

## **Mandy**

Approximately 14 inches tall

### **You Will Be A Needin':**

Muslin  
Material for dress (bodice & skirt), scraps of white for panties  
Thick red yarn for hair  
Stuffing  
Needles: Doll needle (3 or 5 inches long), embroidery needle  
Embroidery floss: Dark brown, red, to match dress  
Paint: Black, white, country red  
Brushes: Small paintbrushes, small stencil brushes  
Card stock  
Mechanical pencil  
Sandpaper  
For Staining:  
Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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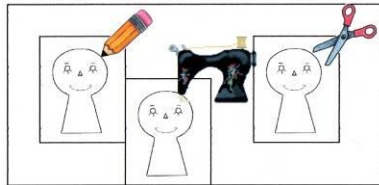
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Read through all directions before beginning.

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>

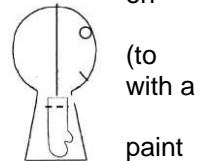
## **Body:**

#1. On doubled material, with a disappearing fabric marking pen, lightly trace completely around body patterns. Sew directly on the traced lines; leave open where indicated. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn. Stuff head and body firmly and sew opening closed.



#2. Stuff arms and legs to stuffing line (indicated on pattern) firmly. Sew openings closed. Attach arms where indicated on pattern.

#3. Attach a piece of thread to the top of both legs hang for drying). Looking at picture and pattern, mechanical pencil lightly draw in the lines for the shoes. Load a small paintbrush with black acrylic



and paint the shoes. Hang to dry. When completely dry, lightly sand.

## **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.

#4. Cheeks: Dip some Country Red paint onto a paper plate. Dip your 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 brush and checking picture on pattern for placement of cheeks, in a circling motion, paint on cheeks.

## **Hair:**

#1. Cut 10 pieces of hair each 8 inches long.

#2. Cut 10 pieces of hair each 4 inches long.

#3. Attach a piece of matching embroidery floss in the 3 places indicated on head pattern.

#4. Lay the first bunch of hair (8 inches long) across the head and tie in the 3 pieces of embroidery floss tightly.

#5. Attach another piece of matching embroidery floss in center of head. Lay the 10 pieces of hair (4 inches long) across the center of head, on top of the first bunch of hair, tie tightly..

### **Dress:**

#1. Print and cut out bodice patterns (front and both back). With a mechanical pencil and on single layer material, trace each one of the patterns and cut out.

#2. Matching right sides together, sew shoulder and side seams.

#3. Print and cut out skirt pattern. Trace, with mechanical pencil, being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern.

#4. Sew a gathering stitch (setting your machine on long stitches) along the top of the skirt (where indicated on pattern) being sure to leave long ends on both ends of skirt to pull and gather. Pull on strings and pull and gather the skirt until it matches the width of the bodice. Pin to bottom part of bodice and sew.

#5. Turn hem up about 1/4 inch and sew hem.

#6. Put dress on doll and pull back bodices together and keep them in place with a few small stitches.

### **Panties:**

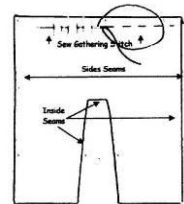
#1. Print and cut out panties pattern.

#2. On doubled white material, trace pattern with mechanical pencil being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern. Cut out 2.

#3. Place right sides together and sew side and leg seams. Clip curves and turn.

#4. Turn waistline down 1/4 inch and hem.

#5. Run a gathering stitch around waistline and pull to gather.



### **Hair Bow:**

#1. Print and cut out the hair bow pattern. On single layer material, pin bow pattern and trace with mechanical pencil, cut out.

#2. Tie in a bow and sew or glue to head.

### **Staining Recipe and Instructions:**

Supplies Needed:

- Instant coffee
- Vanilla extract
- Fragrance oil (optional, Cinnabun is one of my favorites)
- Old cookie sheet
- Small spray bottle or sponge brush
- Funnel (if using a spray bottle)
- Wax paper or parchment paper
- Rags (this is messy)

Mix Stain:

1. Mix together in glass jar with lid - ¼ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and ¼ cup vanilla extract. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
2. Pour stain into spray bottle or apply with sponge brush.
3. Spray the item you are staining front and back thoroughly or apply stain with sponge brush. Be sure to cover item completely with stain.

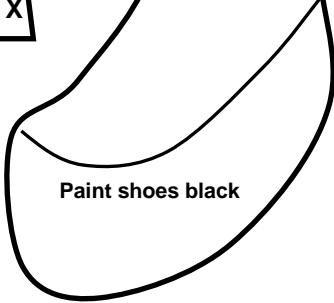
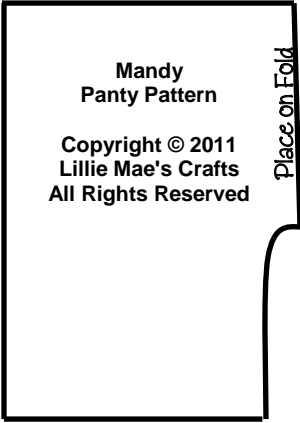
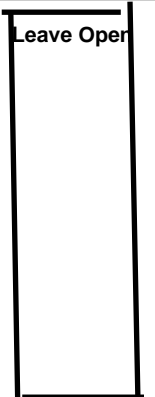
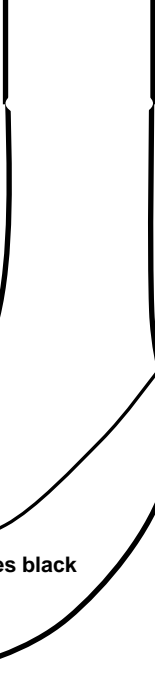
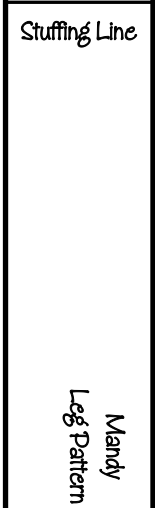
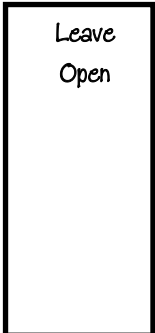
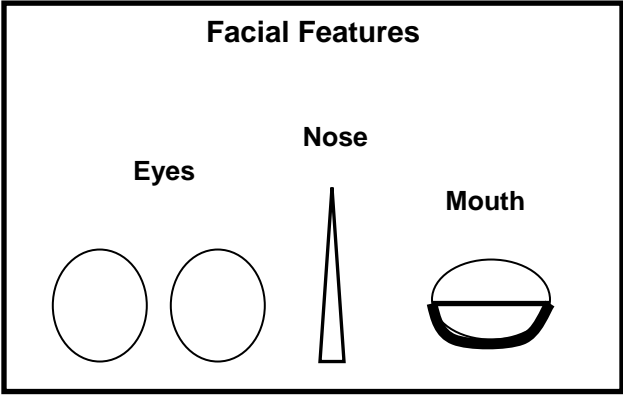
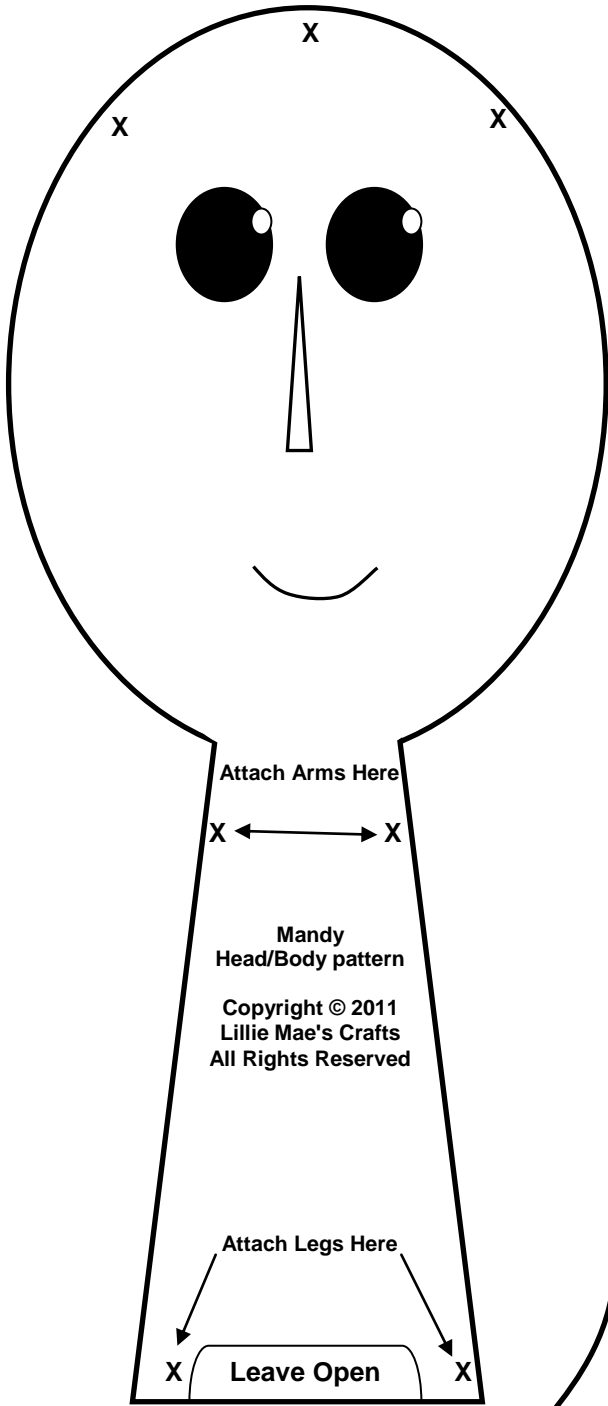
To Dry:

1. Lay on an old cookie sheet lined with wax paper or parchment paper. Bake in oven at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. If you need to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments. NEVER LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED. THIS CAN CATCH ON FIRE. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY. WATCH CLOSELY.
2. Attach a piece of thread to one end of your item to be stained and hang up (hours or overnight depending on the item) to dry. Be sure to hang where possible drippings from your stain mix will not cause damage. (I hang mine in my garage.)
3. Throw in the dryer. This method is great for small items. NOTE: Be sure to clean your dryer thoroughly before attempting to dry clean clothes in it again.

**You're done with Mandy. I hope you enjoyed making her as much as I enjoyed designing her. 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>**

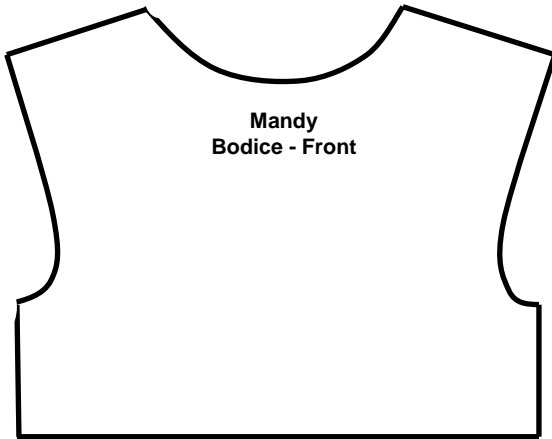
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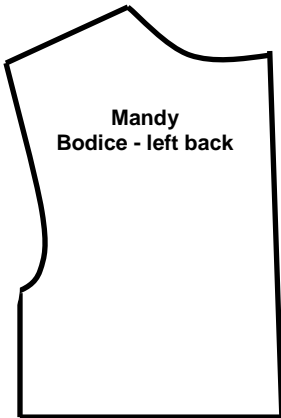


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Skirt Pattern**

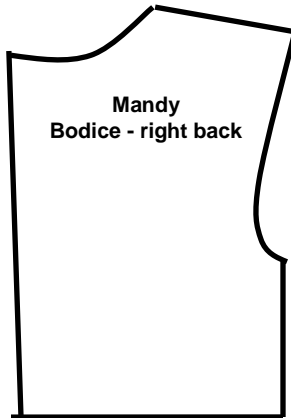
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**Mandy  
Bodice - Front**



**Mandy  
Bodice - left back**



**Mandy  
Bodice - right back**

**Hair Bow Pattern**

*Place on Fold*