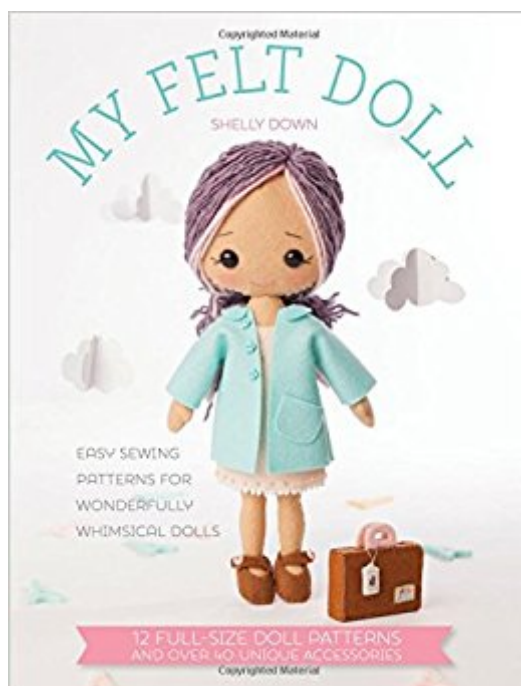


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# My Felt Doll: 12 Easy Patterns For Wonderful Whimsical Dolls



## Synopsis

Sewing soft dolls has never been easier with these adorable patterns from Gingermelon designer Shelly Down! The eagerly anticipated first book by popular toy designer Shelly Down, *My Felt Doll* shows sewers of all abilities how to make adorable soft dolls using the most basic of materials and skills. With just felt sheets and a handful of simple notions, you will learn how to sew the simple yet delightful doll pattern and then discover 11 imaginative variations on the design, plus over 40 accompanying accessories – from a mermaid to a witch, from a princess to a superhero and from a ballerina to a bride – guaranteed to delight little girls everywhere. With no hems to sew and all the stitching done by hand, *My Felt Doll* makes a great entry point to sewing dolls for beginners and even children. Full-size templates make life easy – trace straight from the page with no need to enlarge.

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## Customer Reviews

Michelle Down is a toy pattern designer, Etsy seller and blogger under the moniker Gingermelon. Her dolls and toys are inspired by the adorably sweet Chibis found in Japanese manga art. She designs and creates her dolls at home in beautiful British Columbia, Canada, surrounded by her collection of Blythe dolls, vintage children's books, stacks of gorgeous felts, buttons, beads, and embroidery threads.

This is a great book with very clear instructions. One word of warning. These patterns are addicting

and will inspire creativity. In the three months I've owned this book, I have already made four regular sized dolls and one tiny doll (by copying the pattern at 50%). My next attempt will be to enlarge the pattern to make a big sister for them.

I think the dolls in this book are absolutely adorable! I was super excited to try my hand at one. I even told myself that this was a project that I would stick to and make for all the little people, and big, that I knew would love them - I could even start personalizing them! Well, I made one and she was almost adorable, but these were my problems:\* The felt she recommends to use is the higher end stuff. By all means you have free will and can use whichever kind you want, but I wanted to make it just as she recommended, so I went for the high end, wool, felt. She described it as being almost buttery to stitch through. That description proved to be perfectly accurate when I started stitching up my doll. It was TOO buttery though! I found that it was too fragile. Too wispy? Actually, I'm not sure there is a better way to describe it other than her own description: Buttery! I since made a second doll (I have several doll heads laying around .. creepy) and used the cheaper felt and found it much easier to work with. That's just me.\* Her description of tools, and materials was extensive and I found to be very helpful, being a total novice. It was descriptive and thorough. Good!\* Picture are close up, no enlarging of patterns, directions clear and make you feel like 'no problem! I can DO this!' I like instructions that are clear and don't feel confusing before I've even begun. When I went to assemble my sweet girl, that is when I started panicking. I had a lot of trouble attaching her head. I'm not sure what I did wrong, but it wobbles and falls forward and the stitching is very visible. It's suggested to stitch until the head is firmly held in place but I couldn't fit anymore stitches as it was already becoming a jumbled nest of stitches in such a tiny place..I will keep trying. This was only my first try, mind you. I think with practice, she'll look better, but wish there was a trouble shooting or maybe a link for a youtube channel to see the assembly taking place .. however, as I type that, I'm sure there IS a youtube video someplace, somewhere, showing just that :)The book is so adorable that it motivates me to keep trying! I would recommend, but if you're a novice, like myself, maybe keep youtube nearby for real time footage of the neck area.

I've been a big fan of Shelly Down's Gingermelon etsy show for several years now and have purchased many of her wonderful patterns. This lovely book is a perfect introduction to the world of Gingermelon in particular and dollmaking in general. Included are patterns for a 10 inch basic doll with the option of a mermaid tail, different faces and hair, and her 11 different outfits. The dolls and their wardrobe are made primarily from wool or wool blend felt and are sewn entirely by hand, which

can be less intimidating to beginners when working on a small scale. There is enough detail to keep a more advanced dollmaker interested, especially when it comes to some of the tiny accessories such as the panda that accompanies the pajama set, or the eensiest little hedgehog that comes with the woodland ensemble. The instructions and templates are so detailed, well written, and clear that even a complete beginner should be able to construct a doll using this book, sewing supplies, and a little imagination. I would recommend this book to dollmakers of all ages and abilities, even dollmakers who haven't made their first doll yet. This book will help you make some of your dollmaking dreams come true!

I first saw this book at a craft store while I was traveling. I didn't buy the book and after I was on the road I was "kicking myself". I was glad to find it on . What a great little book full of the sweetest patterns. My granddaughter like to look at the pictures. The instructions are easy to follow. The patterns are easy to copy, and the details with each doll are incredibly cute. If you like dolls you will love this book.

Sweet full sized patterns; no need to enlarge which is always a selling point for me. Waiting for my wool felt to arrive and will make for granddaughters for Christmas.

my daughter loves this book!i bought this book for my 13 year old daughter. she loves it! the dolls are so cute and easy to make. the patterns need no enlarging at all. we photocopied and printed the patterns, and cut them out. the instructions are clear and easy to understand, and the accessories are adorable! would definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves cute and easy things they can make themselves.

I am finding this book very clear and user friendly! Lots of pictures help in making the instructions easy to understand!! I have very little sewing experience and limited access to supplies where I live, but so far coping very well with these projects and having fun!

I just love this book! The instructions are easy to follow because there step by step on what you need to do with colorful pictures. The dolls are so adorable !!

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