

HOW TO MAKE MOP-HEAD DOLLS (24 oz Mop Head) Submitted by Susan Winters - 1991

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find seam in white binding and put it in front, and then slit binding at the top edge between stitching. *Cut* wire into a 12 inch length, fold in half and put open end into top of binding in the cut slit. Glue at the top.
2. Separate 6 strands from each in each side of yarn on top of head and braid these; four in each group for 4 inches. Tie with a strand of yarn/ pull over to front on top of binding and glue.
3. Pull or cut 3 strands from each side of back about half way down (a total of 6 strands). Set aside for use in step 7.
4. Separate 28 strand on each side for arms. Measure to a length of 7 inches and tie with yarn. Cut off even leaving about 1 to 1 1/2 inches below tie; then cut off any excess pieces to make ends even. Twist arms backwards tightly several times and bring around to front for wrists and glue to bottom of 4 inch braid covering the knot.
5. Make head by cutting out two 5—inch circles. Sew around the circle leaving a space for turning; fill with polyfill (stuff full). Place head over the folded in of wire at the top of mop binding. Tuck in opening and glue across opening.
6. Cut a piece of 3—inch wide lace 15 inches long and gather over embroidery thread. Pull up gathers to go around neck of doll. Knot the lace at back head and spot glue around neck.
7. Take the 6 strands you cut from back of doll and across the middle of the six strands. Put on top the forehead of the doll. Glue across where you tie it down to ear height and then braid. Tie with r height.
smooth out straight and sew of doll head fitting it over sewed it in the middle.
Pull ribbon. Then glue at ear
8. Cut pieces of excess yarn from step 4 into 2—inch lengths for bangs. Glue under hair from ear to ear, one beside the other; then trim and fray edges. Glue second row under first row (do not yet glue on first row). Trim second row; then fray it. Comb forward onto face.
9. Glue strands of excess yarn on back of head covering back of head. These should be longer than the pieces used for the bangs.
10. Put (wider? ribbon around the hat and then glue. Take three ribbons about 12 inches long and make streamers for hat. Glue hat around inside edge, shove hat over the head, the bangs, and the back of the head.

11. Make eyes with black tulip paint using a dowel to dip into paint, dot the face to make eyes. Put blush on cheeks.
12. Cut more ribbon for front streamers. Glue under hands. Put flowers in the hands at top and trim hands.
13. Knot strands of yarn with or without tied bows randomly throughout doll's body. Add flowers or other trim as desired.