



Make Sally Fixit – She’s a crafty maid!

Use scraps of felt and fabric to make this little doll who holds handy sewing items in her pockets. She makes a good gift for someone who has moved out of home to help them keep their clothes in order.

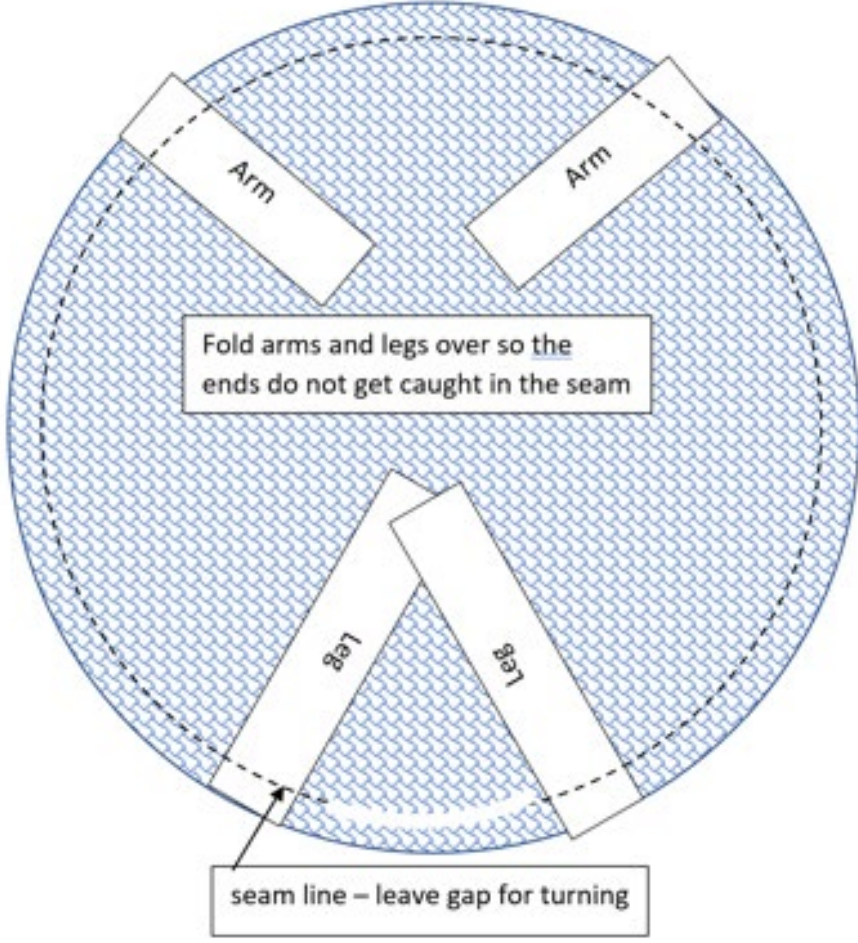
Materials and equipment

You will need:

- 2 x fabric circles 17 cms diameter for the head, in plain calico
- 2 x patterned fabric circles 17 cms diameter for body
- 2 x half circles 17 cms diameter for hair, in yellow or brown felt; shape the front semicircle to allow for face
- Calico/contrast fabric for arms: 2 x rectangles 10 x 5 cm
- Calico/contrast fabric for legs: 2 x rectangles 16 x 6 cm
- Felt oddments for lips, hands and shoes
- patterned fabric rectangles for apron, 26 x 10 cm, and pockets, 3 each 8 x 8 cm
- yellow or brown yarn, scrap cardboard for 2 x small pompoms
- Scraps of ribbon for hair ribbons and apron ties
- Scrap of lace 26cm long for apron
- Eyes/lips: embroider or felt or sew ons/stick ons
- Matching thread – an all-purpose polyester thread is suitable
- Toy filling
- Accessories – small scissors, pins, needles, measuring tape, elastic, thread, buttons etc – to put in Sally’s pockets
- Equipment used to make Sally: sewing machine, needles, scissors, tape measure, pins.



Making the Doll

1. Cut out the fabric pieces needed, as listed above. You can use a plate as a template for the circles.
2. Add eyes and mouth to one calico circle for face. You can embroider them, stitch or glue on felt, or stick on eyes purchased from a craft shop.
3. Trim one felt semicircle so that it fits on the face circle without covering the eyes. Stitch to face.
4. Stitch the other felt semicircle to the other calico circle for the back of the head.
5. Place the two head pieces right sides together, with hair pieces matching and on the inside. Mark the bottom of the head (directly opposite the top point of the hair). Stitch around the circle, about 0.5 cm from the edge, starting 1.5 cm from the bottom of the head, and leaving a gap of about 3cm at the bottom of the head for turning. Clip the seam about every 1 cm, close to the stitching (but making sure you do not cut it!) so that the curve will sit flat when turned right side out. Turn the head the right side out, and stuff it with toy filling. It needs to be quite firm - when you think you have enough, add some more! Hand stitch the opening closed.
6. Prepare the arms and legs: fold the rectangles in half lengthwise, right sides together. Stitch about 0.5 cm from the edge and turn right side out. To one end of each arm add a felt pink shape for hands, and stitch the end closed. To one end of each leg add felt rectangles folded in half for shoes, and stitch sides of shoes together.
7. Make the body: lay the arms and legs on top of the right side of one fabric circle, so that the end which joins the body is level with the outside of the circle, and the rest of the arm/leg is inside the circle. It will look something like this:
 
8. Lay the other fabric circle face down on top, so that right sides are together, and pin the arms and legs in place.
9. Stitch around the circle, about 0.5 cm from the edge, leaving a gap of about 3cm for turning. Clip the seam about every 1 cm, close to the stitching (but making sure you do not cut it!) so that the curve will sit flat when turned right side out. Turn the body the right side out, and stuff it with toy



Week Sixteen

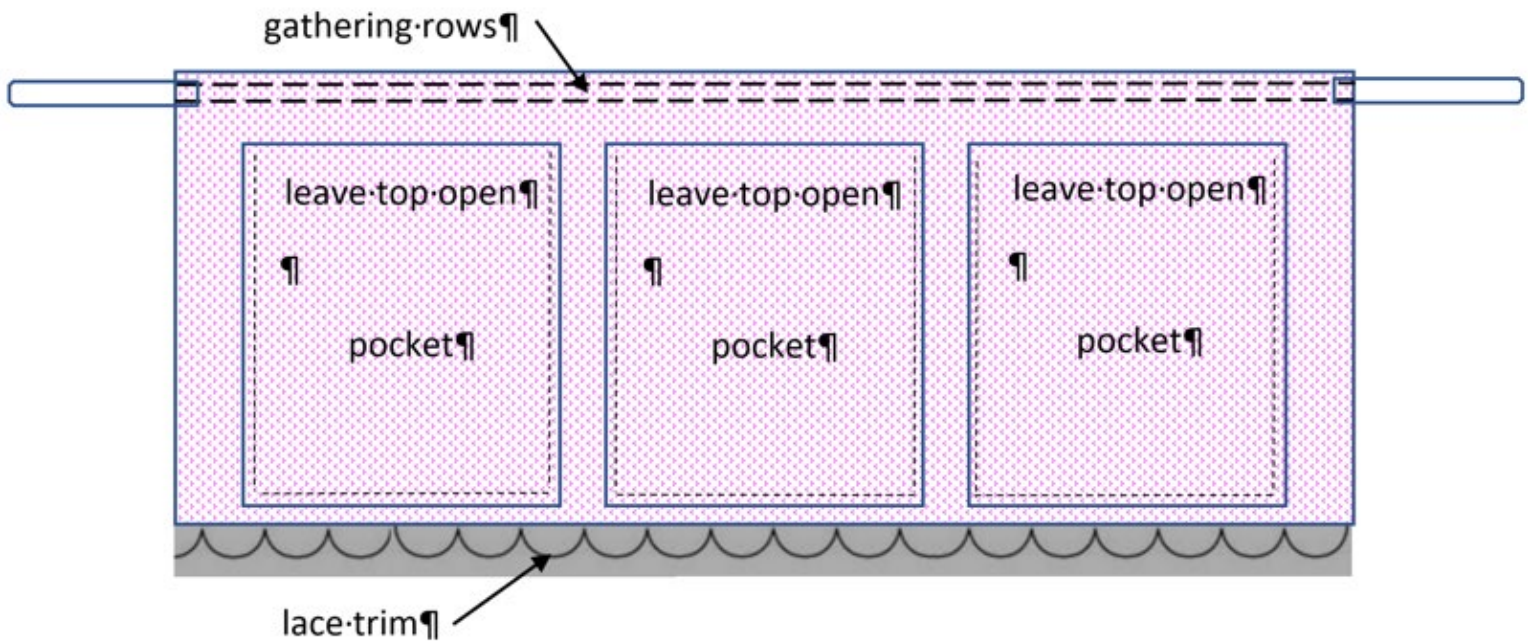


filling. Hand stitch the opening closed.

10. Stitch the head to the body as firmly as you can.
11. Make 2 small pompoms for Sally's pigtails. Use cardboard circles about 4-5 cm in diameter, with centre holes about 1.5-2 cm diameter. Attach to Sally's head using the ends of yarn wrapping the pompoms. If wished, add ribbon hair ties. If you need instructions for making pompoms, try <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/how-to-make-pom-poms-2116513>

Making the apron

1. Sew 2 rows of long machine stitches along one 26cm side of the apron piece ready for gathering, but do not pull up yet.
2. Hem all sides of each of the 3 pocket pieces and stitch to the right side of the apron, spacing them evenly. Remember to leave the pockets open at the top - the long side with the gathering stitches.



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4. Pull up the gathering stitches to make a good fit around Sally's "waist". Hem all sides of the apron, attaching a piece of lace to the bottom, and ribbon ties to each end of the top. The ribbon ties should be about 50 cm long - the diagram does not show the full length of the ties.
5. Dress Sally in her apron, tying it firmly, and then place the sewing accessories in her pockets.