

GOURD DOLL PROJECT

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Part 4



23-24

And now we are starting the real fun part ! Costuming the little Gourd Doll!

You know ... I was planning something totally different for her than what you will see!

Some famous doll artists are swearing that their dolls do "tell them" what they want to be and how they want to look ... I'm not agreeing nor disagreeing with them, but it has never happened to me before...

So - as you can see, I used old **BUTTONS!** Small, big and even bigger ones. All possible colors I could find, yet all are round and their backside is flat.

I used the Fabri-Tac glue and covered an area of the gourd with it and then just pushed the buttons into the glue. Waited until they dried and then repeated until the entire gourd bottom was covered with them up to the "waistline" of the doll.



25-26

When that was done, I got some nice shiny golden fabric, cut it in 1" strips, and covered her arms and legs with it.

I brushed Fabri-Tac glue all around the arms and legs before adding the fabric strips.



27-28

Here I am testing her wings. Not sure yet if I will use them though. I have to think about that some more...

I just noticed that in the right picture it looks like she is missing buttons, but she is not. Those areas have white buttons, but unfortunately the flash makes them to appear invisible. I want to apologize my bad photographic skills and hope you will get an idea anyway :)



29-30

Here are couple little more clear outside pictures showing how she looks right now. I glued couple tiny fabric flowers in her wrist. She insisted that! :) Her neck and chest part are still without embellishments, and she needs her shoes too!



31-32

Here you can see how I added the buttons top of her chest area too. I didn't like the holes of the buttons showing so I decided to glue a clear rhinestone top of each button as shown in the picture above - and yes, lots of dry glue to clean up when all is done!

Those rhinestones are giving a cool 3 dimensional effect to her "button dress", unfortunately you can't really see it in 2 dimensional pictures...



33-34

I found an old gold glove and cut two fingers off and used them to make boots for my doll. I covered the feet with Fabri-Tack and put the "boots" on like socks. And to cover seam lines around the angles, I cut strips of similar fabric and glued them over the seams...

Those boots are actually gold, but the flash in the left picture makes them look silver. And the right picture they look gold, because suddenly the flash of my camera stopped working! Just my luck! lol And it's raining outside so I just have to find a way to fix it... So unfortunately, no more pictures today, but tomorrow evening for sure!



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Please let me introduce you Jessica ! She is all done now and cute as a button! lol

I added two small fabric flowers on her shoulders, and filled all the empty spaces between the buttons with a silver and gold glitter glues.

After the glitter glue was dried, I used Q-tips and rubbing alcohol and removed all the extra glue from the top and around the buttons and gave her a very light make-up using some water colors