

# Pocket Dollies for Haiti

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Follow the directions below to make a doll to go in the pocket of a dress for a little girl in Haiti.

## Materials required:

- 1/8 yd. dark brown fabric for head, arms, legs
- Scraps of colorful fabric for dress
- Doll hair (see instructions below for making hair)
- Marking Pen or paints to draw face
- Button and scrap of lace or ribbon to embellish dress
- Fiberfill stuffing

## Making the Doll

Note: ¼" seam allowances are included in all pattern pieces. All seams are ¼" unless otherwise specified.

1. From the dark brown fabric, cut 2 heads, 4 arms and 4 legs. Sew arms and legs together in pairs making sure to back stitch at beginning and end of each seam. Clip seams at curves, turn and stuff lightly. Sew across end of arms and legs with 1/8" seam.
2. From bright fabric scraps cut 2 dress pieces. Sew ribbon or lace and a button to the front of the dress. Keep trim at least ¾" from bottom of dress.
3. Sew head to dress (front & back) at neck.
4. Hand-stitch several short (1-2") pieces of "curled hair" to the top of the front of the head at 1/8" from edge. The end of the hair should be flush with the fabric edge and the length of hair over the face. Three loops of hair on each side of the head make cute ponytails when tied with narrow ribbon.
5. Sew the arms to the dress front (1/8" seam) with the top of the arm at the neckline.
6. Sew the legs to the dress front (1/8" seam) with the legs touching each other at the center front of the dress.
7. With arms, legs, and hair tucked in, pin back of doll to front of doll with right sides together. Starting at the bottom edge of one arm, sew up and around doll, stopping just after going across bottom of the dress and starting up the side. (You want to sew around the bottom corner of the dress but leave as much room for turning as possible.) Use back stitch or lock stitch at beginning and end of seam. Clip seams around head and at bottom corners of dress.
8. Turn doll and lightly stuff head and dress. Whip stitch side closed.
9. Draw or paint a face on the doll. If you prefer, the face can be painted before the sewing is done.

## Making Doll Hair

### Materials required:

- Uncoated wire coat hanger - straightened
- Dark brown or black yarn – wool or acrylic
- Oven

Pre-heat the oven to 325 degrees. Wrap yarn very tightly around wire without overlapping it. Secure ends with half-hitch knot. Wet the yarn and bake in oven for 20 minutes. If you cook it too hot or too long, it will change color. Remove from oven and let cool for a few minutes. The yarn should slide off the wire fairly easily and remain in a tight corkscrew curl.

Return completed dolls to **Littleton Church of Christ, 6495 S. Colorado Blvd., Centennial, CO 80121**. There is a drop-off bin in the church lobby for Haiti donations. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Dean at [BarbaraBD@msn.com](mailto:BarbaraBD@msn.com).

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