How to Make Simple Old Fashioned Dolls



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Old fashioned dolls have a special charm that is often missing from modern toys. They are simple, timeless, and can be made with just a few basic materials. In this article, we will show you how to make your own simple old fashioned dolls.

Materials:

- Fabric scraps in various colors
- Yarn or thread
- Buttons or beads for eyes
- Embroidery floss or yarn for hair
- Stuffing (such as cotton balls, batting, or fabric scraps)
- Optional: needle and thread, scissors, fabric glue

Instructions:

- Choose your fabrics. You can use any type of fabric for your dolls, but cotton and linen are good choices because they are easy to work with and will give your dolls a classic look. You can use different colors and patterns of fabric to create different looks for your dolls.
- 2. **Cut out your fabric pieces.** The basic shape of your doll's body is a rectangle. The size of the rectangle will depend on how large you want your doll to be. Once you have cut out the rectangle, fold it in half lengthwise and sew the two long edges together. This will create the body of your doll.
- 3. **Stuff the doll's body.** Once the body is sewn together, you can start stuffing it. You can use cotton balls, batting, or fabric scraps to stuff your doll. Be sure to stuff the doll firmly so that it holds its shape.
- 4. **Sew on the head.** The head of your doll is a simple circle. Cut out a circle of fabric and sew it to the top of the body. You can use a variety of stitches to sew on the head, such as a running stitch, a whip stitch, or a blanket stitch.
- Add the eyes and mouth. You can use buttons or beads for the eyes.
 Sew them on to the head of the doll. You can also embroider the mouth on with embroidery floss or yarn.
- 6. Add the hair. You can use embroidery floss or yarn to add hair to your doll. You can sew the hair on in any style you like. You can also leave the doll bald if you prefer.
- 7. **Dress the doll.** You can make simple clothes for your doll from fabric scraps. You can also use ribbons, buttons, and other embellishments to decorate the clothes.

Tips:

- To make your dolls more durable, you can use a needle and thread to sew the pieces together instead of using fabric glue.
- You can use different types of fabric to create different looks for your dolls. For example, you could use denim for overalls, or flannel for a nightgown.
- You can add any embellishments you like to your dolls, such as ribbons, buttons, or beads.
- Old fashioned dolls make great gifts for children and adults alike.

Making simple old fashioned dolls is a fun and easy way to create charming and nostalgic toys. With just a few basic materials, you can create unique dolls that will be treasured for years to come.



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