

How To Make Rag Dolls

If you were a kid living in Colonial America, how would you have fun? Most children were expected to work as soon as they were able. When they were not working, children played simple games. Toys that were manufactured were not always available or affordable to most families. Instead, children would learn to create toys with things they had on hand such as rag dolls.

Supplies

- 12" x 12" piece of fabric (for the body)
- 3" x 6" piece of fabric (for the apron)
- 3" x 3" piece of fabric folded in half diagonally (for the bonnet)
- Cotton ball
- Twine or string
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Marker (for marking measurements)



Instructions

1. Measure and cut the three pieces of fabric for the body, apron, and bonnet of the doll.
2. Place your cotton ball in the center of the 12" x 12" piece of fabric. Fold the fabric around the cotton ball diagonally. Grab the area underneath the cotton ball and pinch the neck of the doll. Cut a piece of twine and tie a knot around the neck of the doll to form the doll's head.
3. To form each arm of the doll, tie a knot midway between the from the doll's head and the top corner of the folded fabric. Repeat this step again on the other side. If an arm is too long, you can trim off some fabric so that they are the same length.
4. Take your 3" x 5" piece of fabric for the apron and cut a 1" slit on both top sides to make the ties of the apron. Take the apron and tie it around the "waist" of the doll.
5. Take your 3" x 3" fabric for the bonnet and fold it in half diagonally. Tie the folded bonnet under the chin of the doll.

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