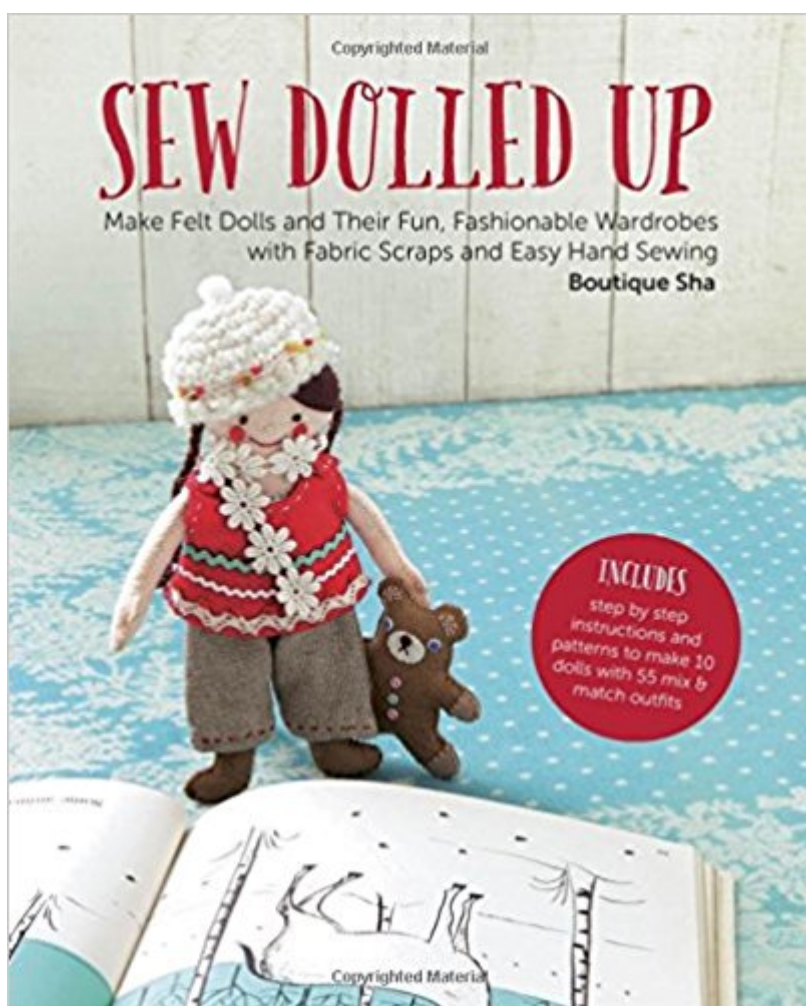


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# Sew Dolled Up: Make Felt Dolls And Their Fun, Fashionable Wardrobes With Fabric Scraps And Easy Hand Sewing



## Synopsis

Sew Dolled Up is a crafter's delight. With over 75 contemporary projects, you'll have hours of fun creating an entire set! Learn how to make adorable, small, dolls -- perfect for a dollhouse -- and all the outfits and accessories that go along with them. Every project is made from inexpensive cut felt, and uses easy hand-sewing techniques that are clearly illustrated in step-by-step instructions. Each of the patterns for the dolls and clothes are provided in the book and most are fully customizable! It has never been easier to make hundreds of modern and fashionable dolls from scratch and wrapped in love. Not only fun to make, but fun to play with, these dolls will provide hours of imaginative doll-house play or can be used as decorative ornaments or sweet gifts.

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**Meet the Dolls** Meet our sweet and well-dressed dolls Irina and Anya. They are country girls at heart and are inspired by colorful and playful clothes. [View larger](#)

**Outfit With Lace** Lace can be both casual and fancy. This pretty detail makes any outfit more ladylike. [View larger](#)

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'One of our favourite book releases this month is the super cute Sew Dolled Up by Boutique Sha. These miniature dolls to sew are sure to be treasured for a lifetime, especially with a huge range of tutorials for darling clothes and accessories to fit too!'

Established in 1972, Boutique sha is a leading publisher in Japan of all things crafts and hobbies.

My daughter is in love with this book. She learned the basics of sewing a few years ago and enjoys making little quick and easy projects with scraps of fabric and trim the we keep in our craft stash. As she loves fashion she can experiment with fabric choices as she creates the cute outfits from the patterns in Sew Dolled Up. She is especially enjoying making all the little purses and accessories. The outfits also lend themselves to embellishment. She can practice her embroidery, beading and paint on the garments to further customize them. So if you have a doll (or make one from the book) and like sewing doll cloths I bet you will enjoy making the outfits in this book sized to your doll. Note: You can hand sew many of these outfits but my daughter loves her Brother Machine and it is perfect for the projects in this book. Brother XL2600I Sew Advance Sew Affordable 25-Stitch Free-Arm Sewing Machine

What an inviting, beautiful book! Except for the 22 pages of full-sized patterns in the back, the book is full color, printed on heavy paper, with lots of detailed photos and construction diagrams. There are patterns for 4 dolls of various sizes ranging from 5 inches to 7 inches, each with variations for making two dolls. While all the dolls are somewhat similar, each uses different techniques for attaching the arms, embroidering the face, and doing the hair. They could all be friends, but the clothing patterns will need to be adjusted to fit different dolls than the ones they are designed for. There are very clear photos of all the clothing and accessories (often front and back) and they are clearly numbered so you can see exactly what they'll look like after you make them. In the book, you get to meet the dolls, so let me introduce them here: Irina and Anya are the Country dolls. They are the tallest and plumpest. Irina is featured on the cover. Their wardrobes include 22 pieces, including tops, skirts, pants, a dress, and lots of accessories. Also, a stuffed bear for Irina. Several of the clothing items are designed for non-felt fabrics. The Uptown Girls, Laura and Lily, are a little shorter and slimmer. Their elegant felt clothes feature lots of lace and ribbons. Lydia and Amelia are Pretty Pals, with beautifully embroidered hair and faces, and lots of embroidered details on their clothes. Finally, Kate and Lisa are the Fashionista Friends, only 5 inches tall and very slim, with dramatic embroidery floss hairdos, and lots of bling. It took me 3 evenings to make Irina, using craft

felt, embroidery thread, and a little polyester stuffing I already had. The instructions were very clear and easy to follow. This is a project that an adult can enjoy making with even a fairly young crafty child. Anyone with a little handsewing/embroidery experience should have little trouble making this doll and her clothes are even easier. It's pretty easy to make changes. For example, I sewed my legs on with the feet facing forward, and attached the arms according to the instructions for the Uptown Girls, because I liked that better. If I want to make outfits from some of the other dolls, I will need to make some modifications to the patterns, because Irina's larger, but the styles are simple, so I don't think it will be a problem at all. I highly recommend that you photocopy or trace the patterns. The pieces are small, and you won't want to cut up the book.

I first learned to sew by hand when I was ten years old and in elementary school. Our student teacher that year had convinced our school principal that a good art project for the year would be teaching our class to hand sew felt dolls to be given to an orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. I remember how difficult it was to learn to sew such tiny little stitches as were needed to keep the stuffing inside the dolls. I soon learned to love our art period (only one hour three times a week) and to try to make as many dolls as well as I could. Over time, felt doll making became a thing of my past... until a few weeks ago when I ran across a couple of books, including "Sew Dolled Up". It was like I had been hit by a thunderbolt. I had to get the books and start making these dolls. It was like the more than forty years since I first learned to sew had been wiped away. I remembered the joy of making the little felt dolls and the deeper joy of giving them to children who needed a doll. That is a type of joy that I need in my life once again. In "Sew Dolled Up" very traditional felt dolls are updated to some of the cutest I have ever seen. My only complaint about the book is that there doesn't seem to be a boy doll in the mix. However, there are so many patterns, that I am sure that I can easily adjust a doll to become a boy and some of the outfits to become boys clothes. Little boys love dolls, too. As a grandma to a little boy, I want to make him a couple of dolls to remember me by in later years. There are a number of dolls and many dolls clothes. The instructions are well thought out. I have been led to believe that this is a translation of a Japanese book on felt doll making. If that is the case, the translator and editor did an outstanding job as I could follow the instructions very well. I have had the book for over a week and have made two dolls and a number of clothes already. As a crafter, needleworker, beader, and quilter, I found that I had most of the items I needed to start my projects. For felt, I was able to go to my local fabric store and to a Joanne's to get what was needed. It has been many years since I have felt so much fun and joy in my projects. Maybe it is because I know that I am making them to give away to children - I try to imagine who might get my

current project while I am working on it. I find that it helps me use my imagination in making expressions on the dolls and in adding little special touches. Once I am comfortable with the dolls, I will begin modifying them to make some for little boys. This is truly a wonderful book for making felt dolls by hand. It is so much fun to look through and then to actually make the dolls. I am thrilled to have found this book to help re-awaken my early love of doll making. I must admit that these dolls probably look a lot better than the ones I made when I was ten but I can assure you just as much love went into those dolls and the love of making things with my hands started with felt doll making. It is a craft that would be wonderful to teach young girls and boys today as we live in a time when items made by hand seem to be a thing of the past.

Sew Dolled up is such a cute and sweet new felt doll book. It is originally published in Japanese language by Boutique Sha. Each page comes with clear description on the doll instructions and outfits. I am particular love the 55 mix and match outfit patterns in the back of the book. The directions on sewing up the outfits and the dolls are so clear. It comes with clear diagrams on what type of sewing stitches to use and numbers of the embroidery floss to use. Some of the cute outfits are perfect for using up fabric scraps and nice hand-sewing project! It is suitable for beginners to advanced crafters.

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