

How to make a cool cat (or any other doll from a drawing)



Colleen, 13, is a keen cartoonist. Inspired by a project (rt) in Making Crafts From Your Kids' Art by Valerie Van Arsdale Shrader, here's how we turned her drawing into a real doll.



We scanned this page from her sketchbook, then used the crop tool to isolate the image. We enlarged it to the desired size, then printed a black and white copy.



The printed version was taped onto a window and fabric was taped onto it. We traced the image onto the fabric with a pencil. Using fabric paints (or acrylics with textile medium), we blocked in the colours. When they dried, we drew in the details with fabric markers or more paint.



Sew up the doll and stuff with fibrefill. Here are two different attempts. The doll on the left fit onto an 8.5X11" page, but it was quite fiddly to sew. The doll on the right was printed on two pages landscape format (first I cropped the image into two halves). You could add hair, embellishments like buttons and beads... you can even quilt it. Have fun!!

