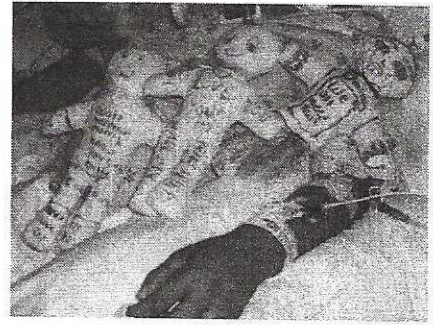


CLOTH DOLLS FOR CHILD LIFE

Handmade Cloth Dolls are used throughout the hospital with children of adult patients. Designed originally for use in pediatric settings for teaching children about their own surgery or procedures by drawing on the doll, we have found that they are very useful at Froedtert Hospital to help children whose loved parent or grandparent is in the hospital.

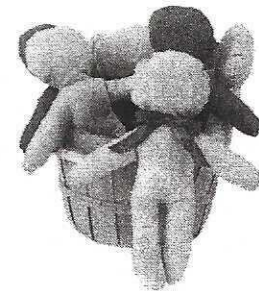


When decorated with markers, cloth dolls created by children of adult patients are helpful in many ways:

- ♥ To help children express their feelings by drawing or writing on the doll
- ♥ To explain how procedures may be performed during surgery or radiation
- ♥ To allow children to decorate the doll to look like themselves and leave the doll with their loved one when the children must leave the hospital
- ♥ To ease feelings of separation when the child and adult family member are separated during hospitalization
- ♥ To provide a hands-on art activity that fulfills the children's need to work-through their experience while providing distraction from the emotional expression of upset or grieving adults.

Materials needed;

- ♥ Please review the attached Pattern: *Since the whole pattern is larger than 8.5"x11" paper, the pattern is split between two pages. Print each pattern piece on 8.5"x11" paper. match common areas exactly. Use a light box or sunny window to make this task simpler. Tape the two pattern pieces together.*
- ♥ Unbleached, light tea-dyed muslin fabric, (beige or brown)
- ♥ 1 yard 44" wide should make 4 dolls
- ♥ Dual-duty thread to match
- ♥ New polyester fiber-fill
- ♥ Ribbon (any color) for a bow tie around the neck
- ♥ Additional cutting and sewing suggestion are printed on the pattern.
- ♥



*Thanks in advance for your interest in this project.
Call the Child Life program at 414-805-1935 if you have questions.*

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Stuffing suggestion: stuff head, arms, legs first; chest last. Use small amounts of stuffing at a time, working it smoothly in place until doll's shape is filled out evenly.

↑ Fold & straight of grain ↑

After sewing seam, clip corners, turn right side out. Stuff doll (total weight approx. 3.5 ounces). Sew opening closed.

Leave open to turn & stuff.

↑ Fold & straight of grain ↑

Medical play doll pattern
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Cut 2
1/8" = 1/4" seam

