

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

1. Paint the peg pink, brown or just leave it as it is.
2. Using a fine paintbrush or a felt-tipped pen create a face on the “head” of the peg.
3. Fold a pipe cleaner around the “neck” of the peg to make arms.
4. Use the scraps of material and other items to dress your doll.
For example you might use some wool for the hair and some lace for a blouse.
It might be easier to use glue as sewing such small items of clothing can be very fiddly.
5. Be creative and have fun.

