

## The Little Pocket Doll

This little rustic pocket doll is very simple to make.

### You Will Need

2 Contrasting felt pieces

Wool or String

Needle and Tread

1 medium sized wooden bead for head

2 beads for the feet

1 Pipe cleaner

### How to Make

**Body of doll** - Cut 1 rectangle piece of felt - measuring 2 inches wide by 8 inches long.

**Belt** - Cut 1 contrasting strip of felt about 4 inches long by half inch wide.

Fold the **pipe cleaner** in half and thread the folded part through the centre of the bead for the head. This will form the loop where you thread the wool through to create and fasten the hair.

**To make the hair** – cut several long pieces of the wool all the same length. Thread them through the loop of the pipe cleaner and gently pull the pipe cleaner down until it is just touching the top of the bead.

### Make the body

Fold the body piece of felt in half and very carefully with a sharp pair of scissors “snip” a tiny hole in the centre and push the pipe cleaner through. Make sure the head of the doll is touching the neck of the felt.

Bend the ends of the pipe cleaner back up towards the head so that it is not showing below the body of the doll. Put to one side and make the arms and legs.

**Arms** – Cut 3 pieces of wool all the same length and tie them together with a knot at one end. Now plait them in the same way as you would plait hair. When you get to the end tie a knot the same as before.

**Legs** – Follow the same process for the arms but cut 3 pieces of wool longer.

### **Attaching the arms**

Place the rope arms on the inside of the doll's body and make sure they are the same length before you start sewing.

Holding the rope arms and pipe cleaner between your thumb and finger, sew small running stitches along the top of the doll making sure you are sewing along the rope and the pipe cleaner inside the body as you go. When you reach the end fasten off on the outside of the back of the doll.

Repeat another row of running stitches but this time just under the bottom of the arms, this forms the sleeves, fastening off at the back of the doll.

Now with your strip of contrasting felt, gather the body just under the arms and tie around the doll to form a belt. securing with a couple of small stitches. If the belt is too long cut to size.

### **Attaching the Legs**

Fold the rope legs in half making sure they are equal in length. Place them inside the body positioning them in the centre and near to the bottom. Sew them in the same way as the arms making sure you are sewing across the rope inside the doll. Fasten off at the back of the doll. Now attach a bead to each foot.

Sew the side seams of the dress using small running stitches or use embroidery thread to oversew the seams, this will add some contrast colour to the dress.

With a felt tip pen or marker draw the features on the face.

Style the hair to complete your doll.

### **Sewing Advice.**

To keep your doll neat when sewing, join the thread from the back of the doll and always sew through both body pieces, finishing off neatly at the back.



