

RAG DOLLS 2 LOVE, Inc.

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SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ONE DOLL:

- 1/2 yard cotton fabric, 44" or 60" wide
several handfuls of stuffing (can be purchased by the bag at a craft or sewing store)
- a black permanent fabric marker, a red permanent fabric marker
- red embroidery floss, about 1 yard
- red felt, a piece about 4 inches square
- basic sewing supplies: thread, scissors, needle, pins, sewing machine, or the ability to stitch by hand

FABRIC SUGGESTIONS:

- use only soft, washable fabric
- avoid colors that represent any skin tone, such as solid white, black, brown, red, or yellow
- small floral or geometric prints work well, but many others do, too
- avoid prints that contain animals, people, or religious symbols as the dolls are sent to children of different ethnic and religious groups
- it is not necessary to pre-wash fabric

The wrist, elbows, ankles and knees must be stitched to give the limbs flexibility. If these places are not stitched, the arms and legs remain stiff and the child is unable to have an arm or leg to wrap around his or her neck. The face may be applied with fabric markers or stitched. It is important that the facial markings and location of the heart be the same on all dolls. The face, as it is, does not denote any particular ethnic group.

If an article about this project appears in any paper, please send me a copy or let me know about it. If you have any questions concerning the project, the construction process, or if you have any ideas about this effort, please contact me using the information at the top of the first page.

This project is run out of my home and involves very little in the way of overhead expenses. The only large cost is shipping, which runs several thousand dollars a year, depending on how many dolls are donated. We ask that each doll-maker donate \$2.00 per doll to offset the cost of shipping. And, of course, donations of fabric, stuffing, and/or funds is always much appreciated!

Thank you for being involved in this very special and worthwhile cause!

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