

Celestial Star Babies

SEWING WORKSHOP

Materials list...

1. Tricot/cotton interlock fabric - in your choice of skin colour. For one Star Baby allow a piece 7cm x 7cm.
Ideal head circumference - 5cm - 7cm (depending on whether you are making the little star baby or the larger one)

2. Wool felt - choose one colour for the body (14cm x 6cm will be enough for one Star Baby body) and a second, complimentary colour for the moon bed pouch (16cm x 8 cm). If you choose to give your Star Baby a hat you will also need a small piece of felt (or upcycled wool material) for this (7cm x 7cm).

3. 100% wool stuffing - a handful per Star Baby.

4. English Leicester or Corriedale wool fibres - for the hair.

5. Cotton quilting thread/strong sewing thread - in a colour tone similar to your doll skin fabric + one in a similar colour to the hair. We will be using this to sew up the head and the other to attach the hair. I use Gutermann Quilting Cotton (see supplier list for details). Any cotton will work.

6. Embroidery cotton/floss - in colours to match/complement your wool felt colours.

7. Gold or silver or other metallic thread - to sew up the crescent moon pocket onto your moon bed.

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

9. Scissors, pins, chopstick for stuffing.

10. Red beeswax crayon - to give your Star Baby some rosy cheeks.

11. Optional - Glass beads or star sequins - to add a little magic to your Star Baby.

12. Optional - Woven cotton or linen fabric to line your moon bed.



About...



These little Celestial Star babies make a gorgeous little keepsake that will be treasured for years to come. The perfect gift, party favour or a little decoration for the Christmas tree. A great first project that can also be made with children 7 years old & older.



Notes...

Tricot is the traditional material used to make Steiner/Waldorf dolls. It is cotton interlock fabric - when you look closely you will see vertical lines and when you pull side ways you will feel its stretch. This is usually sold in a tube, which means you get a double layer, which you will find is perfect for cutting out the patterns. Repurposing old t-shirts is a good alternative and dyeing with tea or coffee usually gives good skin colour tones.

THESE STAR BABIES ARE NOT INTENDED
AS A TOY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS.

Sourcing your Materials

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Australian & NZ

Winterwood Toys - A beautiful Steiner/Waldorf inspired craft supplier with a comprehensive range of hand dyed and commercial dyed 100% wool felt, wool fleece for stuffing, doll making tricot, carded Corriedale/merino fleece for doll hair and English Leicester, Wool for Doll Hair, chenille sticks/ pipecleaners, cotton muslin, and silk play cloths.

Indigo Inspirations - A wonderful supplier for hand dyed wool yarn and wool felt. I love to use Jo's wool felt for my projects. She also sells wool fleece for stuffing, carded Corriedale/merino wool, wooden peg dolls, embroidery cottons and much more.

Tanglewood Toys (New Zealand) - A beautiful waldorf inspired online toy store that stocks doll making tricot (doll skin tone knit) and Mohair Bouncel.

Spotlight - General sewing and crafting supplies, here I've linked a few specific things from the My Favourite Things box above: needles, DMC Embroidery Cotton, waxed quilting thread, pins & scissors.

Cottage Garden Threads producer of beautiful, variegated embroidery threads (6 strand), hand-dyed in Australia (they also sell some perle cotton).

North America

Weir Dolls & Craft (USA) - comprehensive supplier of doll making materials.

A Child's Dream (USA) - an online Waldorf inspired store stocking lots of doll making supplies.

Acorns & Twigs (USA) - an online Waldorf inspired store stocking Waldorf doll making materials.

Maplerose (Canada) - Wool felt.

Bear Dance Crafts (Canada) - Wool felt & doll making supplies.

Wooden Peg Doll USA (Etsy Store) - [Standard 6cm peg dolls](#) & [small 3cm peg dolls](#).

Worldwide

Etsy is also a wonderful resource for suppliers of doll making materials.

Local Steiner/ Waldorf Shop - If you have a local Waldorf school shop you may also find the materials there.

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Europe (including the UK)

World of Wool (UK) - a full range of wool fleece, they also sell needle felting needles and mats.

Little Oke Dolls (UK) - Waldorf doll materials supplier.

The Wool Felt Company (UK) - supplier of 100% wool felt. The 1mm thickness is perfect for most projects and if you're overwhelmed by all the colours you can always buy white and create your own colours using The Magical Wool Felt workshop.

Lovecrafts.com (based in the UK but ships across Europe)- you can buy general sewing supplies as well as DMC embroidery threads and some beautiful fabrics.

Merchantandmills.com (based in the UK but ships across the world) - beautiful haberdashery and notions like scissors, needles and pins... and linen, lovely, lovely linens!

Poppypatch.co.uk - UK supplier of Cottage Garden Threads.

HobbyCraft (UK) - General crafting supplies, including wire, DMC Variegated embroidery cotton, Gutermann Quilting Cotton, needles, pins & scissors.

Kamrin's Craft Cottage (Netherlands) -Kamrin stocks Waldorf doll making supplies, including DollyMo yarn for hair.

Meaningfulcrafts.com (Netherlands) - stocks Waldorf doll making supplies, carded wool, and wool felt.