



# How to Make a Sock Doll

Use new or clean, gently used socks and leftover fleece scraps or baby washcloths to make this cute and useful doll. When disassembled, this cheerful bag decoration provides the new Mom and Baby with two pairs of socks and a washcloth.

## For 1 doll you will need

- 1 pair white 12–24-month low-cut socks
  - 1 pair colorful 0–12-month socks (ankle socks preferred)
  - approx. 9" by 9" neatly cut fleece fabric or baby washcloth
  - Toilet paper roll
  - Elastic hair band without metal
  - Small piece of cardstock that says "2 pairs of socks and a washcloth"
  - **Fine point** black washable marker
  - 16" of 3.2mm ribbon
  - Tapestry needle
- Important: No pins, rubber bands, buttons or googly eyes



## Step-by-Step Instructions

Create the "body": Holding the empty toilet paper roll carefully so that it doesn't collapse, stretch one white sock smoothly over the roll, then stretch the second white sock smoothly over the first. One end of the roll should be open so that one of the colorful socks and the washcloth ("swaddle") can be tucked up into the roll when added. This is the bottom of the "body".

Create the "hat": Tuck one colorful sock up into the roll or into the toe of its matching sock. Then place the colorful sock over the top of the "body". The heel should be facing the back. Pull the sock down over the roll so that it is secure, then scrunch it back up so that it covers about 2 inches of the top of the "body". If it's an ankle sock, roll back the ankle. Don't expose the inside of the sock "hat".

Create the "swaddle": Lay the fleece or washcloth on a flat surface in a square position. Place the roll onto fleece so that about ½' inch of white sock shows between "swaddle" and "hat". Fold the left side of the "swaddle" across the roll, then the right. Tuck the top of the second side into the first. Like a "swaddle". Then tuck all bottom layers securely up into the roll (the bottom of the "body"). The "swaddle" should cover about 2 inches of the bottom of the "body".

Create the "face": Use a FINE POINT washable black marker to add eyes, tiny lashes and a mouth to the "body" showing between the "hat" and the "swaddle". Remember, the face should be TINY.. This should always be the LAST thing that you do.

Use the tapestry needle to thread ribbon through the back of the hat, entering at the back right and exiting at the back left (about a 1 inch gap keeps the doll facing forward when tied onto the bag). Do not knot or tie the ribbon.

Put an elastic band around the swaddle and tuck a small card stating "2 pairs of socks and a washcloth" under the band.

If the toilet paper roll collapses while making your doll, replace it!