

# Butterfly Babies

## Materials List



**1. Light weight fabric** - a small piece to sew your butterfly body from. I used a beautiful double gauze but many different types of fabric will work - you may be able to repurpose some no longer needed clothing.

**2. Wool felt** - in your choice of colour for your butterfly wings, I love to choose a colour that complements the fabric that I'm working with.

**3. 100% wool stuffing** - allow a small handful per doll.

**4. Tricot/cotton interlock fabric** - in your choice of skin colour. Allow a piece 6cm x 6cm to make a little head.

**5. Cotton quilting thread/strong sewing thread** - in a colour tone similar to your doll skin fabric (for making the head), a colour to match your hair and a colour similar to your body fabric. I like to use Gutermann Quilting Cotton. Gutermann polyester thread is a good alternative. Embroidery thread will also work.

**6. English Leicester or Corriedale wool fibre** - for her hair. You could also use wool yarn (the kind usually used in knitting). I'm also loving wool crepe which I shall share more about in the videos.

**7. Embroidery cotton/floss** - you'll need a colour for the eyes and a colour to compliment your wing colour (if you choose to add embroidered details to your wings) ...I used a metallic thread.

**8. Red beeswax crayon** - to give your little baby some rosy cheeks.

**9. Sewing needles** - Quilt basting needles (these are very long thin sharp needles and my favourites for doll making).

**10. Scissors, pins, chopstick for stuffing.**

### Optional

- **Dried Lavender flowers** are beautiful to add when stuffing your butterfly baby.

- **Brooch Back (30mm)** if you'd like to create a brooch.



### About...

A beautiful little project to welcome the beginning of spring or summer. These little butterfly babies make treasured gifts, and can be made into a brooch to attach to a bag, or perhaps bedroom curtains! You may like to add some dried lavender when stuffing your baby for a little more magic.



### Formed Head Option

In this workshop I teach the Butterfly Baby with a simple unformed head - this is one of my favourite methods if you are new to doll making.

I mention that you could give your baby a formed head - if you would like to try this method (which you can see in *The Strawberry Baby videos*), you will also need:

**1.5cm or 2.5cm tubular bandage (also called gauze)** - 15cm will be enough for one head. I also like to use a larger size gauze (4.5cm) and cut it open to make a 'free form head' rather than stuffing wool into the tube. I share this technique in *The Strawberry Baby videos*. If you don't have any tubular bandage you could also use a thick stocking.