



**Doris and Friends (Crib Buddies)**

**Skill Level: Beginner**

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**Finished size: 8"**

**Materials/Supplies Needed:**

- Marcus Brothers Fabrics, *Pretty Special* (Fat quarters):
  - Body - #0746-0126 pink flower, green leaf on grey background
  - Bow around neck: #0754-0194 grey/white polka dot
  - Bow around waist - #0748-0126 circle of white dots on grey
  - Skirt - #0749-0194 Chevron-pattern grey/white
- (2) 10" pieces of white solid for face
- Scraps of wool felt for eyes, mouths (white, green, pink)
- Embroidery floss (black, pink, green)
- Poly-Fil® Premium Polyester Fiberfill by Fairfield



**Instructions:**

(use 1/4" seam allowance throughout)

*Note: The instructions are for Doris, but the photographs in the instructions also include Bunny and Little Boy Blue. You use the same basic pattern to make all three, and you can easily adapt the pattern to create your own version.*



Diagram 1

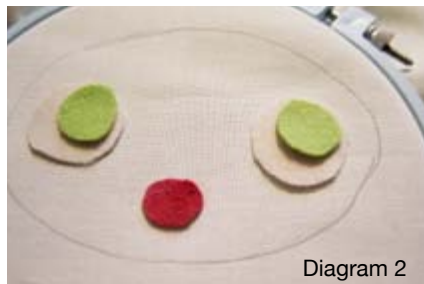


Diagram 2

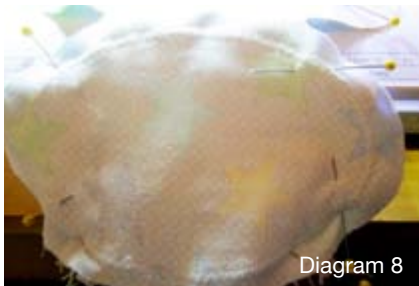
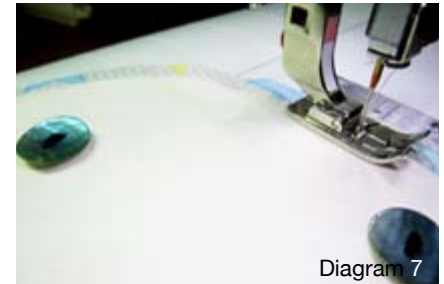


Diagram 3

1. Fuse two 10" squares of white fabric together with fusible web. Trace face onto doubled fabric. Place in embroidery hoop. (*Diagram 1*)
2. From felt, cut out eyes (white background, green iris) and mouth (pink). (*Diagram 2*).
3. Use two strands of black floss to stitch the white eye to the face, noting pattern for placement.
4. Stitch the green iris on top of white using the same black floss.
5. Using 6 stands of black floss, make a French knots for pupils wrapping the knot 5 times.
6. Use two strands of pink floss to stitch the lips in place (2 threads). Back stitch the lip line. (*Diagram 3*).



7. Remove from the hoop, steam with your iron, and cut out the face with scissors.
8. Spray the back of the face with basting spray and position on body. (*Diagram 4*).
9. Cut two body pieces from #0746-0126 fabric.
10. Zig zag the face to one body piece, once around using the factory setting on your machine. Repeat, decreasing the stitch length almost to the satin stitch designation. (*Diagrams 5 through 7*).



11. Place the body pieces, right sides together, leaving an opening as designated on pattern template. (*Diagram 8*).
12. Clip the curves, and turn right side out. (*Diagram 9*).
13. Stuff with Poly-Fil® stuffing. Use little pieces, stuffing the hands and feet first, and filling the center last. Hand stitch the opening closed.
14. Cut (5) 10" lengths each of pink and green floss. Tie in the center with a piece of floss and stitch or glue to the doll's head, along the seam line. Use another piece of floss to tie the hair into "pig tails" on each side of the head. (*Diagram 10*).
15. Cut a strip 13" x 3/4" from fabric #0754-0194 for the bow around the neck.
16. Cut a strip 22" x 1.5" from fabric #0748-0126 for the bow at the waist.
17. Cut the skirt 22" x 2.5" from fabric #0749-0194.
18. Sew the 2.5" ends of the skirt right sides together. Press the seam open and turn right side out. Use some of the floss to gather the top edge of the skirt and pull the gathers tight around the doll's waist. Make a knot to hold gathers
19. Tie the waistband bow to cover the raw edges.
20. Tie the neck bow in a square knot.
21. Trim the ends of both bows at an angle. (*Diagram 11*).



