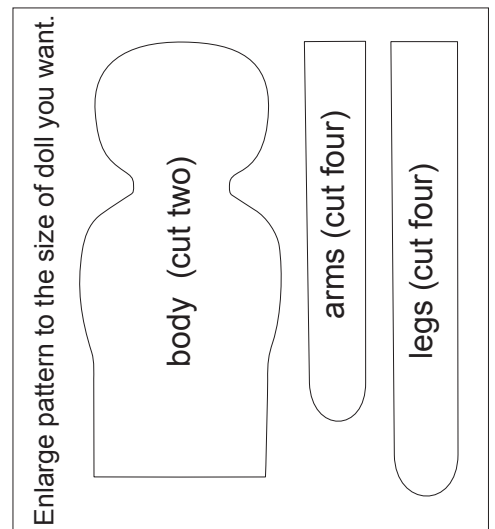
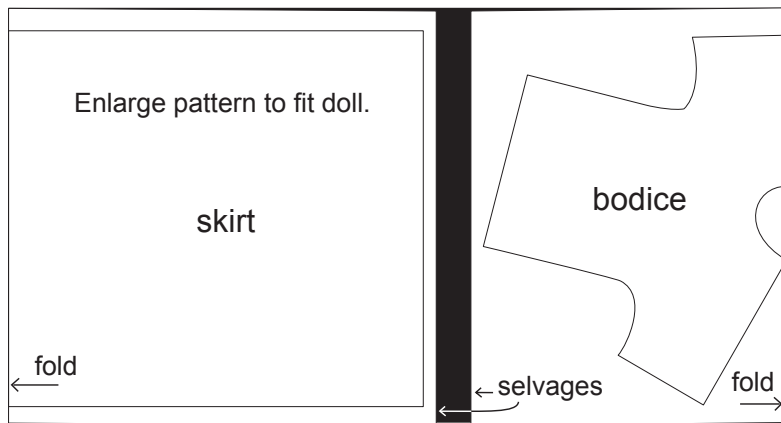


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Here are directions for a simple doll that can be stitched by hand in no time at all.

**Doll:** Cut out fabric (osnaburg or muslin works great) using pattern. With right sides together, stitch seams  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edges, leaving openings for arms and legs in body piece. Turn all pieces right sides out; stuff. Insert arms and legs into openings and hand stitch in place. Create nose and heart from fabric scraps; hand stitch with decorative stitches. Embroider eyes and mouth if desired, or use button eyes for an older child. Hand stitch wool, yarn or even twine onto head to create hair. Be creative!

**Top:** Cut out fabric of your choice using pattern. With right sides together, stitch shoulder and side seams  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edges. Hem neckline, sleeves and bottom. Turn right side out. **Skirt:** With right sides together, stitch side seams. Hem bottom. Hem top of skirt, leaving space to insert elastic, or turn right side out and sew right onto doll as you tuck and gather.

Once you've made your doll clothes, embellish with an apron made from a vintage tea-stained hankie. (To tea stain fabric, simply immerse in hot water, add several bags of black tea, soak until fabric is desired darkness, and rinse.

