

## Christmas Annie Shelf Sitter

Approximately 19 inches tall when finished.

### You Will Be A Needin':

Muslin and material for dress & for dolls dress  
Brown flannel  
Stuffing

Acrylic Paint: Black, whicker white, barn red

Small paintbrushes

Embroidery Floss: Dark brown, to match dress

Buttons: Two 1/4 inch black matte, 2 small white buttons for shoes

Hair: Skinny Woolspun Primitive doll hair in raggedy red color

Mechanical pencil

Card stock

Doll needle either 3 or 5 inches long

Wooden or plastic ruler

Kitty litter

Muslin bag (optional)

**Staining:** Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil, old cookie sheet, rags, wax paper, glass jar with lid, sponge brushes, spray bottle, funnels.

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

### Annie:

#1. Body: Print out head/body pattern, body extension pattern as well as the arm and leg patterns. Tape together. On doubled muslin, with a disappearing fabric marking pen, lightly trace completely around all body patterns being sure to trace 2 arms and 2 legs. Do NOT cut out.

#2. Sew directly on the traced lines leaving open where indicated. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn.

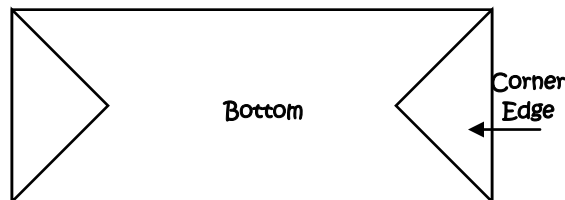
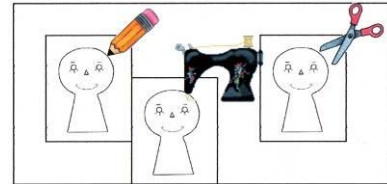
#3. Stuff head and body firmly, being sure to stuff neck VERY firmly; sew opening closed.

#4. Stuff arms and legs to stuffing lines (indicated on patterns) firmly. Sew openings closed. Attach arms where indicated on pattern.

#5. If you have purchased a muslin bag then skip this step. Print out the muslin bag pattern and trace on double layer muslin, cut out. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew 3 sides of the bag, leaving open where indicated on pattern. Fill this with kitty litter and sew opening shut.

#6. Stuff the body firmly leaving enough room for the muslin bag filled with kitty litter. Place this inside and sew opening shut.

#7. Turn corner edges of bottom in towards each other, about an inch, to enable your Annie Pin Keep Pincushion Doll to stand. The bottom will look something like this – Hand sew these edges down.



### Legs:

#1. Legs: Print out templates for shoes and socks on card stock.

#2. Wrap the sock pattern around leg (see pattern and picture for placement) and with a mechanical pencil light trace pattern, both top of sock pattern and bottom which is not only where the socks end but where the shoes start.

#3. Place cutout of shoe pattern where indicated on top of foot (see picture and pattern for placement); the dotted line (see pattern) goes on the seam of her foot; trace this lightly with a mechanical pencil.

- #4. First paint the socks and shoe cutout with antique white acrylic paint. With a very small paintbrush, outline these first and then fill in. You may wish to apply a second coat. Let dry thoroughly between each coat and once completely dry sand lightly.
- #5. Next paint the shoes black. You may wish to apply a second coat here also. Let dry thoroughly between each coat and once completely dry sand lightly.
- #6. Glue small button to sides of shoes (see picture and pattern).
- #7. Sew to body where indicated on pattern.

### **Face:**

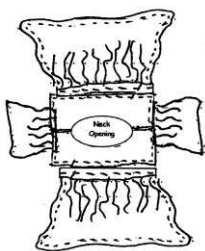
- #1. Eyes: Print and cut out the eyes (in pattern section). Position these on the face where you want them and pin them to the face with straight pins. Very lightly trace around these with a mechanical pencil; use a mechanical pencil as it leaves a thinner line than a regular pencil. If using a regular pencil, your lines will be thicker therefore when you paint the eyes in they will be larger than the pattern. With a very small brush and using your black acrylic paint, very slowly outline eyes first and then fill in. Once that has dried, using the end of a very narrow small paint brush, dip it lightly in the antique white paint and gently dot on the whites of her eyes (see picture for placement).
- #2. Mouth: Thread your 3-inch doll needle with 1 strand of your brown embroidery thread. Going in at the very top of her head (this will be covered up with her hair) embroider the mouth using a simple backstitch.
- #3. Nose: Print and cut out nose pattern. Position on face and pin using straight pins. Very lightly trace around this with a mechanical pencil. Using a double strand of red embroidery thread go in from the top of the head (as in step #2), use satin stitch for the nose. If unsure of the satin stitch, visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page for an illustration. Tip - I usually unthread my doll needle here and rethread on a smaller, sharper needle.
- #5. Eyebrows and Eyelashes: With a mechanical pencil and using the picture as a pattern, trace in eyebrows and eyelashes. Thread your doll needle with a double strand of brown embroidery thread and going in from the top of her head (this will be covered with her hair) go down and embroider the eyebrows and eyelashes.
- #6. Cheeks: Dip some barn red paint onto a paper plate. Dip your stencil brush lightly into the paint and pounce off most of it onto the paper towels. Unless you want her cheeks very bright, be sure to pounce off MOST of the paint. If her cheeks are not colorful enough for you, you can always add more...but begin by applying only a small amount. With your stencil brush and checking picture on pattern for placement of cheeks, in a circling motion, paint on cheeks.

### **Hair:**

- #1. Cut 3 pieces of hair each about 6 inches long. Thread one piece on a doll needle and take needle through top of head (where indicated by an "x" on pattern) through to back, bring needle back around to front and take needle through the very same spot, from front to back. This creates somewhat of a sliding knot. Do this for all 3 spots marked on head.
- #2. Hair Bundle: Wrap hair around your four fingers 5 times; cut. Slide the hair bundle off your fingers and thread through one of the 3 loops created on head. Pull loop tightly around hair bundle and knot; cut. Do this for all 3 spots marked on head.
- #3. Do NOT clip loops.

### **Dress:**

- #1. Bodice - On double layer material, right sides together, pin bodice pattern and cut out, being sure to place the bodice on the fold as indicated.
- #2. Skirt - On doubled layer material, right sides together, pin the skirt pattern being sure to place pattern on fold, and cut out.



- #3. Doing front and back separately, take one piece of the cut out skirts and sew a gathering or a running stitch about 1/4" away from one long edge.
- #4. Gather that part of the skirt and with right sides together match it to the bottom of the bodice. Pin & sew right above the gathering stitch.
- #5. Do the same for the other side of the bodice.

#6. With right sides together, match up the front and back dress pieces and, using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew together.

#7. Turn hem under 1 inch and hem.

#8. Place dress on doll and turn bottom of sleeves up about 1/4 inch and hand sew with a gathering stitch; pull to gather. Push sleeves up to create a little bit of a pouff and secure with a few small stitches.

#9. Turn neck under about 1/4 inch and sew a gathering stitch all around; pull to gather so that neck opening is about the same width as the neckline (see pattern). Secure in place with a few stitches.

### **Teddy Bear:**

#1. Print and cut out teddy pattern. Trace 2 on wrong side of brown flannel; do NOT cut out. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening.

#2 Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On bottom back, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.

#3. Flatten out ears and iron. Sew separation line for ears; (see pattern).

#4. Stuff firmly.

#5. Wrap a piece of brown embroidery thread just under head, making the neck more defined. Tie in a bow.

#6. Sew opening shut.

#7. Sew on 1/4 inch black matte buttons for eyes.

### **Doll:**

#### **Body:**

#1. Print out all body patterns and trace all on double muslin; sew on traced lines leaving open where indicated on patterns.

#2. Stuff body firmly and stuff legs and arms firmly to stuffing lines as indicated on patterns. Sew openings closed.

#3. Attach arms and legs where indicated on pattern.

#4. Stain using recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.

#### **Dress:**

#1. Print out dress pattern and trace on double material being sure to place on fold where indicated. cut out 2.

#2. Put right sides together and using 1/4 inch seam allowance sew seams. Turn.

#3. Stain following the recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.

#4. Press if you like or keep the grungy look. Put on doll and using matching embroidery thread, sew a gathering stitch around neckline, pull to gather and secure in back.

#### **Apron:**

#1. Print out pattern and trace on single layer muslin; cut out.

#2. With ecru embroidery thread, hand sew a gathering stitch about 1/4 to 1/2 inch down from the top of the apron.

#3. Stain following the recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.

#4. Put on doll and tie in back.

#### **Bonnet:**

#1. Print out pattern; trace on double layer muslin being sure to place on fold where indicated and cut out.

#2. Sew a gathering stitch using 1/2-inch seam allowance along the top part of the bonnet being sure to leave enough thread at both ends to pull to gather.

#3. Sew a gathering stitch using 1/4-inch seam allowance along the bottom part of the bonnet being sure to leave enough thread at both ends to pull to gather.

#4. Stain bonnet with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.

#5. Pull to gather and fit to dolls head, being sure to leave a little bit at neck (see picture).

#6. Attach to head with a few stitches sewn along the already sewn gathering stitch line.

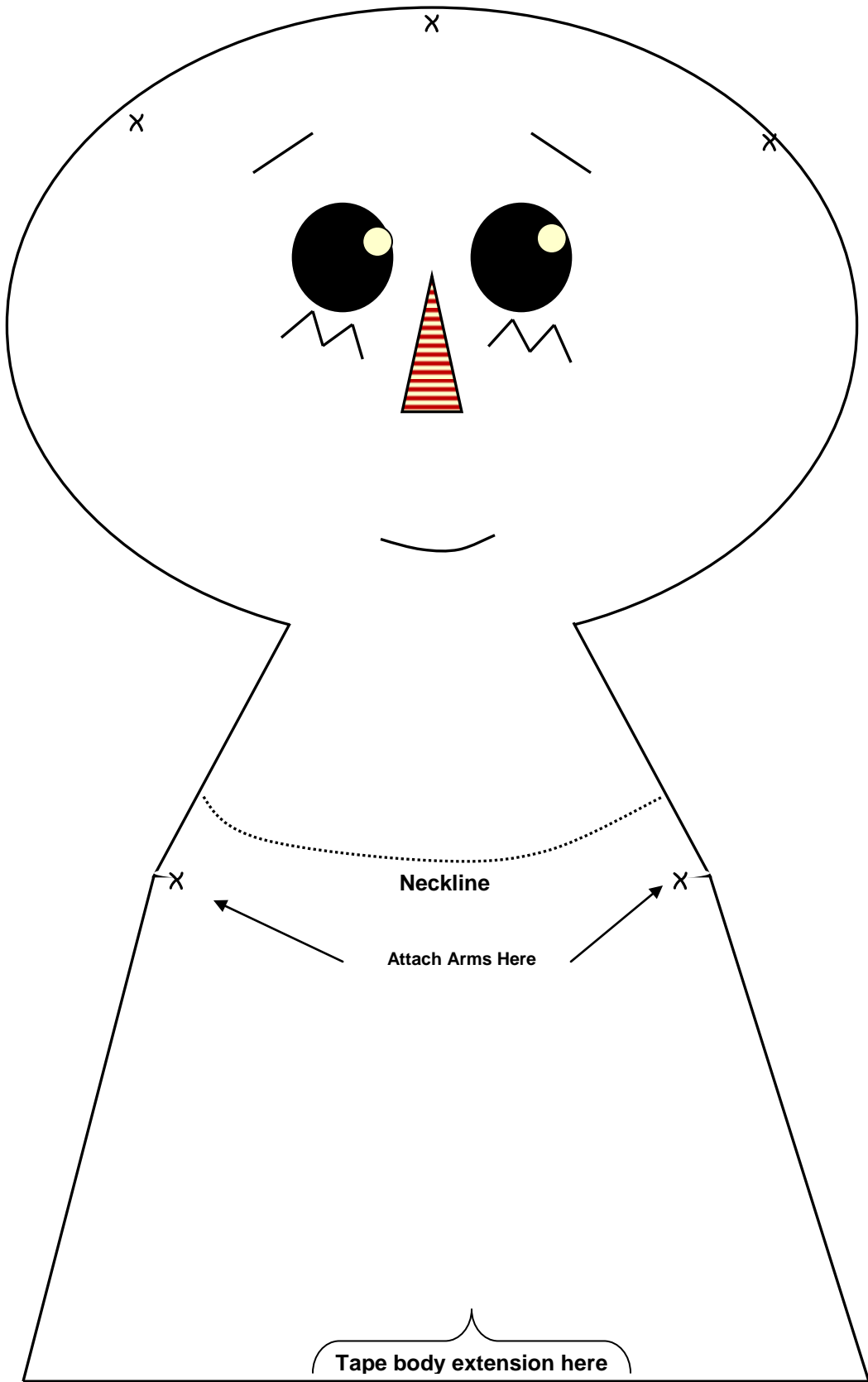
#7. With your ecru embroidery thread, hand sew a running stitch along the bottom of the bonnet and leave enough thread at both ends for ties for the bonnet.

**Staining:** Combine ¼ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 1/4 cup Vanilla extract and ¼ teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. If the scent is not strong enough for your preference, add another 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil each time because if you add too much and the scent is too strong for you, you will have to start over. Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay what you're staining here. With a sponge brush or spray bottle thoroughly coat. Bake for 10 minutes at 250 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always KEEP checking the oven. Store left over stain mixture in glass jar with lid for your next primitive project.

**You're done with Christmas Annie Shelf Sitter. I hope you enjoyed making them as much as I enjoyed designing them. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>**

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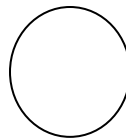
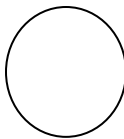
**Christmas Annie Shelf Sitt4er  
Body Extension**

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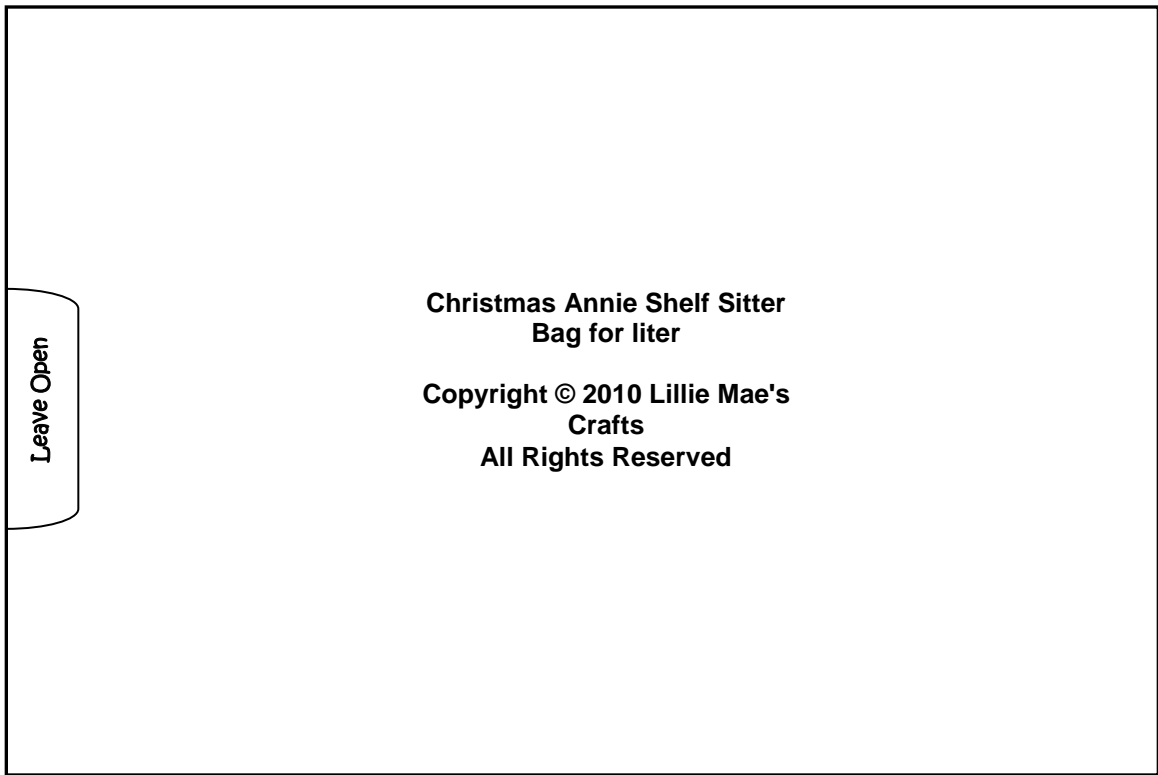
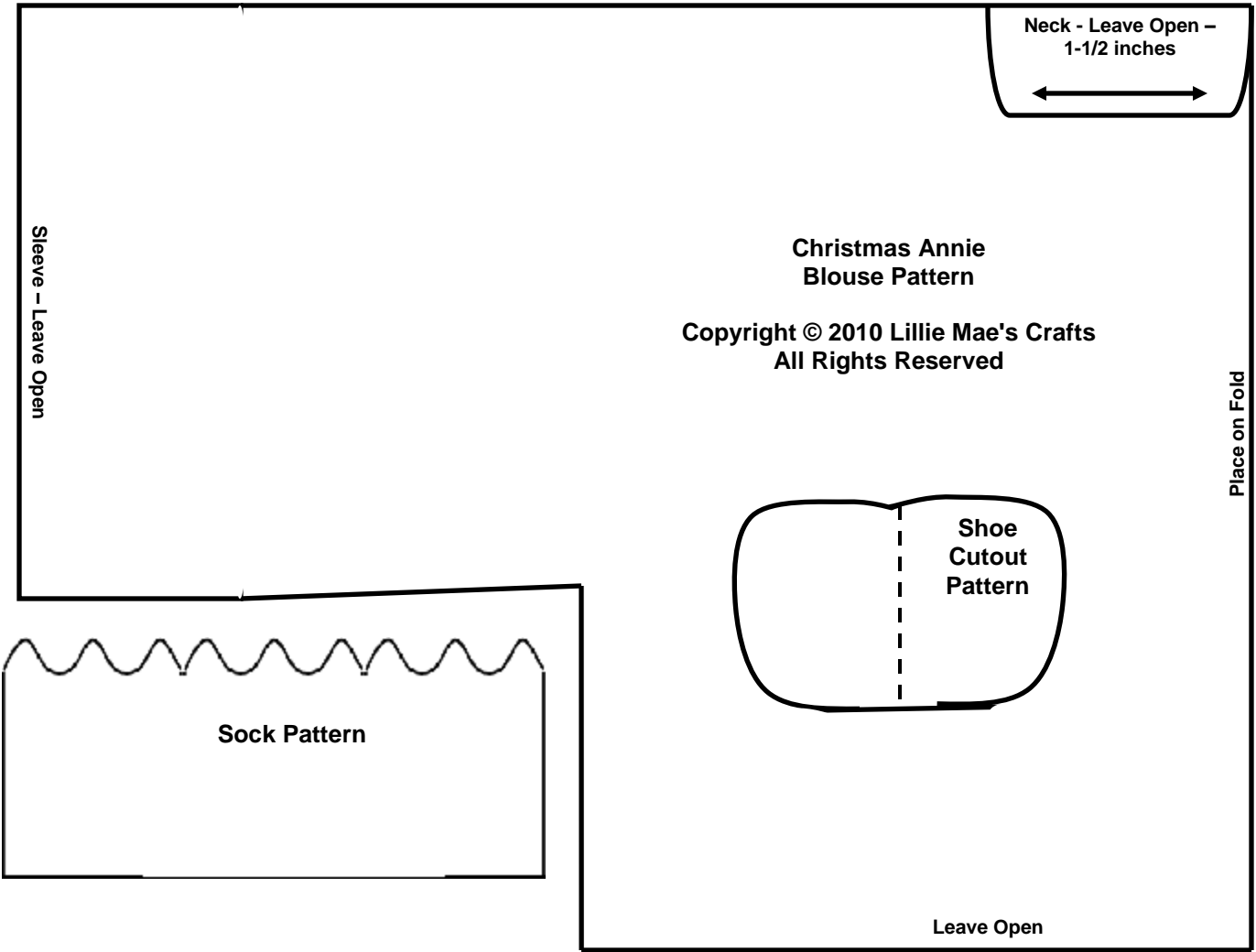
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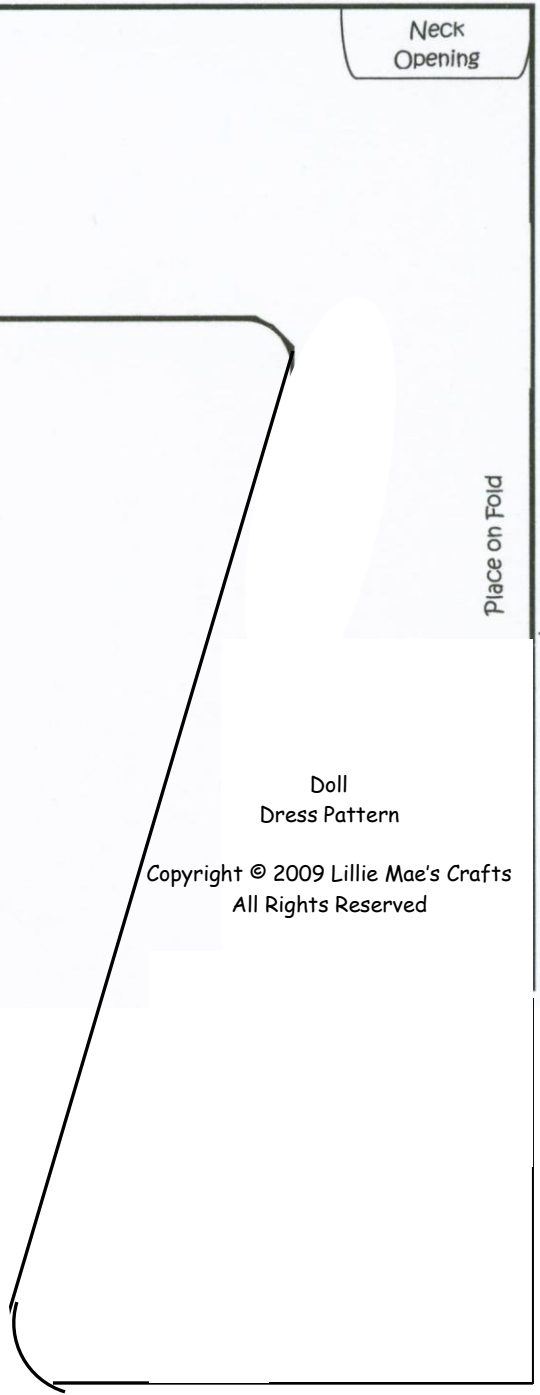
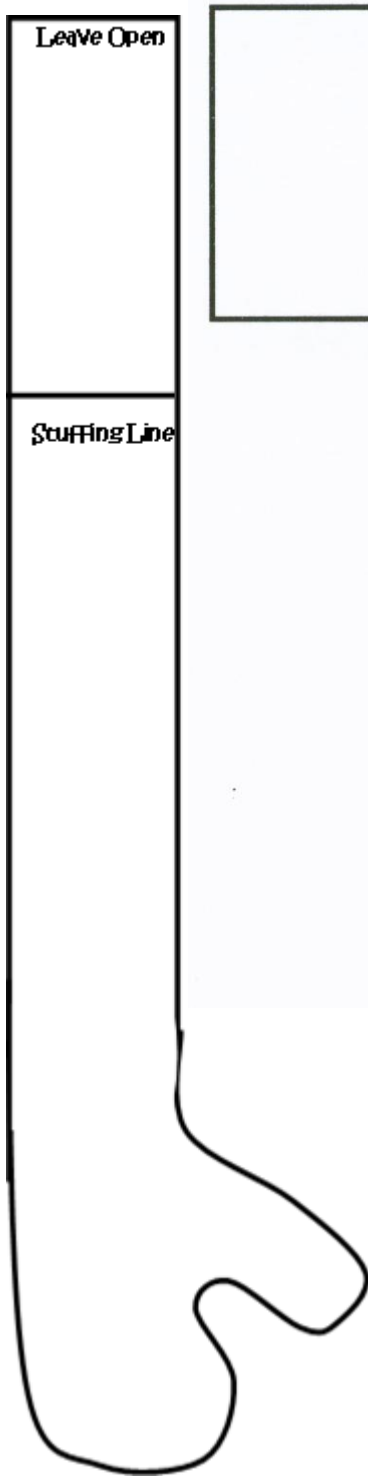
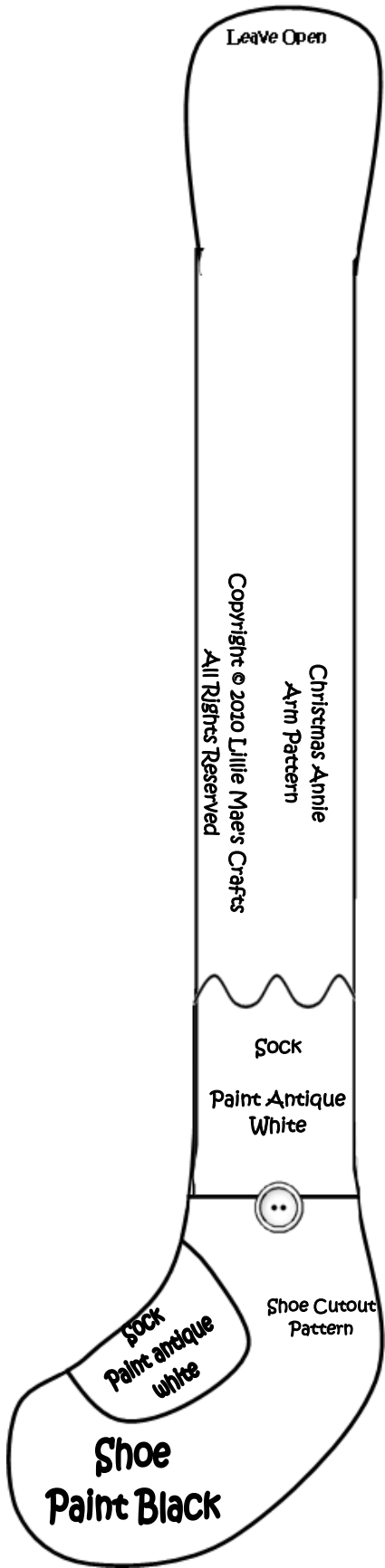


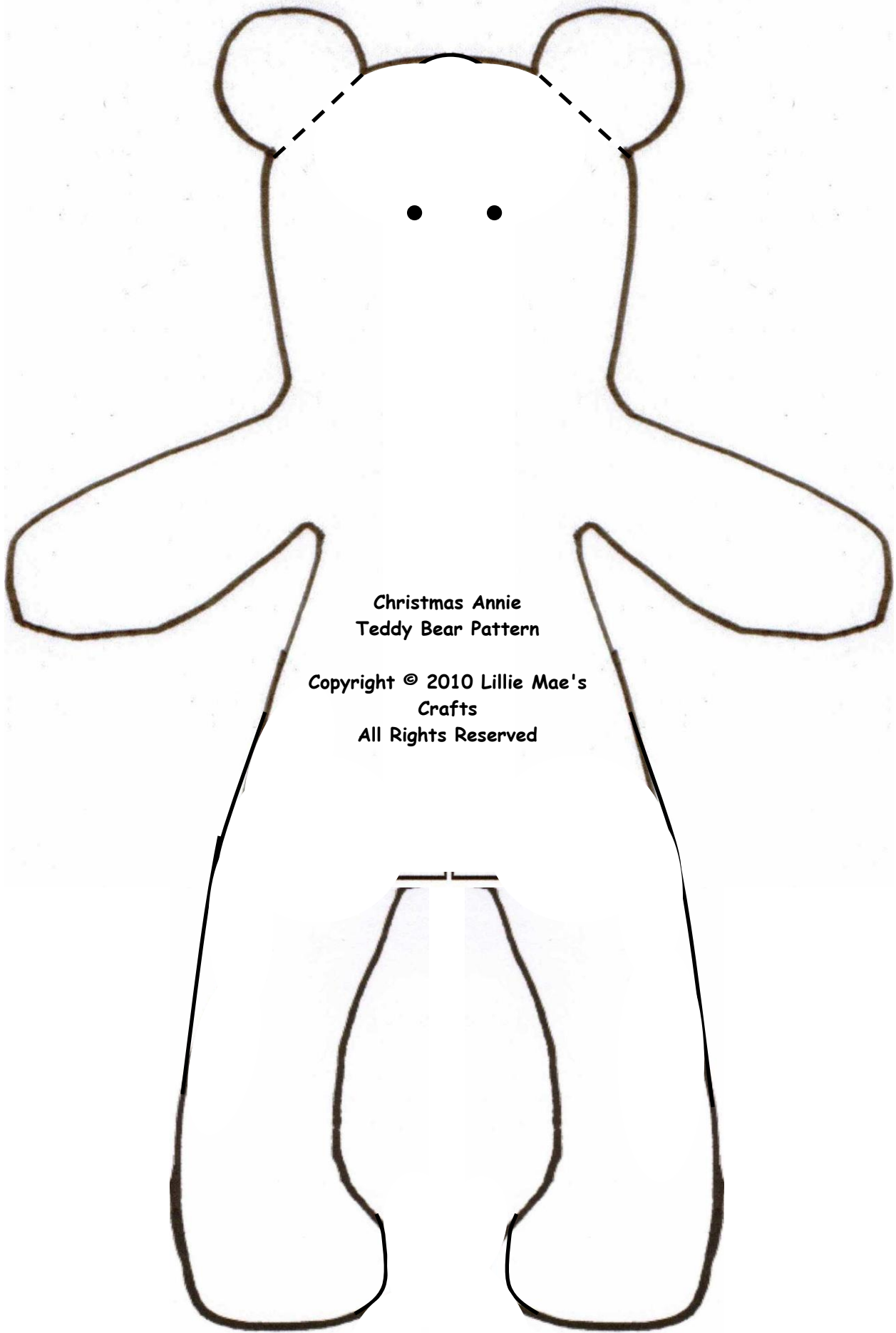


**Christmas Annie  
Skirt Pattern**

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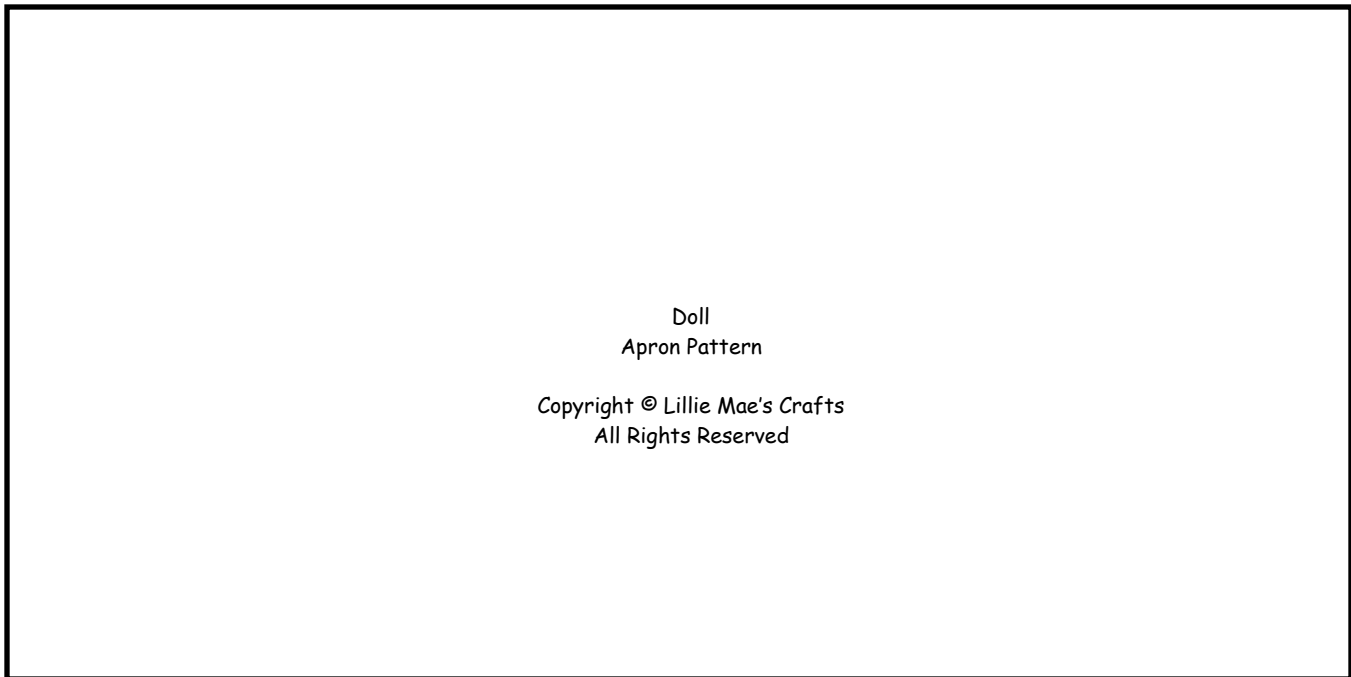
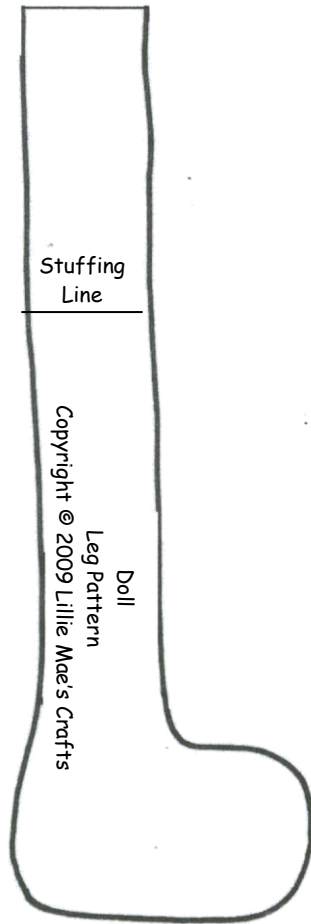
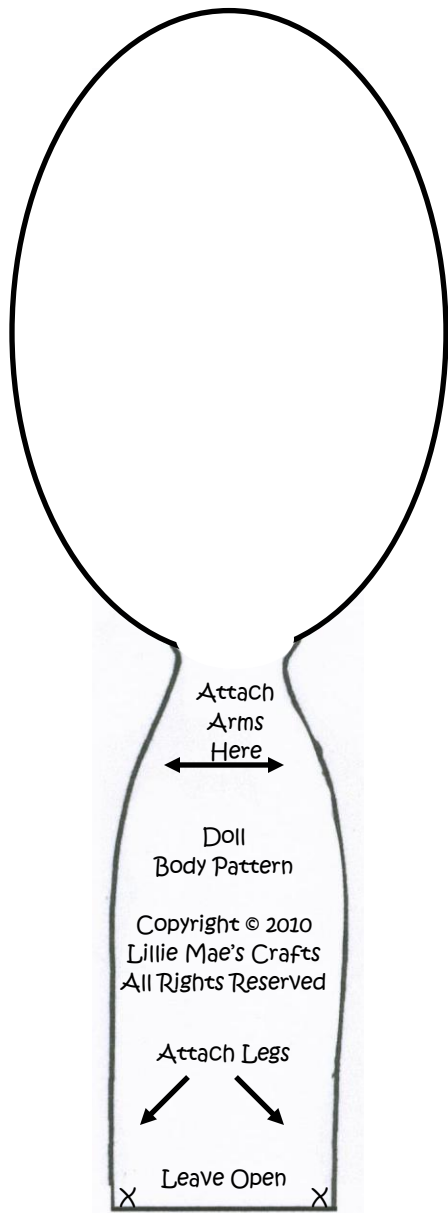
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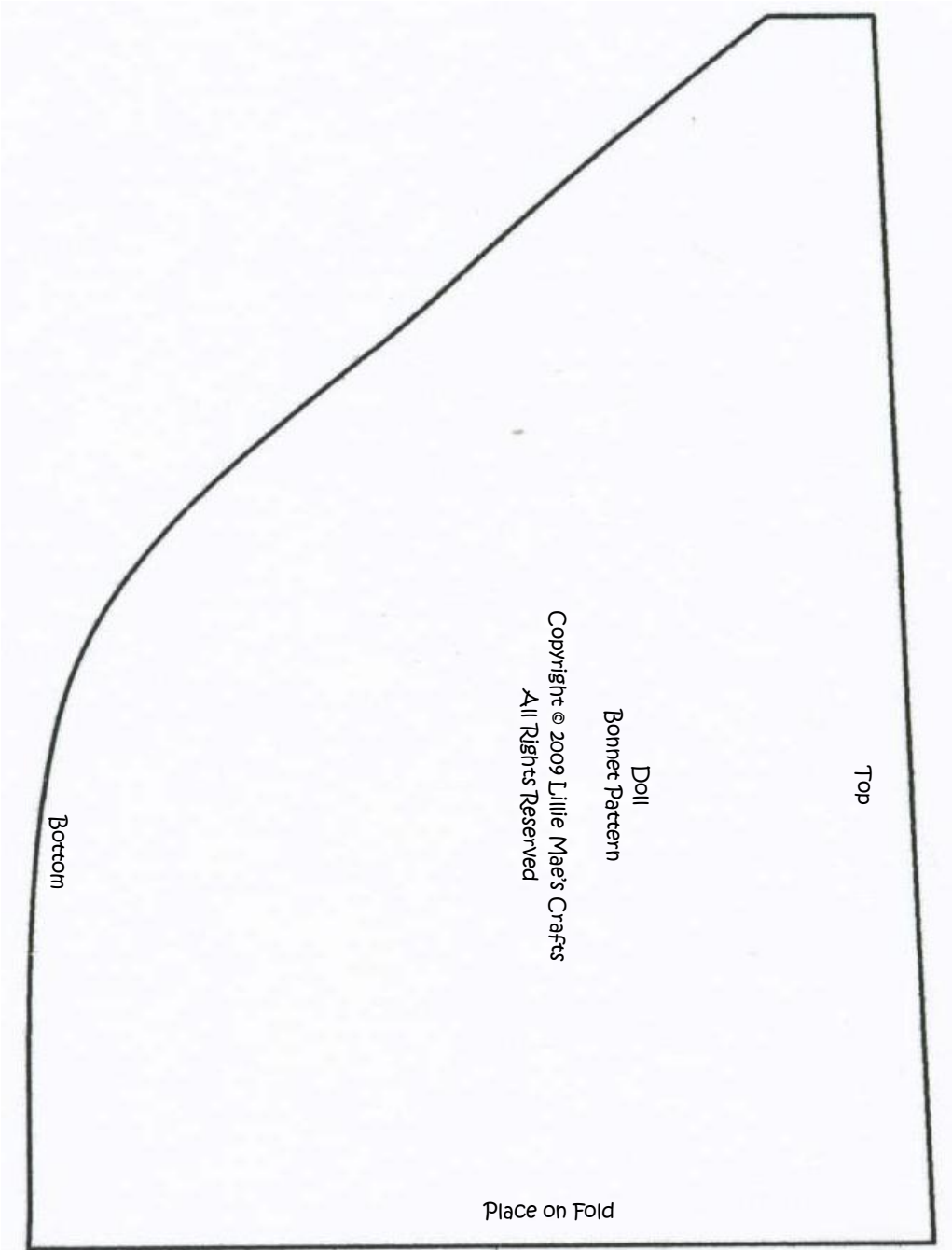




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Teddy Bear Pattern**

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Doll  
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