14" coffee stained muslin doll

Supplies:

muslin (doll body)

light blue star fabric (top of dress, pantaloons)

dark blue star fabric (bottom of dress, hair bow)

fiberfill

red, black embroidery thread

off white crochet thread

3" doll needle

acrylic paints by Delta Ceramcoat: liberty blue, red, light ivory, black

brushes: sponge brush, #00 round, No.3 flat

dark brown colored pencil

off white yarn for hair (Lion Brand "Wool Ease", #099 Fisherman color)

fine sandpaper

pink powder blush, Q-tip

hemostats (helpful for turning & stuffing sewn pieces)

red heart button

white glue, hot glue

instant coffee, old coffee cup

sharp pencil

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- 1. Read pattern through before starting.
- 2. Sewing Terms: RST right sides together RSO right side(s) out
- 3. Use 1/4" seams unless otherwise noted.
- 4. If you can, purchase an inexpensive pair of hemostats it really makes stuffing the doll easier. You can find them in the sporting goods dept. in Walmart.
- 5. Welcome to my world of dolls and thank you for purchasing my pattern! You may sell the finished doll at craft shows, on your website and on Ebay. On the internet, please give me credit for this design (I work hard to bring you pattern designs that are very unique!). Thank you again!

Directions for Sweet Annie:

- 1. Sweet Annie's Body Trace the head, body, 2 arms and 2 legs onto doubled muslin. Machine stitch around head leaving top open. Machine stitch all around the body. Machine stitch around arms and legs leaving tops open. Cut pieces out a scant ¼" from stitching. Clip seams on all inward curves. Cut a slit in the body through one layer of fabric only. Turn pieces RSO. Dampen outside edge of head with water before stuffing (this will prevent wrinkling). Stuff head firmly with fiberfill. Whip stitch opening closed this stitched area will be covered with the hair. Firmly stuff body through slit opening. Whip stitch opening closed. Firmly stuff legs to within 2" of tops. Firmly stuff arms to within 2" of tops very lightly stuff last 2" of arms.
- 2. Attaching Head to Body Place the bottom back of the head against the top neck area of the body and pin in place (slit side of body is to back). Neatly hand stitch neck to head also stitch front bottom of head to front of neck for further support (remove pins). Note if your head looks like it falls forward some, bend head back and notice where it creases in the back of the neck pin crease together stitch crease closed now head is nicely held up.
- 3. Staining the Body Make a strong coffee stain by mixing ¼ cup of instant coffee with 1/3 cup of hot water in and old coffee cup. Use the sponge brush and paint the head, body, arms and legs with coffee water. Place all pieces on a foil lined cookie sheet and dry in a 200 degree oven for 5-10 minutes turning once halfway through drying time. Please don't leave oven unattended.
- 4. Painting and Stitching the Face Use a sharp pencil and trace the nose pattern in the lower middle of the face (about 2 ½" down from head seam). Thread a long piece of red embroidery thread in 3" needle and knot end. Poke needle into top of head and come out at one top side of nose. Stitch back and forth filling nose in with stitches exit needle back up to top of head, tack and cut thread. Trace the large eye patterns onto the face. Trace the iris pattern in the eyes trace the pupil pattern in the eyes. Use the #00 round brush and paint the bottom of the eyes light ivory let dry. Paint the irises of the eyes a mix of liberty blue and light ivory while paint is still wet, blend light ivory into top of irises and just liberty blue into bottom of irises let dry. Paint little light ivory lines in irises let dry. Paint the pupils black let dry. Use the handle end of your brush and dot 2 light ivory highlights in pupils (press harder for a larger dot,

lightly for a small dot) – let dry. Draw the <u>eyebrows</u>, <u>eyelashes</u> and <u>mouth</u> onto the face. Thread 2 strands of black embroidery thread in 3" needle and knot end. Poke needle into top of head and come out at one eyebrow – stitch eyebrow and exit needle to one eyelash – stitch both eyelashes and exit needle to mouth – stitch mouth and exit needle up to other eyelashes – stitch those eyelashes and exit needle up to other eyebrow and stitch that eyebrow – exit needle to top of head, tack and cut thread. Use the dark brown pencil and shade around bottom of eyes (especially to outside). Lightly shade brown under eyebrows, nose and mouth. Use the Q-tip and rub pink powder blush onto cheek areas of face and forehead.

- 5. <u>Stitching Arms to Body</u> Gather the top of one arm with a running stitch, tack to secure gathering, and then stitch arm to one topside of body. Repeat with other arm.
- 6. Sweet Annie's Shoes and Legs—Draw the shoe lines on the feet. Use the #3 flat brush and paint shoes black—let dry. Draw the straps of the shoes onto the feet. Use the #00 round brush and paint the shoe straps black—let dry. Lightly sand shoes and straps with sandpaper. Lightly draw the stripes onto the legs and one stripe onto each foot. Use the round brush and paint over the stripes with red paint—use a dry brush effect—let dry. Lightly sand stripes.
- 7. <u>Attaching Legs to Body</u> At the top of the legs match seam to seam, and pin legs to bottom sides of body. Hand stitch legs to body remove pins.
- 8. Pantaloons Cut or tear 2 pieces of blue star fabric 3 7/8" x 5 ½". Place one on top of the other RST– fold fabrics in half matching 3 7/8" sides measure up fold 1" cut fold to 1" mark to make leg separation. Machine stitch sides of pantaloons and around leg separation. Clip seam at top of leg separation (both sides). Turn pantaloons RSO. Take a running stitch around the top of the pantaloons (1/4" down) leaving tail ends at middle back.
- 9. Put pantaloons onto Annie, thread tails to back. Pull on thread tails to gather the waist of the pantaloons around Annie's waist tie thread tails together and trim. Stitch or glue waist of pantaloons to body.
- 10. <u>Dress</u> Cut or tear a piece of blue star fabric 5 ½" x 8 ¾". With RST match 8 ¾" sides. Place bodice pattern onto folded fabric matching <u>shoulders of bodice pattern</u> to <u>fold of fabric</u>. Trim fabric to pattern (under arms and down sides ½"). Mark neck slit and then cut slit. Cut or tear 2 dress skirts 4 ½" x 12" out of the dark blue star fabric. Take a running stitch across the top of one dress skirt along the 12" side gather skirt to 5 ½". With RST, match and machine stitch the <u>gathered side of the dress skirt</u> to <u>one bottom side of the bodice</u>. Repeat process with other dress skirt and sew to other bottom side of the bodice. Fold dress at shoulders, RST. On one side machine stitch under arm and down side of dress. Clip seam under arm. Repeat on other side. Turn dress RSO. Cut a slit down the middle back of the bodice (about 1 ½" down from neck) to make it easier to put the dress on the doll. Fold neck of dress in ¼". Start at middle back and take a running stitch around neck of dress leaving thread tails. Insert doll,

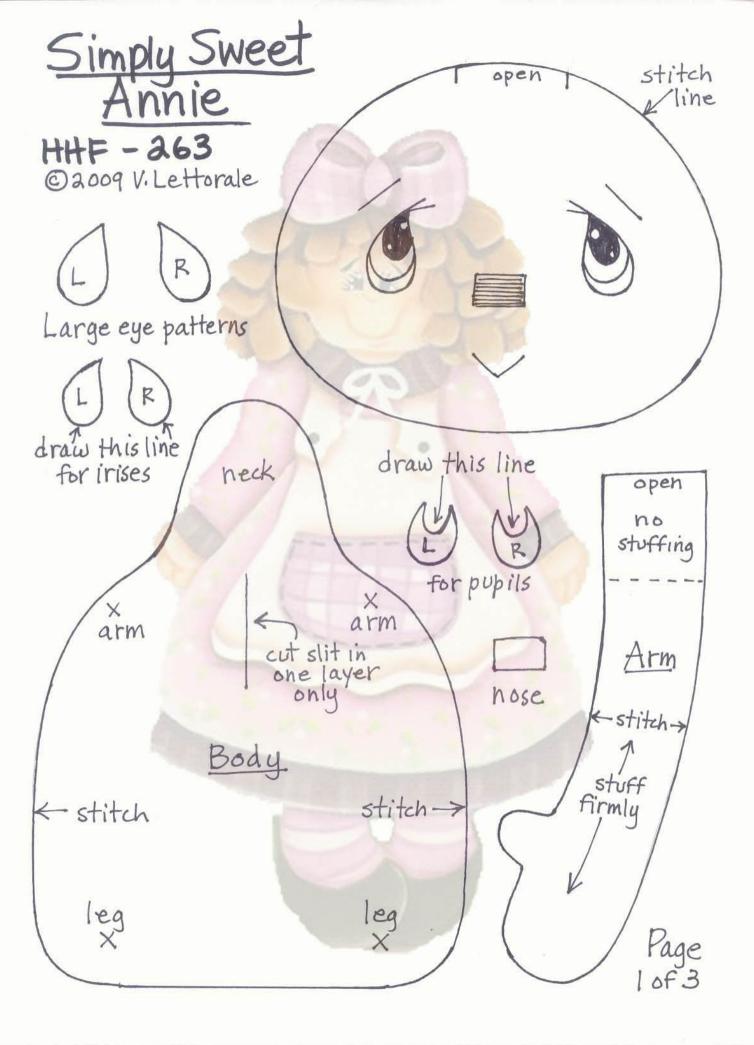
feet first, down into neck of dress — slip arms into sleeves — pull thread tails at neck of dress to gather top of dress around doll's neck — tie thread tails together and trim. Overlap opening in back of dress and glue or stitch closed. Thread off white crochet thread through holes in heart button — tie off in back of button. Hot glue button to front of dress.

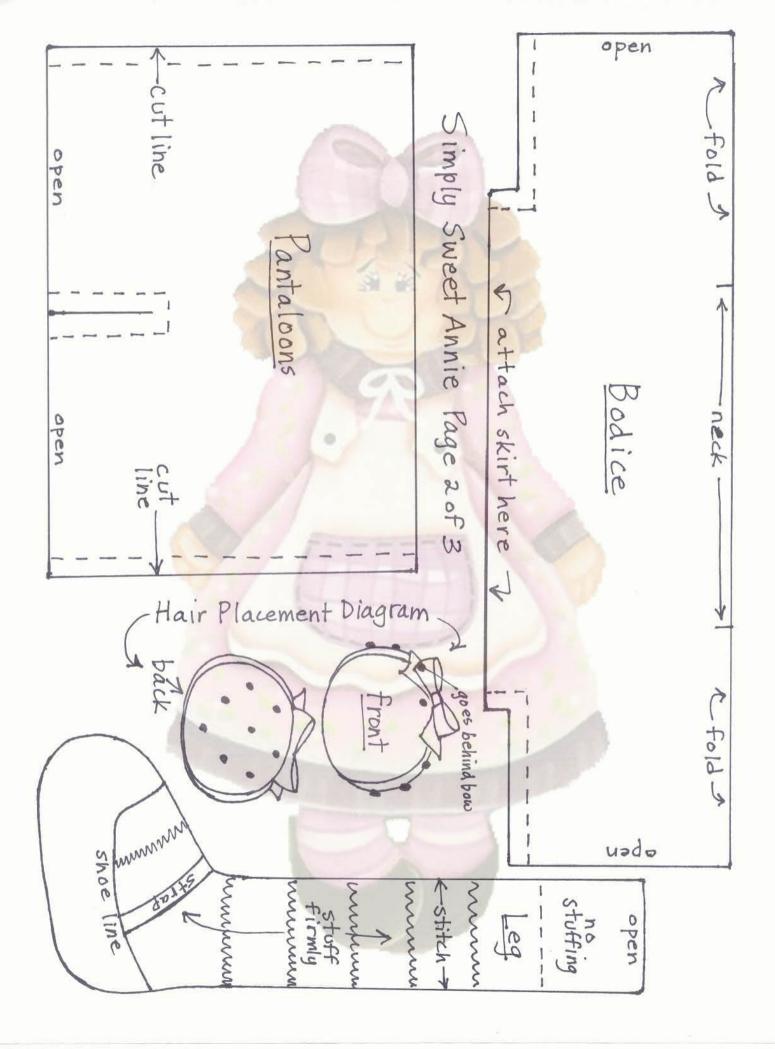
- 11. Sweet Annie's Head Bow You will tie the head bow around Annie's head <u>before</u> you attach her hair. Tear a 1 ½" x 28" piece of dark blue star fabric. Center the bow strip at the <u>back bottom</u> of the head pin in place bring strip ends up around <u>sides of head</u> to <u>top left side of head</u> (pin in place) tie strip ends together into a bow trim bow ends. Spot hot glue bow strip in place on head (removing pins).
- 12. Sweet Annie's Hair Wool Ease is a thick, soft wool yarn perfect for hair. To make Sweet Annie's hair you are going to make 15 yarn pompoms. To make one pompom: wrap wool yarn around 4 fingers 5 times slip loops off fingers keeping them all together. Cut a 5" piece of yarn for a tie cord tie the tie cord tightly around the middle of all the loops. Cut loops trim tie cord ends to length of cut loops. Make 14 more pompoms. Start at one side of head bow and pin 3 pompoms down one side of head (back from bow strip so you see bow strip). Start at other side of bow and pin 3 pompoms down other side of head. Pin one pompom in front of bow for bangs. Adjust pompoms if necessary so pompom hair is even on both sides (review hair placement diagram for front of head). Hot glue pompoms to head (removing pins). Review diagram for hair placement on back of head. Pin pompoms to back of head following the diagram. Adjust pompoms if necessary so back of head is covered. Hot glue pompoms to back of head (removing pins). Note if you are using a yarn other than Wool Ease, you may have to make your pompoms fuller (more wraps around your fingers).
- 13. Stitch Sweet Annie's hands together using tan thread.
- 14. Sweetheart Hearts: If you want to make some little hearts for your Sweet Annie here is how to do so: Trace as many heart patterns as you want onto doubled muslin. Machine stitch all around hearts on traced lines. Cut hearts out ¼" away from stitching. Cut a vertical slit in the middle of each heart through one layer of muslin (this side will be the back of the heart). Turn hearts RSO through slit openings. Stuff hearts with fiberfill and whip stitch openings closed. Press hearts with iron on both sides to flatten them some. Use the sponge brush and paint hearts completely with pastel color paints (if you don't have pastel colors, you can mix darker colors with the light ivory paint to make the pastel colors let hearts dry lightly sand hearts. Lightly draw the saying you want for each heart onto the heart paint sayings with red paint and then dot the end of the letters with red paint (using the handle end of your brush) let sayings dry and then lightly sand hearts again. Paint coffee stain over all the hearts let them dry again.

 Note you need to paint a light ivory saying if you make a red heart (in order for it to show up).

15. Sweet Annie will sit nicely for you or you may want to hang her up. If you want to hang Sweet Annie, here are the directions how to do so: Thread off white crochet thread in needle. Take a big stitch across the middle back of the head – pull needle off thread – even up thread ends. Tie an overhand knot in thread ends to make a loop. Trim excess thread ends.

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