



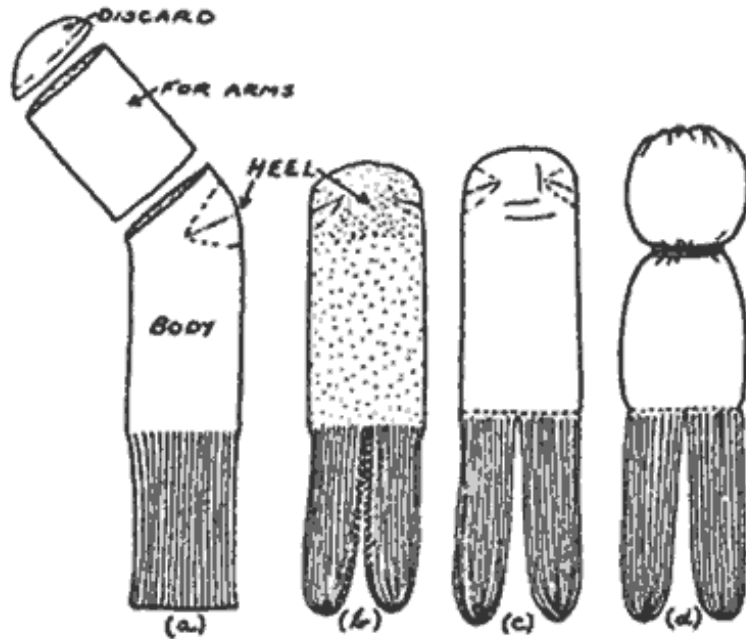
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HOW TO MAKE A “SNOW BUNNY” SOCK DOLL

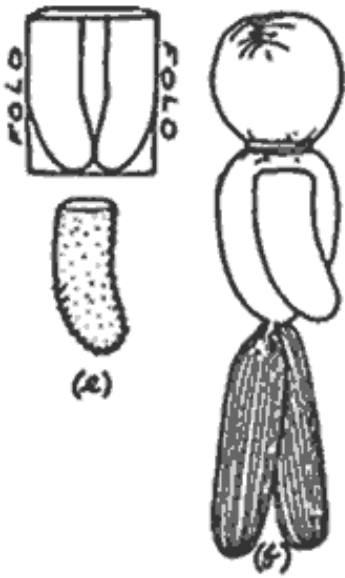
You'll need:

- white or skin-tone ankle sock with a deep cuff, preferably 100% cotton, size 9 or 11 for a larger doll; smaller for a little doll
- matching sewing thread
- polyester stuffing
- yarn for neck wrapping, wig, and tassel
- scrap of felt for eyes
- fabric glue
- embroidery thread for eye highlights and mouth (nose and eyebrows optional)
- ribbed cuff from an extra sock
- scrap of soft woolen fabric

1. Cut a sock into three parts as illustrated (a).
2. Refold the body part of the sock so that the heel bulge faces front. To make legs, slash the center of the cuff, front and back, to the end of the ribbing. Cut between the ribs on the cuff (a & b).
3. Turning the right side inside, hand stitch the cut edges of each leg together. Overcast with closely spaced stitches. Gather the tips of each leg tightly (b). Turn right side out.
4. Stuff each leg softly and smoothly. Note that knit fabric will stretch and distort unless the amount of stuffing inserted is controlled. Topstitch across the top of the legs from side to side, easing the sock fabric as needed to match the width of the stuffed legs (c). For security, doublestitch back over the original stitching.
5. Stuff the body softly to the top of the head. Close the opening at the top of the head with tightly pulled gathering. Wrap yarn around the body at neck level to create the neck indentation; tie the ends securely (d).



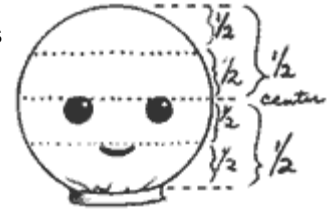
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6. Following the diagram (e), cut out the slightly curving arms from the sock fabric reserved for arms (a). With right sides inside, hand sew the cut edges of each arm together with overcast stitching, leaving the tops open (e). Turn right side out.

7. Stuff the arms softly. Stitch the top openings closed. Blindstitch the arms securely to the body, concealing the top-of-arm closings in the process (f).

8. Cut circular eye shapes from felt. Embroider tiny highlights in each eye. Pin the eyes to the head, adjusting until properly placed. Glue in place. Draw the mouth with pinheads to test placement and expression; embroider. (Add embroidered eyebrows and nose if desired.)



9. Cut off the ribbed top from another sock. Close the cut top edge with tight gathering to make a stocking cap.

Make a tassel to attach to the top. Fit on the head, folding the lower edge up to make a cuff. Hand stitch to the head, catching loops of wiggling yarn under the edge of the cap to frame the face.

10. Cut a long, narrow scarf from a scrap of soft woolly fabric and tie around the neck.

Each of the nine catalogs published by PLATYPUS between 1970–1991 included complementary instructions for an easy-to-make stuffed doll or toy designed by Colette Wolff.

The instructions and illustrations above were originally published in the PLATYPUS Catalog dated 1978. The "Snow Bunny" sock doll is as perky now as she was back then.

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