

Simple Dolly Pattern and Directions

Blanket:

1. Use fabric that is the same on both sides. Checked fabrics work best—gingham, seersucker, etc.
2. Use pinking shears to cut a 15" square. (NOTE: I have adjusted the size of the square from 13.5"-15" per side depending on the width of my fabric and the results were fine. I would not suggest a smaller size without shrinking the dolly pattern.) I usually fold the fabric to cut through 4 layers at a time. With $1\frac{1}{4}$ yard of 44-45" wide fabric, I make 9 blankets; $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards folded to 4 layers makes 18 blankets.

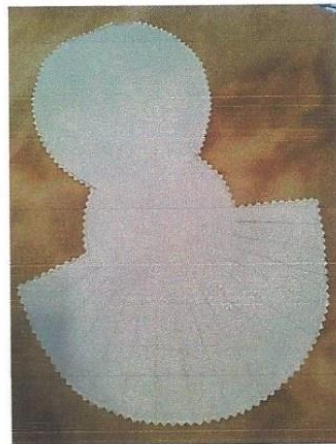
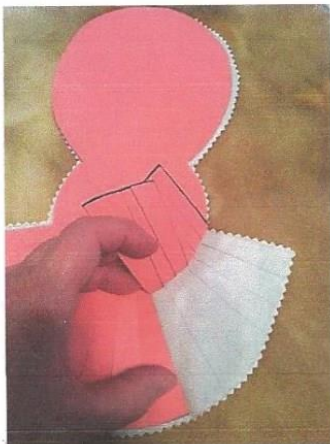
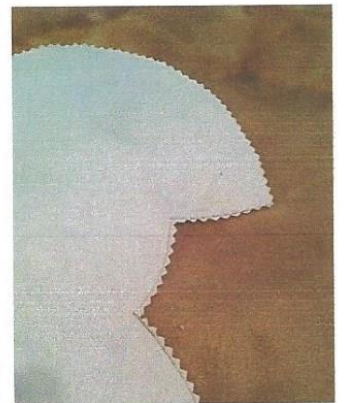
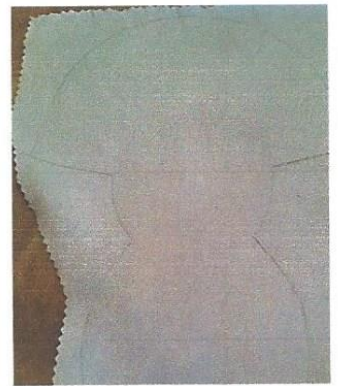
Fold side

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| 4,5 | 6,7 | 8,9 |

Selvage side

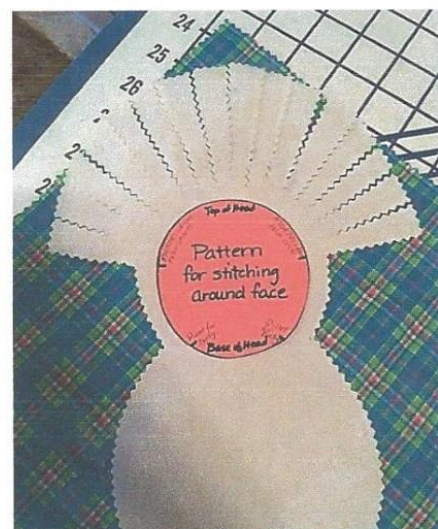
Dollies:

1. Cut patterns out of cardstock paper. Heavier paper makes it easier to trace around.
2. For dollies, use muslin or a cream-colored cotton fabric. For "international dollies," use tan, light brown or other colors you feel would be appropriate. Again, I usually fold my fabric so that I cut out 4 dollies at a time. (I get 40 dollies from 2 yards folded to make 4 layers.)
3. On the wrong side of the fabric, place the dolly pattern face down and trace around it with a pencil or a disappearing ink pen.
4. If needed, insert pins to hold layers of fabric together. Cut out the dollies with pinking shears.
5. On the pattern piece, cut along lines for the hair. Lay the pattern on top of the cut-out dollies again. Fold back first "strand" of hair and draw a line along the next strand. Continue doing this until you have all the "hair lines" drawn. (If you have a stack of dollies, this will only be necessary on



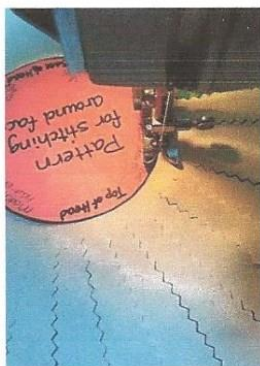
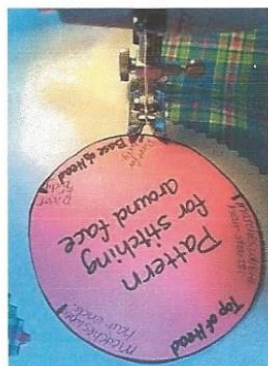
the top dolly; it will be your guide to cut through the rest of your stack.) Cut on the hair lines using pinking shears.

6. Place a dolly in the corner of blanket—right side up. Lay the pattern for stitching the face on top of the face, noting the 4 small black line marks. These should match where the face starts, the hair starts and stops, and where the face ends. You may pin pattern to the fabric if you wish. I also use a pin to mark on the body where I will end my stitching. You can also add more pins.



7. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam width. Begin sewing at the bottom of the body about 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from where you will be ending (pin marks the ending and leaves an opening for stuffing).

8. Continue sewing until you get to the face. Sew up to the pattern (making stitches smaller closer to the corner) and pivot. Continue to stitch along the right side of the pattern, which will be creating the head and face as you do so. Pivot again at the base of the neck and sew down the right side of the body to the pin and stop.



9. Form the dolly's hair by taking two strands of the "hair" and tying them together 2 times forming a knot. Continue around the head.
10. Finish the dolly by stamping her face. (The dolly face can be embroidered on, also. However, this would be done prior to stitching the dolly to the blanket. Markers do not do well—they tend to bleed. Experiment and practice any other options before using them on the dolly.) The stamp we used can be found at: <http://www.peachykeenstamps.com/shop/pk-490-2-everyday-character-faces-1-75/>.



11. Gently stuff the dolly's head and body with polyester fiberfill and machine stitch closed the bottom edge of body. Fold the bottom of the dolly blanket up toward the body and then bring the sides together and tie. Dolly is finished.



Cut on lines
for hair

Cut BEFORE

stitching
doll to blanket.

stitching line for face.

Use stamp
for face.

Stack fabric
to cut 4 pieces at
a time. Pin through
to hold if needed.

Dolly Pattern
w/ hair attached.

make pattern on card
stock paper. Draw on
fabric w/ pencil or
disappearing ink pen.

Opening for
stuffing

Top of Head

Matches where
hair starts.

Matches where
hair ends.

Pattern
for stitching
around face

Pivot for
body.

Base of Head

Pivot
for
body.