

Planet Penny Dolly Peg Dolls and Christmas Angels

*This is the Planet Penny tutorial featured in **Dolls House Magazine**...A great way to use treasured scraps and threads to create your own individual mini people. Lovely as Christmas Tree decorations and of course to make a fairy or Angel for the top of the tree!*



Materials: Wooden dolly pegs, Scraps of fabric, Felt, Lace, Ric Rac braid or similar trimming, Button, oddments of yarn Thread, cord.

Equipment: Fine pen, scissors, ruler, sewing needle, yarn needle, glue, I use UHU or a glue gun



To Make:

Select an unblemished dolly peg and, using a fine pen, draw in the features. I keep mine very simple, but you can add a nose and rosy cheeks if you like.



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Then prepare your fabric, pressing if necessary (yes I know, I feel like that about ironing too, but if it's all creased up you won't like it!)

Cut a rectangle of fabric for the skirt approximately 5" x 3" / 12.5cm x 8cm

Cut a piece of lace or Ric Rac braid 5" / 12.5cm long

Cut a felt triangle for the shawl 2" / 5cm along the short edges.



Bodice: use a yarn oddment in your chosen colour and wind round the solid (body) part of the peg, trapping the loose end as you start, and securing at the end with a dab of glue.



Skirt: Take the rectangle of fabric and make a small hem along one edge and stitch using a running stitch. Attach the trim approx. 1/2" / 1cm from the bottom edge in the same way.



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With right sides facing, stitch the short edges together.



Stitch a gathering thread on the top edge of the skirt with a double thread.



Without fastening off the thread, turn the skirt right side out and slip over the dolly peg.



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Gather the skirt tightly, make a double back stitch to secure the thread, arrange the gathers around the body then back stitch round the skirt, attaching it to the bodice. Fasten off and cut thread.



If you want to hang the dolly, at this point cut a piece of cord approx. 8"/20cm long, knot it and then glue to the back.



Shawl: wrap the triangle of felt around the body of the doll, covering the knot on the hanger and glue one point at the front...



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..then wrap over the other corner and glue.



Using a yarn oddment double stitch into the button, knot at the back and trim ends...



...then glue to the front of the shawl.



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Hair: Using an oddment of yarn, measure off several strands approx. 6"/15cm long. I used 4 ply, and 12 strands. Cover the head with glue and arrange the central part of the yarn over the glue arranging it carefully (no bald patches!) (scraps of wool fleece works well too and can be twirled into a beehive!)



Cut through the ends, so that you can now either plait the hair or tie into bunches with a little bow and cut to your desired length.



Angels are made in exactly the same way. I used white felt for the skirt with cream lace, a vintage Mother of Pearl button and skeleton leaves for the wings



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These look really pretty as Christmas tree ornaments but are just as nice to use all the year round hanging on door handles or notice boards.

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