

S4S Baby Doll Instructions

1. **Cut out** 2 heads, 2 bodies, 2 ears, (and 1 nose if using stuffed nose instead of embroidered nose).
 - a. Cut the paper pattern first, then trace around it on the fabric using a Frixion pen. Or, create a plastic template using the paper pattern and use that. Punch or poke holes where indicated on the head front paper or plastic pattern to mark the facial features for embroidering later using a Frixion pen.
2. **Sew 2 ears around curve, leaving bottom open.**
 - a. After sewing, use pinking shears (or clip notches) to clip around curves to reduce bulk. Turn right-side out and press.
3. **Baste ears in place** on head back where indicated by pattern mark/notch.
 - a. Top of ear should be on mark/notch.
 - b. Make sure the curve of ear is pointing inward so it will be the correct orientation after doll is turned right-side out.
4. **Sew head front to body front, right sides together.**
 - a. Press seam open.
5. **Sew head back to body back, right sides together, leaving an opening in the middle for stuffing later.**
 - a. Make sure opening will be big enough to turn doll right-side out and fill with stuffing.
 - b. Press seam open.
6. **Sew completed front to completed back.**
7. **Use pinking shears, or clip curves around doll** to reduce bulk when turning right-side out.
 - a. Be sure to clip the intersection of the body and head for a neater finish.
8. **Turn right-side out.**
 - a. Press or finger press for a neat finish.
9. **Stuff generously.**
10. **Sew opening closed** using ladder stitch or whip stitch.
11. **Embroider face and hair.**
 - a. Using 3-6 strands of embroidery floss or pearl cotton, knot the end.
 - b. To start, poke needle through the neck seam and gently pull knot through so it is hidden.
 - c. Embroider face and hair. Backstitch or stem stitch work well for this.
 - d. If stuffing the nose instead of embroidering it, make a running stitch around nose piece. Pull partially closed and stuff with a bit of polyfil. Close tighter and tuck in raw edges. Use a ladder stitch to sew onto face.