

BELLE

This is additional information to our Southern Belle directions in book one. Use the basic directions there then pick and choose between the two for your doll.

Materials used for Belle

- 8"x 22" skirt material (pleat method) **OR**
- 10" circle for laying over egg
- 10" circle for petticoat
- 1 yard lace
- small piece for pantaloons
- 1 yard of silk ribbon for decoration
- feather (optional) for hat

Additional Directions from Book I

1. I made all under garments, and then did the 10" circle of petticoat material (gluing lace around bottom edge).
2. Then I used the 8" x 22" hand pleat method around a styrofoam egg (after hand pleating - spray with Stiffen fabric spray to set). Next gather the waist tight, slide on doll and tie shut.
3. Add small rectangle of material around torso for bodice, and two small ones for sleeves (these gather top and bottom edges after gluing into a tube). After these have been added to doll, and dried, cut edges of lace and glue around bodice top (see photo) and sleeves.
4. Add silk ribbon around top of bodice to cover raw edges of lace, and tie pretty bow around her waist.
5. Option!! Lift part of her dress up (sew in place) and add a gathering of lace to space to simulate rich petticoat.

