

BLOSSOM FAIRY DOLL

From FELT WEE FOLK - New Adventures: 120 Enchanting Dolls
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Class Description

Make an adorable acorn-capped 3 ½" fairy doll with faux flower skirt and wool felt tunic. Learn how to wrap a bendable armature with embroidery floss. Intermediate hand stitching experience is recommended for wrapping the body and embellishing the fairy's felt tunic. Gain skill in painting a face on the doll's wooden bead head. After her head, hair and hat are glued in place, she's ready to fly!

Class Length

2 to 3 hours, depending on students' experience level.

Class Supply List

Required book: Felt Wee Folk – New Adventures
Printed pattern templates for fairy tunic (p. 57)
3" square wool felt for tunic
3 seed beads for tunic buttons
Embroidery floss, 3 colors; shoe, legs, arms
3 pipe cleaners, 2 for doll and 1 to hold beads during painting
1" x 3" piece cotton quilt batting
Faux flower petals for skirt and wings
16 mm wooden bead head (bring extra beads for practice)
Wool fleece or roving for hair
Acorn cap to fit 16 mm bead head
White glue
Small scissors
Small embroidery needles
Acrylic paint: skin color, white, eye color, light brown, cheek blush
Paint brushes; no. 6 shader, no. 10/0 fine liner

Tips: For finding items such as faux flowers and acorn caps, refer students to chapter 2, “Gathering Materials”, page 11. Alternatively, the shop may want to collect and sell these items that are more challenging to find. The shop can offer for sale certain materials, like wool felt pieces for the tunic, wool roving for hair, wooden beads for heads and embroidery floss. Another suggestion is that shops buy the supplies in bulk and sell individual kits to students.

Classroom Preparation

Provide water containers for rinsing paint brushes and a disposable surface for mixing paint (I use plastic or metal jar tops) and paper towel sheets for drying brushes. The shop may want to have a selection of paints available to share, as only tiny bits of paint are used. Good lighting is also important.

Class Agenda

Follow step-by-step directions for making the pipe cleaner armature (p.31)

Read tips for wrapping armature (p.24)

Put on flower petal skirt (p.21)

Cut out felt tunic

Stitch and embellish tunic and sew to armature (p.15)

Paint bead head (p.14) Tip: Have students practice painting several bead heads to gain experience.

Glue head, hair and acorn cap

Sew on wings