

Make a Victorian Peg Doll

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Children in Victorian times had fewer toys than children do today. Children such as Eva Waite would make their own simple toys such as clothes peg dolls and paper windmills. Can you make dolls that might look like Eva and her family in 1892?

Materials you will need

A wooden “dolly” clothes-peg

A pipe cleaner

Scissors

Scraps of material, lace, ribbon and wool

Glue or a needle and thread

Paint and a fine paintbrush (or felt-tipped pens although these were not around in Eva’s time)

Instructions

Paint the peg pink, brown or just leave it as it is. Using a fine paintbrush or a felt-tipped pen create a face on the “head” of the peg.

Folder a pipe cleaner around the “neck” of the peg to make arms.

Use the scraps of material and other items to add hair and dress your doll. For example, you might use some wool for the hair and some lace for a blouse. Sometimes it might be easier to use glue to stick material to your doll as sewing such small items of clothing can be very fiddly.

Be creative and have fun.

