

## DRESSING YOUR “DOLLY HUGS”

We get requests for clothing patterns for Dolly Hugs all the time, so sometime ago we had a contest to see what other dollmakers were doing with Dolly. The winner of the contest was **Nancy Fisher** from Crawford, Nebraska. Here are her patterns for Dolly Hugs.

### **For Sweater:**

Cut 5 inches from the top of an adult size sock. (You can find these cheap at thrift stores!)  
For armholes: Cut 1 1/2 inch slits on both sides of the sock, starting 3/4 inch from the top.  
To finish: Sew a narrow hem at the bottom edge, if desired.

### **For Panties:**

Cut 4 1/2 inches from the toe of a white adult sock.  
Lay it flat and cut small curves on each side of the toe to form leg openings. Leave about 1/2 inch intact at the center for the crotch. To finish, turn under and hem top edge about 1/2 inch.

### **For Hat:**

**Method 1** - Cut 5 inches from the toe of an adult sock (You can use the toe from the same sock you used for the sweater!) Stitch a pompom to the center of the toe. Turn up the cut edge to form a wide brim (about an inch).

**Method 2** - Cut 5 1/2 inches from the top of an adult sock. Turn it wrong side out. Gather up the raw edge and tie it tightly with a string or heavy thread. Turn right side out. Sew a pompom to the center of the gathers. Turn up the finished edge to form a brim.

### **For Pants:**

Cut out pants from woven fabric. Sew a narrow hem in the legs. Place legs right sides together and stitch crotch seams. Clip curves. Hem waist by turning under 1/2 inch and topstitching. Sew inseam from hem to hem in one long seam. Turn right side out.

### **For Jacket:**

Use a 9 inch by 12 inch piece of felt. Fold it in half each way to form a 4 1/2 inch by 6 inch rectangle. Using the pattern, cut through all four layers. At the corner of the fold, cut a curved piece for the neck opening. Be careful not to cut this too large. You can always enlarge it, if necessary, later. Cut through one layer to make the front opening. Sew underarm and side seam in one seam. Clip corner. Turn right side out. Sew buttons, if desired, and make slits in opposite side for buttonholes. Turn back top corners of front opening to make lapels.

### **Variations:**

Lengthen or shorten jacket as desired.  
Use pattern to make a shirt, adding cuffs and collar.  
Lengthen to make a dress, cutting opening only part way down. Add lace to collar and cuffs, and even use elastic at the wrists. Add a pretty ribbon at the waist.