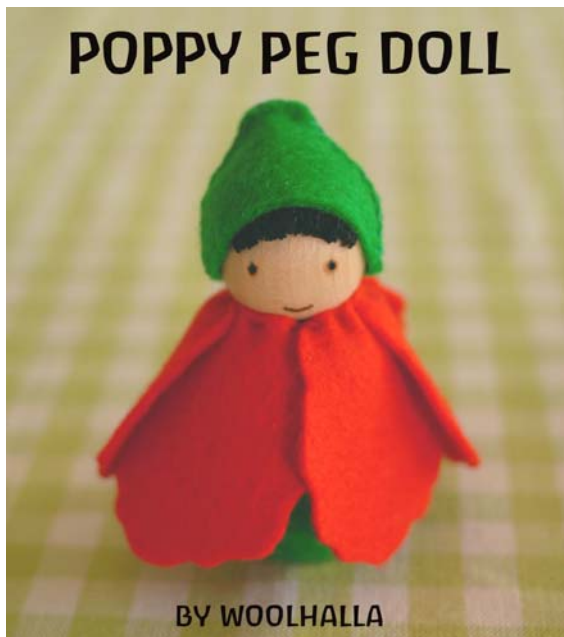


POPPY PEG DOLL



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Each year a patch of orange-red wild poppies take over part of my yard. Here is a little project inspired by the poppies imitating the rich lush tones of the flowers that appear for a short visit each spring here. Poppy pegs will last all year!

You can apply the technique and adapt it for other pegs or other flower inspirations. They are easy to make and can be played with (supervision for young children please!), decorate a season table and are a fun hand-made party-favour (goodie bag) for a child's birthday party. Happy Crafting!

What you will need:

- Plain peg: 6 cm ($2\frac{3}{8}$ ") tall (base is 2 cm/ $\frac{7}{8}$ " Ø)
- Wood burning tool or aquarelle (water-colour) pencils, gel pens or hobby paints.
- Wool felt:
 - 1 piece of Cricket Green 8 x 8 cm ($3\frac{1}{8}$ " x $3\frac{1}{8}$ ")
 - 1 piece Poppy 9 x 11 cm ($3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{3}{8}$ ")
- Thread to match felt. Black embroidery floss (or yarn) for hair. White glue, scissors, pins and needle.



Instructions:



1. Make a face on the peg with a wood burning tool. You can also draw it on with aquarelle pencils, gel pens or paint one on with hobby paints. The eyes and mouth form a triangle for a natural look.

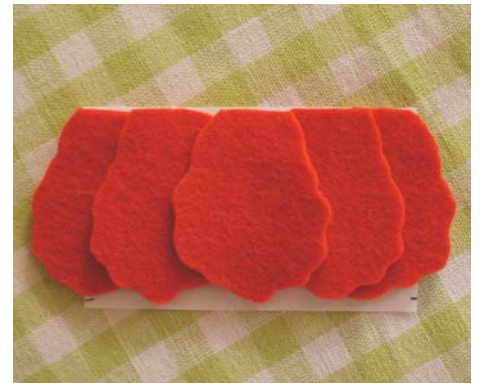
2. Cut out all pattern pieces out of felt without a seam allowance. Sew the short ends of the body piece with a blanket stitch. Then make a running thread along the topside of the felt tube.





3. Put the tube body onto the peg with the blanket stitched seam in the middle-back. Pull the running stitch tight and secure with a knot. Sew thread-ends away.

4. Lay out the five poppy petals. They will overlap each other. To make sure you will have a cape the right width lay them down on the body pattern piece, the top edges of the outside petals should not be wider than the paper. Pin into place then sew with a running stitch along the topside. Remove pins.



5. Put petal cape around the neck overtop of where the body is gathered. Gather in the front, knot off securely and sew thread-ends away.

6. For the hair cut small lengths of embroider floss, about 2 cm (1 inch) in length. Glue onto the head with some white glue. Let dry. You can also substitute thin yarn.



7. Sew the hat edges and tops together. Lightly glue the inside of the hat along the edges and place it on the head. Press into place and let dry. Your poppy peg doll is now ready!!

