

My Little Valentine

Approximately 14 inches tall

You Will Need:

- Material:** Muslin, scraps for bodice, bows and hearts
Stuffing
Mechanical pencil
Embroidery thread: Country/barn red, brown
Paint: Antique white, black, country/barn red
Paint brushes and stencil brushes
Doll needle (3 or 5 inches)
1 tiny button (for center of bodice bow)
Rusty bell
Annie doll hair (primgal on E-bay)
Card stock
Cheesecloth
Glue gun and glue sticks
Sandpaper

Staining: Instant Coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance coil, old cookie sheet, rags, wax paper, paper towels.

Rusting: Peroxide, salt, white vinegar, large plastic container, paper towels.

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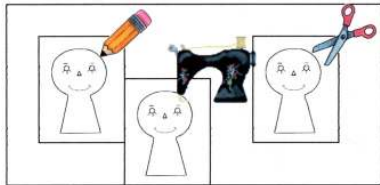
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Read through all directions before beginning.

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>

Doll:

#1. Body: On doubled muslin, with a mechanical pencil or disappearing ink fabric 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.

***The legs are not attached yet as they need to be painted, however, they do get stained so the next step is staining the head, body, arms, and legs.



Staining: Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 2 Tablespoons Vanilla extract and $\frac{1}{4}$ 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. (See the supply list on back of pattern cover for some suggested places for purchasing fragrance oils.) 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 your doll here. With a sponge brush, thoroughly coat the doll. Bake for 10 minutes at 200 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.

Finish Legs:

1. After staining legs and they are dry, attach a loop of thread to top of the legs (this is for hanging to dry).
2. Whitewashing - In a glass jar with lid, mix 1 Tablespoon white acrylic paint with 1/3 cup water. Shake to mix thoroughly. Paint legs and hang to dry. **NOTE:** I use an old wire hanger; just bend both sides up and hang one leg on each side. Be sure to hang where any paint drips (if any) will not harm carpet, etc.; I hang mine in my garage. Once dry, sand lightly.
3. After white washing legs and they are dry, it's time to paint Margie's stripes. Dip a little of your Barnyard Red acrylic paint onto a paper plate. With a small stencil brush, dip it lightly in the paint and stomp most of the paint off onto paper towels. I prefer a more vintage look to my Annie's so I stomp my brush onto the paper towels until it appears as if there is no paint left (believe me, there still is); however, if you prefer a more colorful Annie only stomp your brush a few times onto the paper towels. Follow pattern and lightly paint on leg stripes. Hang again to dry.
4. 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. 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 (this will be covered with her hair), use the 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 which helps me stay in the lines of the nose.

#3. Mouth: Print and cut out the mouth pattern being careful to get the right mouth on the right doll. Position it on your doll's face making sure the "centering line" is lined up with the centering line on the nose and pin with straight pins. Very lightly trace around the bottom curve of the mouth pattern (with a mechanical pencil) going up the sides of the mouth just to the bolded line and stopping there. Thread your 3-inch doll needle with 1 strand of your brown embroidery thread. Going in at the very top of her head (as in step #2) embroider the mouth using a simple backstitch.

#4. Eyelashes & Eyebrows: With a mechanical pencil and using the picture as a pattern, trace in eyelashes. Tip - use a ruler, each eyelash is slightly longer than 1/4 inch long. Thread your doll needle with a single strand of brown embroidery thread and use the same technique as in step #2 backstitch the eyelashes. Do the same for the eyebrows which should measure 1/4 inch across.

#5. Cheeks: Dip some Barnyard 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. Print out hair card on card stock.

#2. Cut 11 pieces of embroidery floss and insert them in the places indicated on the head.

#3. Wrap hair around card 2 times, slide off, place in one of the places indicated on head, tie tightly. Do this until all 11 places have been filled with hair.

#4. Cut loops.

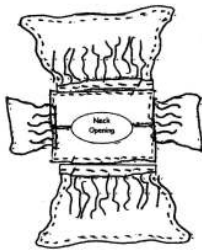
#5. Trim.

#6. Print hair bow patterns and trace each one on single layer material; cut out. Layer these with larger one in back

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. Cut out opening for head.

#2. Skirt - On doubled layer material, right sides together, pin the 8-1/2 x 11 piece of paper (card stock may work better) which is your 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. With fingernails, scrape along hem and sleeves to fray out.

#8. Print out skirt heart pattern and trace 3 times on single layer muslin.

#9. Stain hearts with recipe and instructions given above. Press.

#10. Using embroidery thread that matches the skirt and a simple running stitch, stitch the hearts to the skirt.

#11. Slip dress on over doll's head. Hand stitch a running stitch completely around neck and pull to gather, knot.

#12. Print out both patterns for dress bow, tape together, trace and cut out. Stain with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions. Fashion into a bow and sew to center of bodice. Sew tiny button to center of bow.

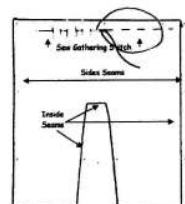
Bloomers:

#1. On doubled unbleached muslin, trace pattern with mechanical pencil. Sew on traced lines, outside as well as inside seams. Cut out about 1/4 inch from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn.

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

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

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



#5. With embroidery thread that matches dress, hand sew a running stitch about 1/2 inch up from bottom of each leg.

Hair Bow:

- #1. Print out hair bow pattern and trace on double layer material being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern, sew on traced lines, do NOT leave an opening.
- #2. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Cut a small slit in back for turning. Clip curves and turn.
- #3. Stain with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions.
- #4. Tie in center and either sew or glue to head.

Valentine Heart:

- #1. Print out valentine heart pattern and trace on double material; sew on traced lines. Do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
- #2. Cut a small slit in back for turning. Turn, stuff firmly, sew opening closed.
- #3. Print out valentine heart cheesecloth bow pattern and trace on single layer cheesecloth, cut out.
- #4. Stain heart and cheesecloth bow with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.
- #5. Fashion cheesecloth into a bow and tie to center of heart.
- #6. Sew a rusty bell to center. (Note: If you do not have a bell that is rusty, my recipe and instructions for rusting are given at the end of these directions.)
- #7. Print out valentine message and tie to bell.

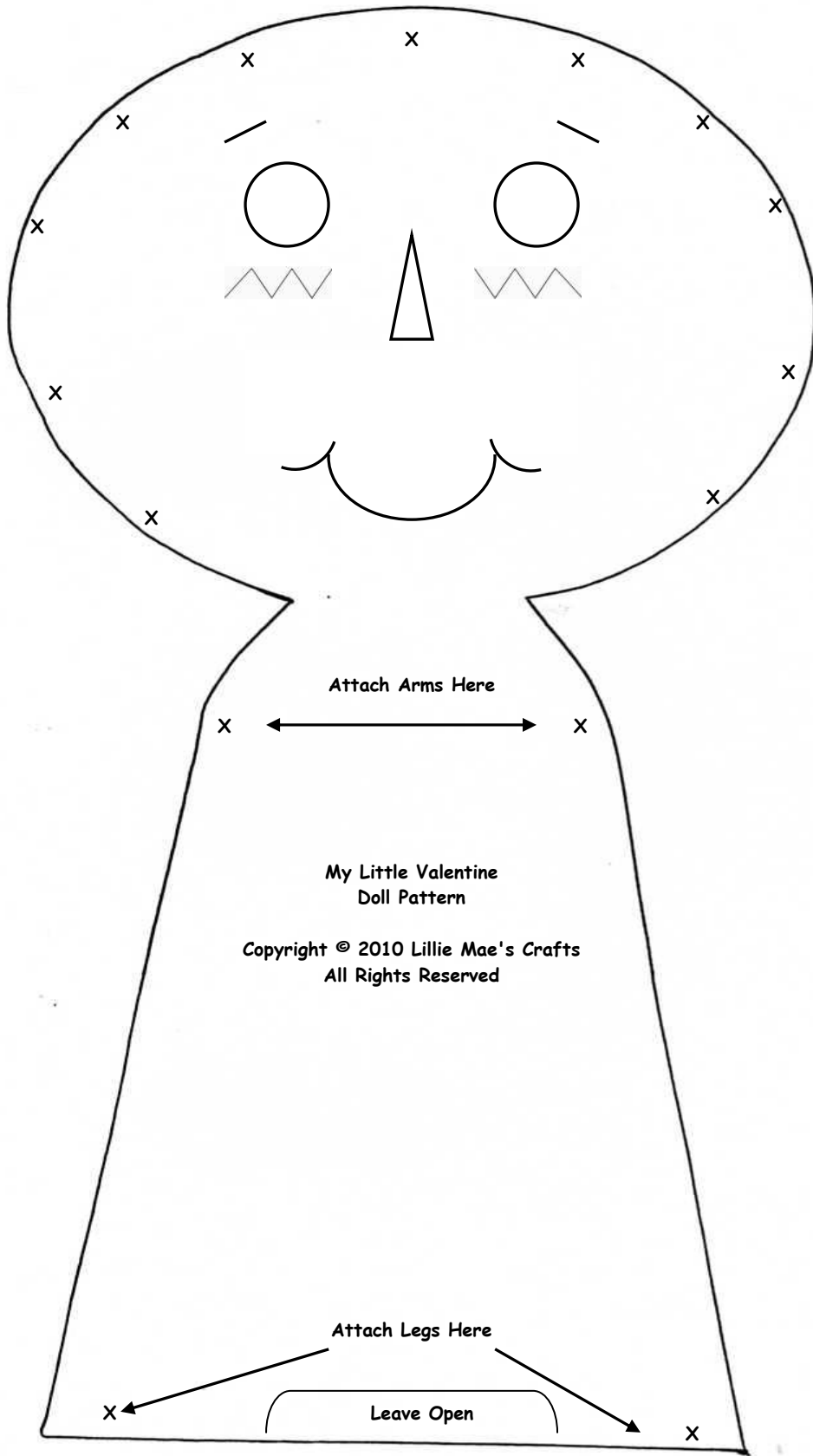
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Rusting Recipe: Combine 2 cups white vinegar, 1/4 cup peroxide and 2 tablespoons salt in a large plastic container; soak for 4 hours. Remove to paper towels, spritz with peroxide and spread salt on them. Let sit for another 2 hours. NOTE: This recipe calls for a large container as this recipe foams up pretty quickly.

You're done with My Little Valentine. 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.lilliecrafts.com>

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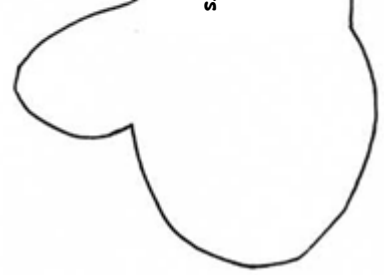


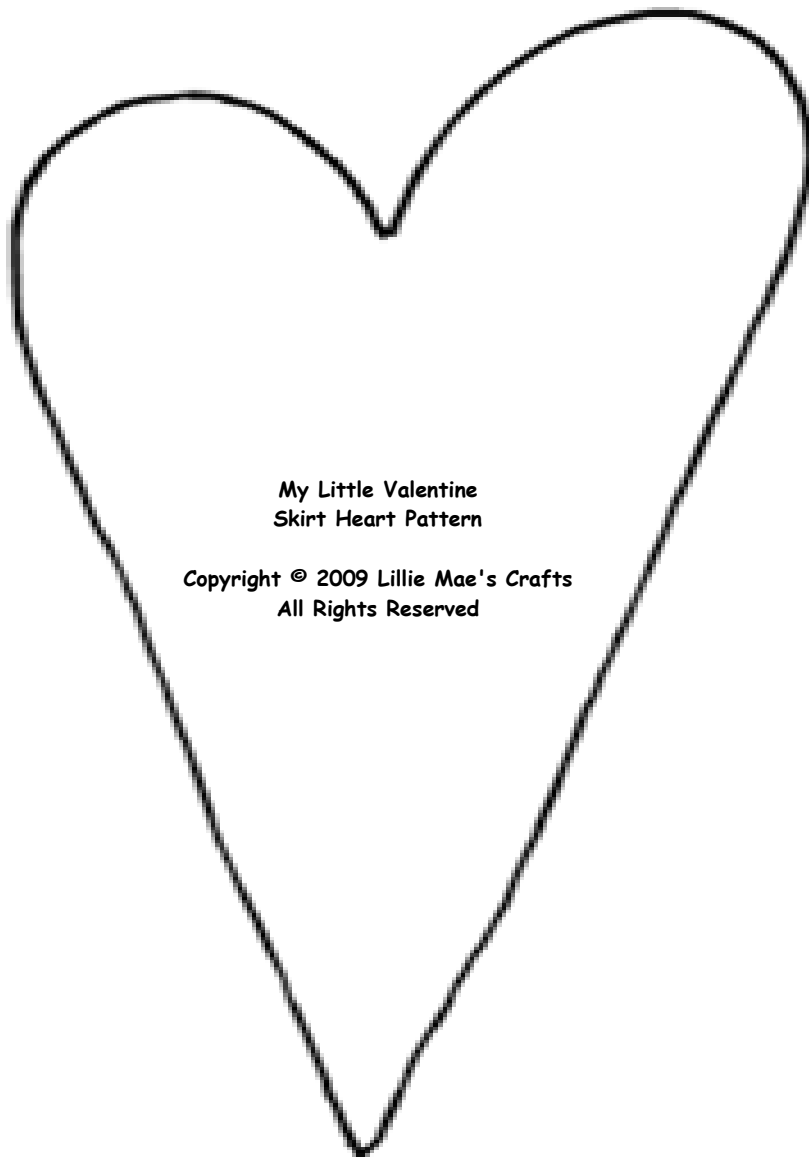
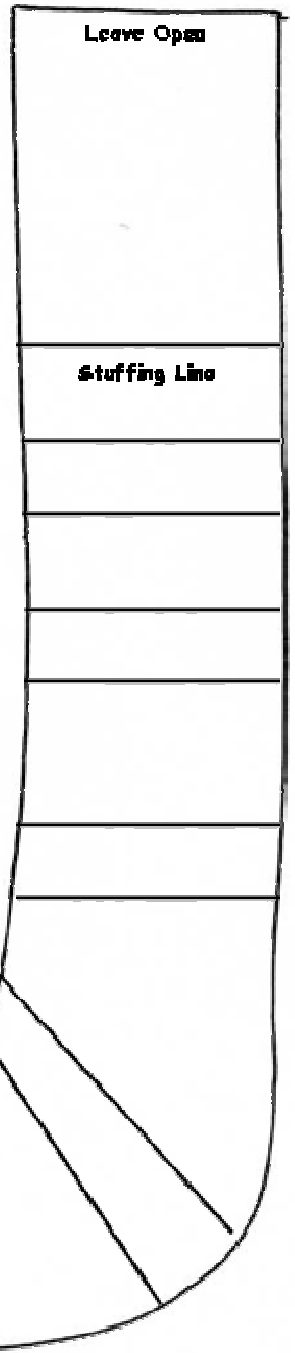
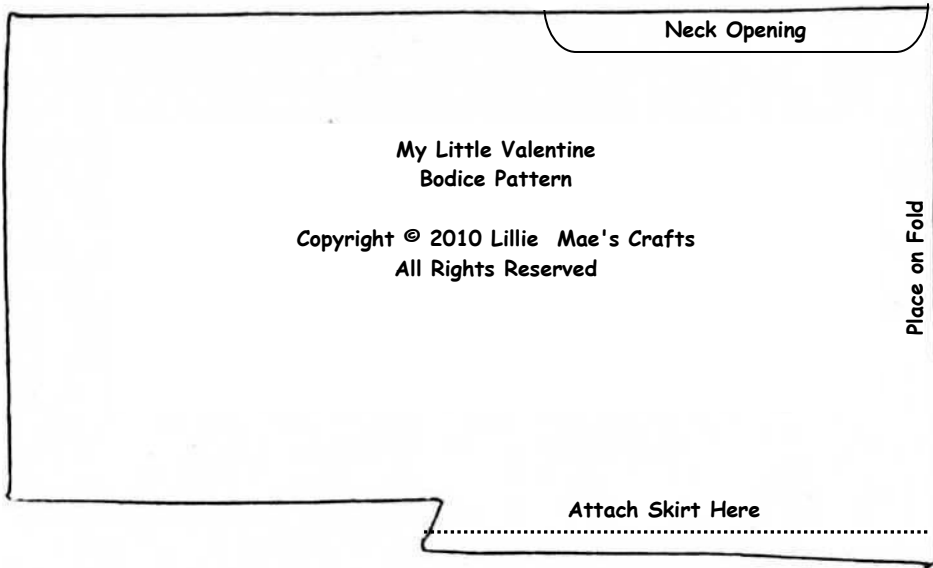
Leave Open

Stuffing Line

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Arm Pattern





Dress Bow Pattern #1 - Tape to #2, trace and cut out.

Dress Bow Pattern #2- Tape to #1, trace and cut out.

Attach Bodice Here

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Skirt Pattern

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Valentine Heart - Cheesecloth Bow Pattern



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