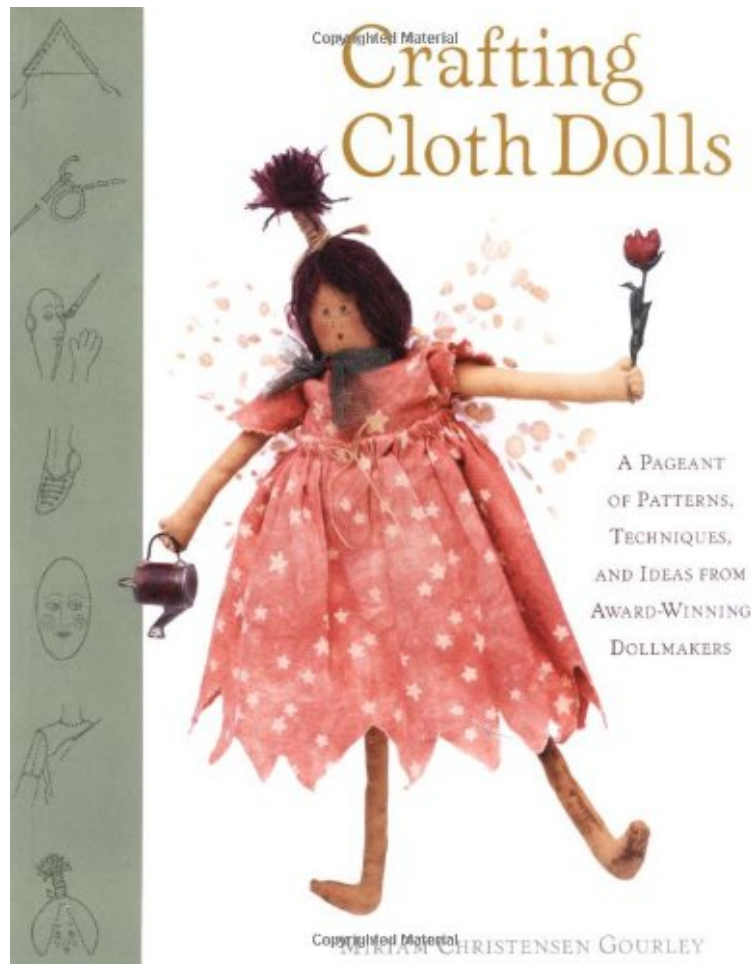


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Miriam Gourley : Crafting Cloth Dolls before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crafting Cloth Dolls:

70 of 70 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful BookBy BelleI really like the book "Crafting Cloth Dolls" for several reasons. It is loaded with color photos of dolls ranging from the simple, painted on faced muslin body styles to complicated, wire armature bodied dolls with clay and needle sculpted faces. A basic doll body pattern is included as well for users to create and expound upon. Doll techniques covered include armature making, dyeing doll hair, wig making, shoe making, fairy wing making, face painting, and drafting doll clothing patterns. A technique for needle sculpted faces and a button joining technique were drawn and explained. Patterns with body and clothing templates, supply lists, and clearly written instructions are included with the book to make 10 different styles of dolls. The dolls include Tulip (the doll on the cover), a tomato man, a constable, medieval knight, Japanese woman (from Japanese "Little Peach" fairy tale), simple rag doll, felted doll, felt body doll with paper clay mask, whimsical doll

made of wire clothed with embellishments, and a very elegant maid doll. The final pages of the book include a source sheet to locate the various doll artists that contributed to the book and order their respective patterns. With so many doll making techniques abounding, this book cannot possibly cover them all; however, the patterns and easy to follow instruction with this book make it an excellent addition to the beginning doll makers library and an excellent source of inspiration for the more advanced doll maker. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. impressive, especially given that books like this are hard to find. By Caraculiambro's it just me, or are cloth doll books hard to find? A painstaking search at three major bookstore chains in my city turned up nothing. Hobby shops, knitting shops, nothing offered a few, but there's a lot of junk out there: for something like this, you'd like the reassurance of being able to flip through the thing before you buy it. So I took a risk. But this one was the answer to my problems! I wasn't able to find another book like it anywhere. At about 160 pages, it's kind of a long book for this sort of thing. It begins by teaching how to make traditional dolls, but as the book goes on the dolls are more, uh, non-traditional, such as ethnic dolls. The pages are glossy and the illustrations are a combination of color pictures and black-and-white line drawings. While you do get an easy-to-understand series of steps for each doll, it would have been nice to have pictures of what your developing doll is supposed to look like after each step is completed. But this is a minor drawback. Finally, there are cut-out templates at the back. I would not say this is for beginners. Although it doesn't say "advanced" anywhere on it, if this is your first go at making cloth dolls this book is probably not the best choice for you. 32 of 33 people found the following review helpful. Another fine guide for cloth dollmakers by Miriam Gourley! By MzQd Doll artist and author Miriam Christensen Gourley has written another great book on cloth dollmaking. I loved her first volume, but the dolls and patterns in this one are just as, or maybe even more fun than in the first book! There is something in "Crafting Cloth Dolls" suitable to all sewing skill levels. Beginners will be pleased with the well-illustrated instruction and more advanced dollmakers are offered more challenging subjects, as well as good clay over cloth instructions. Gourley has an excellent writing style and offers clear-cut, well-illustrated instructions and helpful tips and techniques, from wigmaking to shoemaking. Everything in this book makes sense! Highly recommended to dollmakers looking to learn, polish their skills or be inspired by good dollmaking craft.

Crafting Cloth Dolls features complete, step-by-step instructions for 10 exquisite fabric dolls. Patterns spotlight designs by top artists, including Barbara Chapman, Elise Peeples, and Brenda Gehl, and talented newcomers such as Annie Moon. Everything you need to know to create original dolls is here--how to form the body, paint the face, make and style hair, and costume the doll. With glorious full-color photographs of 100 dolls and detailed color drawings throughout, these pages are bursting with creative inspiration for both beginning and experienced dollmakers. Lesson planning and resource lists are included.

From the Back Cover A sensational collection of dolls made entirely from fabric! Create an heirloom, revisit favorite childhood memories, or just experience the joy of giving life to a few simple pieces of fabric through the art of cloth doll-making. In *Crafting Cloth Dolls*, both beginners and experienced doll-makers will enjoy a one-on-one lesson from Miriam Gourley, one of America's most talented and respected doll-makers. Step by step, she instructs crafters on everything they need to know to create original dolls--how to form the body, paint the face, make and style the hair, and costume the doll. This fabulous collection of fabric dolls provides step-by-step directions for making ten exquisite creations that represent an incredible range of styles, from primitive folk art to exotic sculpted work. Patterns feature designs by top artists, including Barbara Chapman, Elise Peeples, and Brenda Gehl, and by many talented newcomers. The dolls are arranged by skill level, so you will find it easy to choose a pattern that suits your tastes and ability. With more than one hundred glorious full-color photographs of cloth dolls--many of them award-winning creations--and detailed drawings throughout, these pages are bursting with creative inspiration for those starting their first doll or their fiftieth! About the Author Miriam Christensen Gourley is a leading doll-maker who regularly designs needlework projects for magazines including *Women's Day* and *McCall's Creates*. She has established and organized a number of major doll exhibits and consumer shows, including *Dollmakers Magic*. She is the author of the bestselling book *Cloth Dolls: How to Make Them*.