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Age 8 and Up

Friendship doll kit



**Make each Doll unique...
just like your Best Friend!**

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Contains functional
sharp point. not for
children under 4 years.

Friends are Important!

Your closest friends are very special people—you can talk about practically anything with them! You know you can trust them and that they'll always be there for you.



Sometimes a best friend can be a lot like you...maybe you both like to do the same things. Other times, a best friend may have very different interests. That's always a great way to learn more about our big, diverse world!

You will probably have lots of different friends in your life. But it's important to recognize true blue friends when you find them and to keep these special friendships strong.

Friendship Gifts have a long history!

For centuries, people of all ages have enjoyed giving small, hand-made gifts to friends as a symbol of their special bond.

In colonial times, women and girls made small pin cushions as gifts, personalizing each one with their friend's name.

In recent years, friendship bracelets have become popular hand-made gifts for best friends. In fact, these colorful bracelets are so popular with kids around the world that they've become a universal symbol of friendship!

Koosh Creative Friendship Doll Kit

Now, you can create a unique gift of friendship with the Koosh Creative Friendship Doll Kit! Like friendship bracelets, Friendship Dolls are colorful, unique gifts that symbolize the special bond between you and your closest friends. But the Friendship Dolls you create are even more special because you can make each doll as unique as your best friend!

You pick the colors—for the hair, skin tone and outfit—then just wrap, snap and style! Make a top that looks just like your friend's favorite shirt. Or a skirt in her favorite color!

You can also create fun and beautiful hairstyles...long or short, curly or straight! You can make a Friendship Doll for your mom or brother, too.

But the real fun is in giving a Friendship Doll to your special friend. It can be worn as a barrette or pin (accessories included) or be given in a special Friendship Doll card.

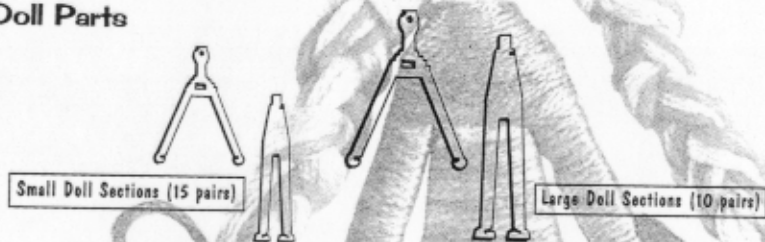
The instructions will show you how to make a basic Friendship Doll, step-by-step. It's easy! Plus, you'll find lots of cool ideas at the end of this booklet...for overalls, curly hair and more!

What's In Your Kit

Your kit comes with everything you'll need to make 25 unique and beautiful Friendship Dolls in two sizes. You will also need a small pair of scissors (not included) to trim the threads.

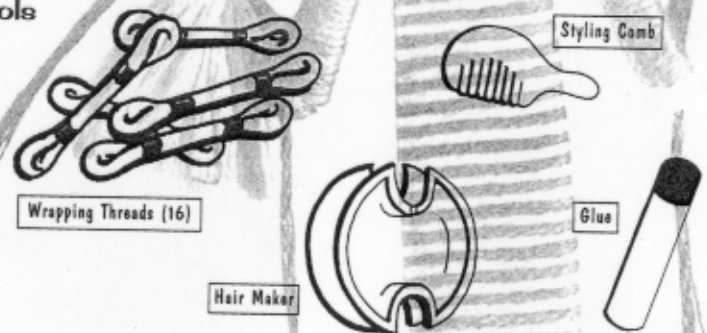
Here's everything you'll find in your kit:

Doll Parts



NOTE: To help you pick the correct pairs, we've shaded the small doll parts slightly differently from the large parts—so make sure you use a matching set!

Tools



Accessories

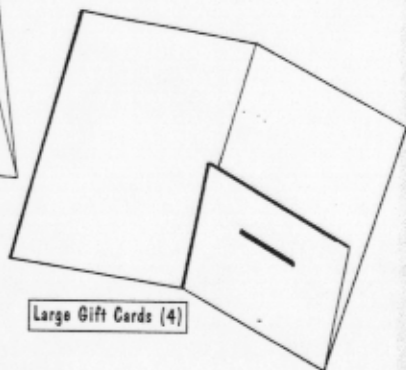


Pins (3)

Barrettes (3)



Small Gift Cards (4)



Large Gift Cards (4)

How To Make A Friendship Doll

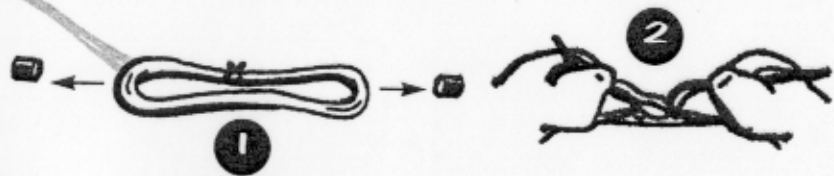
Making a Friendship Doll is fun and easy...just seven quick steps to create a basic doll! In the instructions below, we'll show you how to make a Friendship Doll with a long skirt and long-sleeved shirt. But at the end of the booklet we'll show you how you can make a Friendship Doll with pants, overalls or other different styles!

Step 1: Pick The Doll Size and Thread Colors

•**Decide if you want to make a large or small doll.** Get a matching set of legs (the lower section) and arms (the upper section).

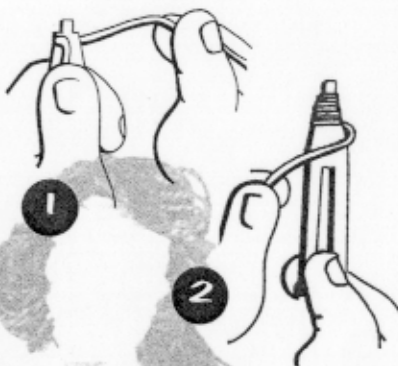
•**Choose your thread.** (Hint: for your first doll, pick one color for the skin, one for the hair and two clothes colors: one for the shirt and one for the skirt. Once you have mastered the basic technique, you can get as creative and colorful as you want!)

•**Prepare the thread.** It comes wrapped in bundles. Pull off the paper bands, hold the knot between two fingers and unfold the thread bundle. Then carefully untie the knot and you're ready to go!

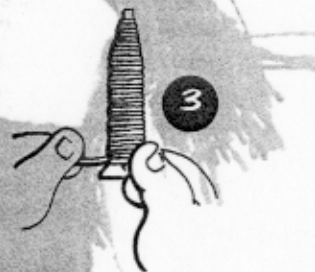


Step 2: The Skirt

•**Grab the thread you selected for the skirt.** Slide the end of the thread into the slot at the doll's waist, leaving a short tail (about half an inch). Hold the thread tail with your thumb and begin wrapping down towards the feet, trapping the tail in your wrapping. Make sure you don't wrap any thread above the waist slot because this needs to snap into the top section later.



•**Continue wrapping gently until you reach the feet.** Make sure that you don't wrap too tight or too loose...on each wrap, the thread should neatly lay right up against the one before it.



•**Finish off.** When you reach the bottom, slide the thread into the slot on the inside edge of the feet. Cut the thread leaving a short tail (about 1/2 inch), put a dab of glue on the end of the thread, and wrap the thread tail around the ankles. Hold the glued thread down for a few seconds to make sure it sticks.



Step 3: The Shirt



•Now get the thread you chose for the shirt. Slide the thread into one of the hand slots and hold the thread tail with your thumb. Wrap all the way up the arm, trapping the tail.



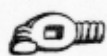
•When you reach the top of the arm—and this is a little tricky—grab one of the arms so the head is pointing up. Bring the thread up to the neck, wrap the thread around the neck and then continue wrapping down the shoulders.



Note: You will notice that there are small ridges along the shoulders. This will help the wrapped thread stay in place.



•Continue wrapping down the chest until you reach the top of the other arm, then wrap the thread down the other arm.



Make sure you don't cover the hole between the arms with thread.

•When you get to the other hand, slide the thread into the hand slot and cut the thread, leaving a half inch tail. Put a dab of glue on the end and wrap it around the wrist to lock it down.



Step 4: Snap The Doll Together!

•Snap the two sections together. Slide the bottom section tab (at the top of the skirt) into the upper section hole (between the arms). You may have to wiggle the top section a bit. You should hear it gently lock into place.



Step 5: Making the Hair

•With the thread you picked for the doll's hair, cut off a piece about 4" long (see guide below) and put it aside.

Tie-off Piece (4")

•Now grab the Hair Maker and slide the end of the thread into the slot near the "cut" mark. Wrap the thread around the bobbin 12 times and cut off the end of the thread.



•Grab the Tie-Off piece you cut earlier and slide it under the thread at the notch marked "tie". Tie in a knot to hold the thread together.





•Now, cut through all of the thread at the notch marked "cut" and pull the hair off the Hair Maker.

•To attach the hair to the head, thread one end of the Tie-Off piece through the hole in the doll's head and then tie the ends together in a knot.

Step 6: The Face and Finishing Touches



•Now you're ready to finish the face. Get the thread you chose for the skin and slide one end into the slot in the top of the head. Holding down the thread tail, wrap all the way down the head to the neck. Cut the thread to a half an inch, apply a dab of glue to the end and wrap it around the head.



•Now it's time to style the hair. (Note: The doll we have illustrated has one long braid.)

Place the doll's feet into one of the slots on the tray to hold the doll while you style the hair.

Comb the hair and split it into three equal sections. Braid the hair to the end, leaving about a half an inch of hair. Using the same color thread as either the skirt or the shirt, tie off the braid.

•Check out the cool hairstyle section for more fun ideas.

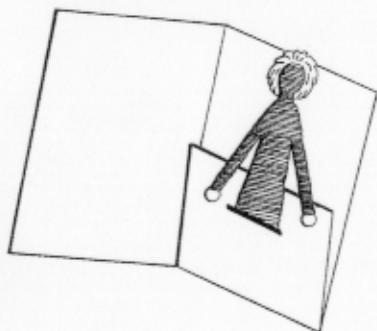


Step 7: Your Friendship Doll Gift

Now you are ready to give your Friendship Doll to someone special.

You can put your doll in a gift card.

Hold the card with the slotted piece in the lower right corner. Fold the slotted piece up towards you, creating a slot on the right hand side of the card, and glue this section down. Slide the doll's feet into the slot and write a special message before giving it to a friend. (Note: There are cards for each size doll.)



(side view of doll)

Attach a Friendship Doll to a pin so your friend can wear it on a shirt or coat. Simply peel off the paper backing from the back of the pin and attach the doll to the adhesive surface. To ensure the doll stays firmly attached to the pin, wrap a short segment of the skirt-colored thread around the body and pin together, and tie in a square knot.

You can also make a Friendship Doll barrette. Just peel off the paper backing and attach the doll. You can strengthen the attachment as described above. Note: the small Friendship Dolls work best for barrettes.



Helpful Hints and Creative Ideas

Once you have the basic Friendship Doll technique down, you can try some of these cool advanced ideas.

Your friend's favorite colors

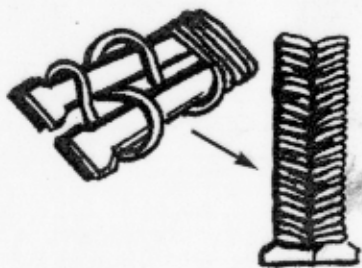
You can use your friend's favorite colors for the doll's entire outfit or just as an accent color. Try making an outfit that looks like something your friend always wears. Or style the hair just like your friend's favorite hairdo!

Color coordinating

When you choose the colors for your Friendship Doll's outfit, make sure that the colors look good together. You may want to look at some of your own clothes or pictures in magazines to get some ideas!

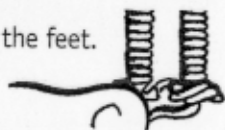
Different outfits

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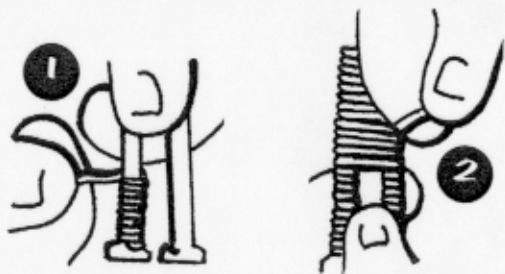


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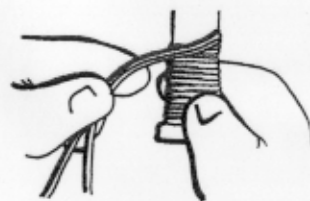


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Styling Details:

- You can make a **striped outfit** by wrapping 2 colors of thread onto the doll at the same time. Make sure that both threads lay flat.



- Glue small pieces of thread to the doll to create decorative touches like **bows, ties** and **polka dots**.

- Look at the photos on the box for other Friendship Doll ideas!

Cool hairstyles

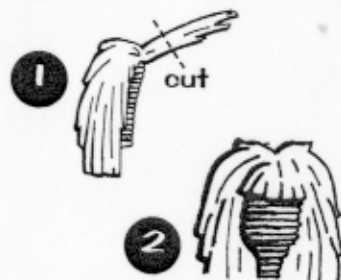
The number of hairstyles is limitless—you can make pony tails, braids, corn rows and curls. Here are some ideas for some cool, fun hairstyles:

Short hair: Once you've attached the hair to the head, you can cut it a short as you want...even a crew cut!

Curly hair: Make "hairspray" by diluting some glue with water and then smooth it over the thread. Wrap the thread around something small and round—like a toothpick or the end of the styling comb. Hold for a few seconds and unwind gently.

Wavy hair: Braid the hair into lots of tiny braids, then wet the hair slightly. Let it dry overnight and then gently undo the braids and trim off the straight ends.

Bangs: Cut some of the front hairs short and glue them down lightly to the forehead.

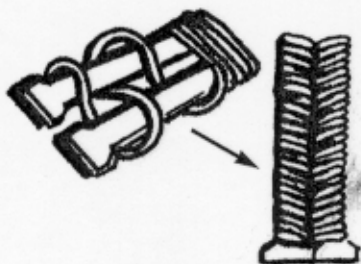


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