

Solutions ... for your Dollmaking Muse

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Greetings and welcome to a preview of the fantastic *LEARNING *month of March! Each class will have one particular miniature dollmaking technique to enrich your creating skills! The classes are listed below, and these include online and handbook (written) classes.

CONTENTS:

Getting Started...

1. What you need to get started dressing dolls.
2. Choosing the right look for your skill set.
3. Doing research, taking notes and creating an inspiration notebook.
4. Exploring Silhouette
5. Working with colors in miniature.
6. Using Synthetic materials.
7. Correct gluing techniques.

Preparation before dressing ...

1. Painting your Face with Acrylics
2. Defining your face with chinks, blush, Pearl Ex, and Metallic watercolors
3. Learning proportion, tips for sitting, bending dolls
4. Assembling your doll with either pipecleaners, cloth body, or fimo
5. Learning how to make a tube

Dressing

1. Fabric sampling, shopping and manipulation
2. Sourcing fabrics and trims
3. Applying details; collar tricks, cuff tricks
4. Applying details; beading tricks
5. Applying details; ribbons, trims, laces

Draping

1. Freeform draping
2. Draping using a pattern
3. Seeing shapes in design to dress a doll

Styling and Promotion

1. Posing your doll for photos
2. Camera tricks to make the most of any miniature doll
3. Basic computer tricks for sizing and enhancing your photo

Branding

1. Generate a unique selling strategy
2. Wording
3. Where to Sell

Foreword

As miniaturists, our world is limited only by our choices and imaginations. We create a tangible fantasy that people can actually see and touch, regardless of nationality, age, or income. AND with life such a whirlwind of stress, and appointments and TODO's ... miniatures can be an escape to regroup and reconnect with others of similar interest all from the privacy of your own home.

This course is NOT about dressing a specific doll. I've literally 100's of tutorials on that. THIS course is ment to inspire, encourage, and sharpen your dollmaking skills. If you are a new artist, what a great way to start out with all the necessary skills! If you are a pro ... learn a different way of doing something and get excited about dressing all over again!

I look forward to working with you ... AND

HAPPY CREATING!
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