9" Ballerina Doll

Doll is to be made of peach, tan or flesh colored cotton material such as broadcloth, percale, or plain gingham; sundress, bolero and evening gown may be made of dainty cotton prints; lingerie of fine gingham, percale, batiste or some similar material; ballet costume of net or tafetta; coat of plaid or check broadcloth or wool blend; shoes of scraps of felt or material, socks from an old sock. Use cotton batting, polyester fiberfill or similar material for stuffing; six strand embroidery cotton for embroidering face; 2 oz. synthetic worsted for hair.


STAMPING DIRECTIONS: The clothing is NOT to be stamped. Outline all pieces to be transferred with a Sulky transfer pen purchased from your local craft or fabric store. Place transfers, printed side down, on material and press. Be sure to get the facial features positioned correctly before placing on fabric.

CUTTING DIRECTIONS: Cut on outer lines, inner broken lines are for sewing. Small lines at right angles indicate slashes. Trace the circle guide on reverse leg and arm pieces. Place on fold where marked. Cut pieces as directed on each pattern piece. Transfer doll body pieces.

MAKING DOLL: If embroidering face, split the six strand cotton and using 3 strands (before doll is joined) work mouth and nose in outline stitch; eyes in satin stitch and edge of eyes in outline stitch. Cheeks may be colored with pink crayon. If painting face, use acrylic paints being sure it's thick or it will run.

HOW TO SEW DOLL: Sew all darts on body pieces as indicated. SEW ALL PIECES, RIGHT SIDES FACING - The body of the doll is formed by 3 pieces. Match one side of body section to middle section - matching eyes. Seam other side of body to middle in same manner leaving an opening for turning. Slash edges, turn right side out and stuff. Close opening. Sew darts on wrists of the two arm sections. Join one section with dart and one without. Seam around leaving an opening for turning. Slash, turn, stuff and close opening. Make other arm in same manner. Match two leg sections and seam together from dot at heel around to dot at toe, leaving open across bottom for sole piece. Sew sole section matching dots. Leave a small section open for turning. Cut slashes, turn, stuff and close opening. Make other leg in same manner. Thread a large needle with string and attach legs to each side of body at circle guides. Sew through leg, then through one side of body and out the other side and through other leg. Knot ends of string securely so legs will be held firmly yet are moveable - or use buttons at each side to fasten string (see detail). Join arms to body in same manner. Face ear pieces and attach to side of head along lines.

MAKING HAIR: Cut strands for hair into 10" lengths. Fold each strand in half. Sew folded ends with matching thread to each side of an invisible part down center top of head (Fig. 1) to 3/4" below front dart and 1" below dart at back of head. Sew another row of folded strands 1/2" below first (Fig. 2) then 2 more rows 1/2" below second. Now sew a row of folded strands across back of head below end of part (Fig. 3), then sew a second and third row 1/2" below first. Trim strands evenly around. Draw up a group of hair from each side of head and tie into bow. (Fig. 4.) Draw remaining strands to back of head and sew in several places to head.

HOW TO MAKE CLOTHES: Seam all pieces, right sides facing. Clip slashes before turning right side out.

LINGERIE, PANTIES: Seam the two sections along curve. Center front and back seams and seam crotch. Stitch lace along bottom edges. Fold waistband in half lengthwise. Turn under raw edges. Slip edge of panties between edge of waistband. Seam together.


SOCKS - NOT ILLUSTRATED - Seam two pieces together. Turn right side out. Repeat for other sock.

SHOES: Cover cardboard piece with sole piece. Sew short ends of upper shoe. Sew upper shoe to sole - easing around toe. Attach ribbons to back seam. Tie around foot with a bow at front. Make other shoe in same manner.

SUNDRESS: Seam bodice darts. Seam short ends of skirt leaving a 1-1/4" opening at top of placket. Shirr top of skirt to fit bottom of bodice, seam together. Turn a narrow hem across bottom of skirt and raw edge of bodice and drop placket opening. Close opening with a couple snappers. Fold strap in half lengthwise, sew long side together. Turn right side out. Tack to inside edge of front and back of bodice over shoulder of doll.

EVENING GOWN: Make in same manner as Sundress. Sew three rows of 1/2" wide ruffling to bottom edge of skirt - one row along edge; second row 1/2" up and third row 1" from bottom edge. Tie ribbon sash around waist.

BOLERO: Match fronts and back. Seam together under arms. Turn a narrow hem along all raw edges.

COAT: Match fronts and back, seam together under arm and down sides.

COLLAR: Seam together along outside curve. Turn right side out, sew to neck edge. Fold cuffs in half, turn under raw edge and sew to edge of sleeves. Turn a narrow hem along front and across bottom. Close coat with 2 snaps at top.

BALLET COSTUME - PANTS: Seam the two sections along curve. Center front and back seams and seam crotch. Turn a narrow hem along all raw edges, shirr waist to fit doll.

DRESS: Make in same manner as Sundress. If net is used for skirt, place the three thicknesses together and sew to bodice. Use very narrow ribbon for shoulder straps and tie into bows at shoulders.
SUNDRESS SKIRT  CUT 3-1/4"  X 18"
EVENING GOWN SKIRT  CUT 5-1/4"  X 20"
BALLET DRESS SKIRT  CUT (1 PC.) 2"  X 22"
IF USING NET, CUT 3 PCS. 2"  X 22"