

Fairy Wishes Doll

This cute fairy doll makes a perfect handmade gift for someone special or you can create them for around your own home. This Fairy Wishes Doll was made using items found in my craft stash but you can substitute most of the items for things you have handy around the home.



You will need:

Glue

Double sided Tape

Pens or paint to mark the face

A kebab stick

A wooden bead about the size of a mint imperial

A wide petalled fabric flower (I took apart a cheap fabric rose)

A narrow petalled fabric flower (Mine was a Gerberas, Chrysanthemums would work as well)

A few tiny beads

3x 3 inch lengths of fine wire

Narrow ribbon – roughly 2 ½ times the length of your kebab stick

About 10 inches of fibres or fluffy wool for hair

6x 10 inch lengths of very fine ribbon to hang the charms and tags from

About 3 inches of narrow pink satin ribbon

About 6 charms and 6 tags or other items to hang from your Fairy Doll

To make the Fairy Wishes Doll:

1. Wrap you stick in double sided tape and then in the long length of narrow ribbon to cover it. Make the bottom end neat, leave a gap of around 1 to 2 inches uncovered in ribbon at the top.
2. Arrange your ribbons for the hanging charms etc. evenly around the stick, just above where the ribbon ends. Secure to the stick firmly, these ribbons must be secure but do not need to be tidy as the skirt covers the top of the ribbons.
3. Poke a hole in the centre of both flowers and thread onto the top of the stick. Slide the flowers down to the top of the ribbons.
4. Fold your hair fibres in half twice and tie a knot in one end - big enough to wedge into the hole in the bead. Thread the hair through the bead and wedge knot inside, adding a little glue. Before glue dries poke the top of the kebab stick up into the bead – creating a head for your Fairy.

NOTE: Ensure that the glue is thoroughly dry before proceeding to the next step!



5. Take one piece of wire and wrap it round the flower skirt tightly below the bulge made by the ends of all the ribbons to make her waist. You can cover this later with a more ribbon to make a sash.
6. Create the necklace by threading the beads onto a second piece of wire and fastening it securely around her neck. Trim off any excess wire.
7. Use the third piece of wire to tie back her pony tail, fasten securely and trim off any excess. This will also be neatened later on with a piece of ribbon.
8. Trim the piece of wider pink satin ribbon to slants at both ends. Slant them in **OPPOSITE** directions so that the ribbon is wider at the top than the bottom. Glue the centre on between the neck and the waist at the back only to make the arms.
9. Add the eyes and mouth to the wooden bead using the pens or paint.
10. Slide the charms and tags onto the dangling ribbons. You can add as many charms as you like to each ribbon. Tie them at different lengths and trim off any excess ribbon.
11. Either use the ribbon offcuts or more ribbon to add the sash and hair band to cover the wires.
12. Tweak the hair and skirt to make them sit properly. You should then be left with a Fairy Wishes Doll similar to the one above.

Different colours, flowers and ribbons will create a different Fairy Doll every time. You can also use more festive items and add items such as wands or halos to create Christmas themed Fairy Wishes Dolls.

This project was designed exclusively by Sheila Joss.