, easy, step by step instructions and images. Start with simple patterns before going onto more difficult patterns.

With our patterns, you can change them by adding extra detail - lace, ribbon, etc., on the skirt or sequins and beads on the top. You can create day to day wear and with the same pattern, create fancy evening wear.

You will also find plenty of more advanced patterns on Pinterest and other sites.

BASIC TOOLS

PLEASE READ OUR SAFETY WARNINGS AND THOSE ON ANY PRODUCTS THAT ARE PURCHASED

Sewing machine or needle and thread

- visit <https://rosamaycrafts.com/tips-techniques/> - for FREE stitch tutorial to download.

Hand stitching is a great way to learn to sew.

You can buy hand held sewing machines or basic sewing machine.

Personally, I think if you are beginner to start with hand stitching your clothing, it can get a bit fiddly trying to machine stitch the small doll's clothing.

Scissors and Pinking shears

- I prefer cutting with pinking shears as certain fabrics do not fray as quickly. Some fabrics are just easier using standard scissors - jersey knits.



Scissors for Fabric and Scissors to cut paper (pattern pieces)

Pressing tools - Iron and ironing board or preferable and easier to use - a mini iron.

- you can use your sewing table when using a mini iron. (Take two old pillow cases, fold in half and iron on top.



Pins, sewing needles - always need spare and coloured threads

Tape measure

Envelopes or ziplock bags - to store your patterns

Tracing paper - this can be kitchen freezer paper or tracing paper.

- I then place my pattern pieces into and A5 envelope, name it and place in a safe place for future use. I also place my template in here, so if I need to trace the pattern again, it is all in one place.

Pen/Pencil - to trace pattern

Knitting needle – blunt - to push out corners and curves. I use an used ball point – make sure all the ink is finished.

There are plenty more tools to add as you go along.

SUPPLIES

You can either purchase our Basic Doll Making kits -

Fabrics

The beauty about creating doll's clothes is that it is the perfect way to use scraps of fabrics, ribbons, lace and all the rest of the wonderful bits and bobs.

We do sell wonderful and plentiful doll making clothes kits - -, if you do not have scraps, etc., in your home.

You can also use and practice on old clothing, pillow cases and other fabric items. Thrift/second hand shops are full of wonderful crafting goodies and you will be supporting wonderful charities.

Here are some fabric choices to start with:

Cotton fabrics are easy to work with and do not fray easily. As the hems and seams of doll's clothes are approximately 5 mm, you need to start with fabrics that do not fray quickly or as you are sewing. Most doll's clothes seams are not overlocked/serged or zig-zagged as they are too small. Cotton fabrics can be used for several different doll's clothing - tops, skirts, dresses and trousers/shorts.

Knit fabrics - these are great for trousers, fitted dresses and skirts, as they have a stretch to it..

Organza and Taffeta - For Ballgowns. (Satin can also be used, but check on how much it frays, some fray more than others)

These are just a few of the fabric choices, our kits are filled with a mix of these fabrics and a few others - [www](http://www.rosamaycrafts.com)

You do not want to buy thick fabric as this is too bulky for doll's clothing.

There is nothing stopping you from using any fabric you like, these are tips and guides to help you create the clothing quickly and simply. Always experiment, that is the beauty of being creative and it is not an expensive hobby or business to start.

Our kits have your basic fabrics and supplies to start making your own outfits.

Visit – www.rosamaycrafts.com

Velcro – you can either buy the 10 mm width or by the standard one and cut it to the width you require. You can also buy Velcro self stick dots and tape.



Velcro is used for all closures on an outfit.

Elastic – It should be small – the width of the elastic must be 2 mm or less. It is easier to work with and to zig zag the elastic when it is thin and also will not cause the outfit to look bulky. This elastic can be used for trouser, costumes, waist bands on dresses.



Lace and trimmings – The width will vary depending on where you use your lace. You can use wider lace along the hem of a dress or ball gown and a thinner – 10 mm or less – on a top or bodice of the dress or ballgown. The thinner lace can be used as shoulder straps.



Ribbon – This is the same as the lace. It all depends on where you use the lace.

Beads, buttons, sequins – these are used more as decorative items. You can add beads and sequins on the bodice of a ball gown or do a row the hem of a cocktail dress.

Interfacing and stabiliser – this is a great supply to keep stock of. It stops fabric from slipping and fraying. See our tips on our website on Interfacing and stabiliser.

<https://rosamaycrafts.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BASIC-GUIDE-TO-INTERFACING.pdf>

Bias binding – I find these useful for creating waist bands. Again smaller is better – 10 to 15 mm width.

A FEW BASIC TIPS

1. Start with simple and basic patterns – see our FREE doll's patterns – [www](#)
2. It is common to use the same coloured thread as your fabric, for my tutorials you will notice I have not done this. This is for visual and tutorial purposes. BUT, when starting out you will not have every single colour of thread. Most start out with black and white and then add the next main colours – blue, green, yellow, red. You can then add on to that.
3. Zip lock bags, plastic bags, money bags and envelopes. These are wonderful for storage.
 - Envelopes – keep pattern pieces and templates – name the envelope.
 - Larger zip lock/plastic bags – perfect for keeping your cut projects together. Keep each “piece” of clothing in separate bags – e.g. One for top; one for skirt, etc.
 - Smaller bags – perfect for storing buttons, beads, etc. that you need for your specific project.
4. Always press as you go along. It is almost impossible to try and press a small doll's top.
5. Prewash fabrics.
6. Cutting patterns – remember to name, number and add all notations – fold lines; darts, stitch line; etc. – to your cut pattern pieces.
7. Keep your pattern pieces pinned to your fabric, until you are ready to sew them up.
8. Pins – If you do not have stock of pins and are buying, buy smaller size pins – 20 mm length



BASIC SAFETY WARNING

Buttons, beads, sequins, pompoms, ribbon bows and roses.

Sharp and Rough Edges

Buttons can crack or break, resulting in pointy edges.

Chocking and Ingestion

Buttons can also be detached by sucking, pulling, and unraveling, often leading to ingestion.

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD – Small parts. Not for children under 3 yrs. Adult supervision required.

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FABRICS

HIGHLY FLAMMABLE – KEEP AWAY FROM FIRE

Keep away from fire, heaters, gas stoves and any other heating object.

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Ribbon, Lace, Trimmings

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Ribbon can cause choking and strangulation.

Scissors

Scissors are sharp, Children to use under Adult supervision.

Do not walk or run with scissors, always sit when using.

Store in a safe place and out of reach.

Do not play with scissors, they are not toys.

When using scissors, cut in a direction away from your body, fingers, hands, arms and legs.

Let scissors fall, do not try to catch them.

Pins and Needles

Pins and needles always drop:

- keep a magnet to easily pick up without hurting yourself

- sew in one room and on a table.

- sweep and vacuum when finished for the day.

Store needles and pins in a safe closed container.

Don't put needles and pins in your mouth, whilst working, rather place them on a pin cushion or container.

Needles and pins have are very pointy – pick pin up by the head and the needle by the “eye”

Sewing Machines – read the sewing machine safety instructions