

RUBY THE CHRISTMAS PIN DOLL ©2002 by Linda Misa

Materials

26cm x 11cm scrap of cotton

18cm square of Christmas material

Mohair staples for hair

Pens/pencils for face drawing

Gold paint

Fairy glitter

Acrylic gloss varnish

Toy stuffing

Gold beads and beading wire

Basic sewing requirements

Pinking shears

Craft glue

ALL PATTERN PIECES ARE **TEMPLATES** – NO SEAM ALLOWANCE INCLUDED

Preparation

Cut out all pattern pieces onto waxed paper and with fabric doubled – right sides together, iron templates on.

Stitch around all pieces using a 1.5 stitch length leaving open where marked. Head and wings are stitched right around and turned through a split on one side of the fabric. The body is turned through the opening in the side seam.

Trim all seams with the pinking shears close to the stitching, clip any corners and turn through.

Stuffing and quilting

Stuff the head and wings fairly firmly. Stitch closed both openings.

Quilt the wings using a 2.5 stitch length following lines on the pattern template.

Start stuffing the body, firstly up the neck and around the arm lines and a little in the chest area. Now, quilt the arms following the arm quilt lines on the template. Continue stuffing more firmly back into the chest area and then right down to the bottom of her dress. Make sure to stuff right into the hem scallops.

Quilt the lines in the skirt as on the pattern template. Add any extra stuffing if needed and then slip stitch closed the opening.

Painting and finishing

Stitch the head on to the neck stump.

Draw the facial features on using the photos as a guide.

Paint the wings gold on both sides and when dry, attach to the body.

Glue the mohair staples to her head, forming nice soft curls.

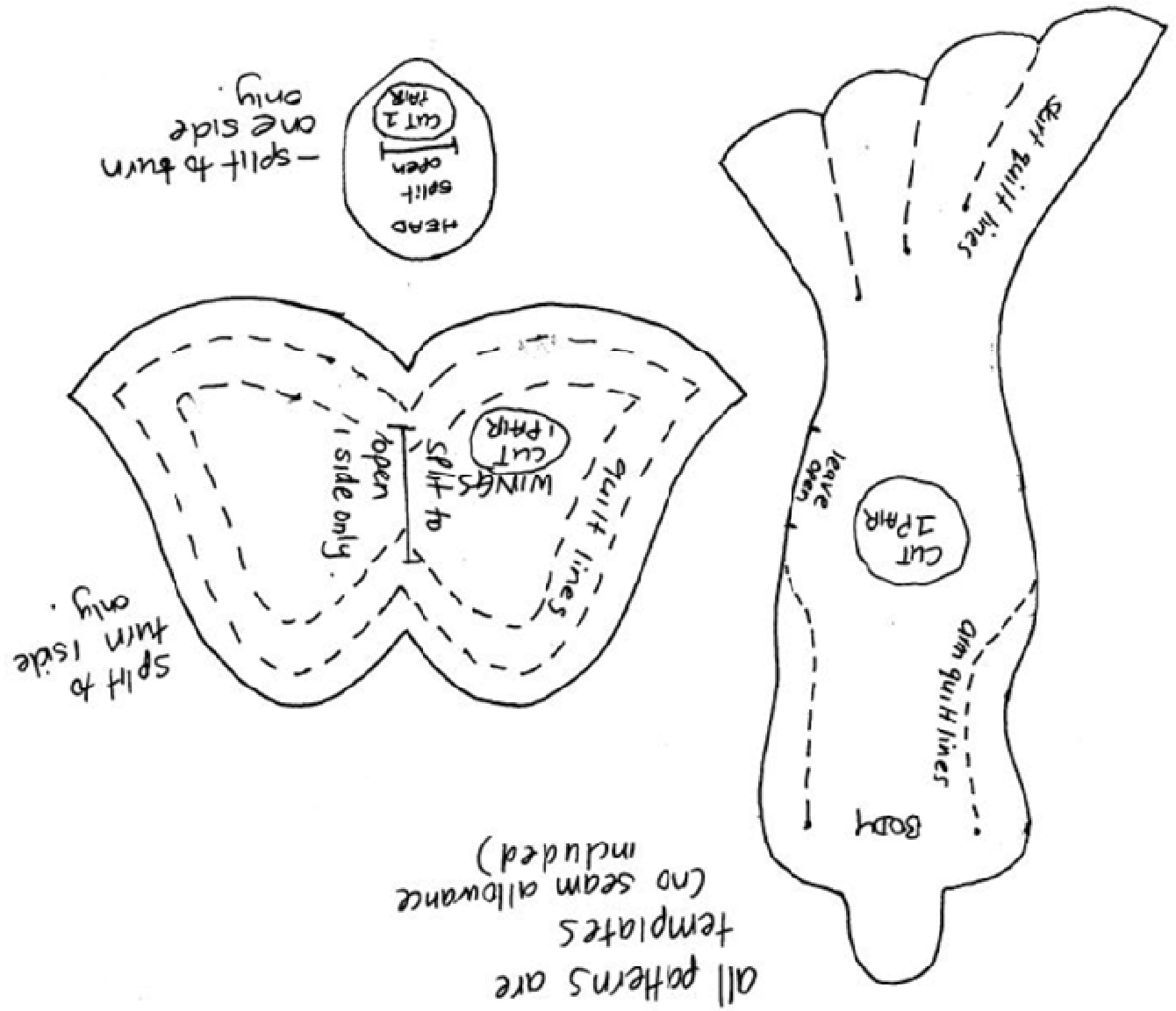
Make a halo by threading beads onto the wire, then re-thread the wire back through again. Pull the ends of the wire together and a circle will form. Twist the wire ends together to form the halo's stalk and attach it to her head with a couple of stitches or glue. This will be hidden in her hair.

Apply a coat of fairy glitter all over her body and finish off with a seal of varnish.

Finally, attach either a loop of thread to her back- if you want her on the wall, or a pin clasp – so she can be worn.



Merry Christmas!



"Ruby" the Christmas pin doll © by Linda Misa 2002.