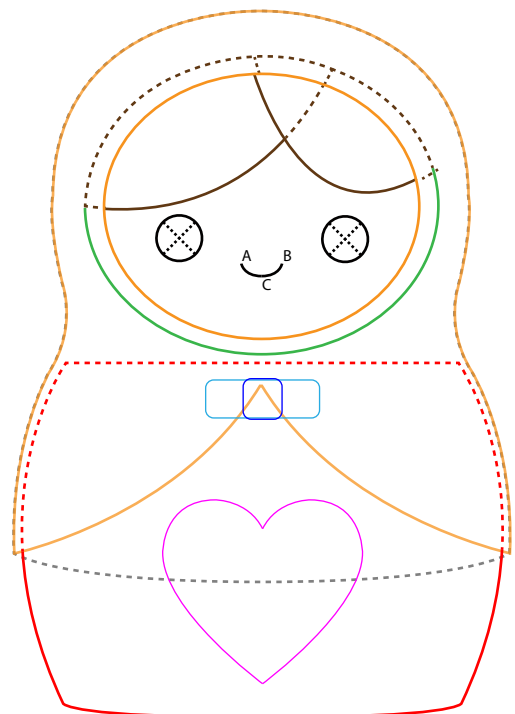


Matryoshka Doll



Finished size

Approx 3.6" tall (as above illustration)

Materials

Felt in red, yellow, orange, dark brown and tan color
Sewing thread in orange, black embroidery floss and sharp needle
6 mm plastic eyes with safety backings
Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice
Craft glue
Scissors
Wire cutter
Approx 7" piece of ribbon
Freezer paper, pencil and a flatiron **OR** a chalk pencil
Very tiny (glass) beads (optional)
Pink crayon (optional)

Pattern manual

Cutting out

- First of all, print out the template page of the pattern.

Each template piece has a corresponding color with the wire frame illustration. A dashed line is a piece behind an other piece. If you've got to cut out a template piece more than once, the total number you'll need is noted on it.

- If you are using freezer paper, trace the template with your pencil on the non-gloss side of the paper. If it's hard to see, you can use a window (at daylight) or cut out the parts first.
- If you are using the chalk pencil, cut out the parts first.

- If you are using freezer paper, use the flatiron to iron the template pieces onto the right color felt, use the illustrations to see which color you have to use for each part. Be sure to put the gloss side of the paper on the felt, otherwise it will stick to your flatiron.
- If you are using the chalk pencil, trace the templates onto the felt, use the illustrations to see which color you have to use for each part.

- Cut out all template pieces. If you are using freezer paper, peel of the paper after cutting.

Assembling

- Lay your paper template piece of the face on the felt piece of the face. Carefully fold it a bit so you can make a very small cut where the X is in the eyes. Remove paper and put the plastic safety eyes in place. Secure safety backings.
- Using the wire cutter, cut of the excess pieces of the safety eyes.
- Embroider a small mouth using the black embroidery floss and tapestry needle. Use the ABC in the wireframe to achieve that really cute curved mouth; start at A, go to B, come out at C and go back in at C.
- Glue on the pieces of hair. Biggest piece first.
- Optional: use the pink crayon to create cute little blushes on her cheeks.
- Carefully glue the head onto the back of the scarf piece with the hole.
- Carefully glue the the bottom pieces to the scarf pieces. Use the illustrations to achieve the right height.
- Fold your ribbon in two and tie a knot in the very end. Carefully glue it on the back side of the face.
- Optional: sew little (glass) beads to the bottom of the scarf pieces. See photo.
- Add some decoration on your doll by glueing (or sewing) the heart (or create an other piece of decoration, like a flower in the photo) onto her belly.
- With your sewing thread in orange and sharp needle, start at the back of the front piece of your doll. Do this by making a knot in your sewing thread and stick your needle from back to front. Place the other piece of your doll back-to-back on the other piece. Start sewing the pieces together
- When you are 3/4 done, stuff the doll very lightly. Sew shut and fasten off your thread.
- Put a little bit of glue in the middle of the largest rectangle. Fold the left and right side to the middle, secure. Add some glue to the middle again, and fold the smaller rectangle around it, with at the back some glue to secure. When it is dry, glue the created ribbon to the front piece of the scarf. (See illustration/photo)

Template

