

How to make

Novelty Dolls



DOLLS OF CREPE PAPER AND WIRE

DOLLS made of wire and crepe paper make the smartest of favors and gift novelties. A "flapper" fastened to the top of a powder compact, a quaint Colonial girl concealing a talcum powder bottle, a charming boudoir doll, or a modishly lanky sports girl poised atop a box of bonbons, are only a few of the many attractive dolls that may be created.

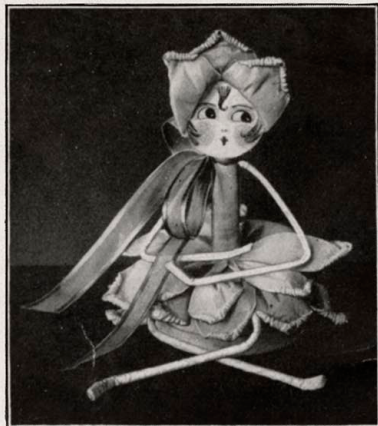
Sports Girl

Materials required:

Crepe Paper the desired color for dress
No. 11 White Crepe Paper
No. 7 Wire; Spool Wire, Paste
White cotton; India ink; Crayons

Head—Cut a piece of white crepe paper $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches square. Paste into tube shape *with the grain* of the crepe (Fig. 1). When dry, stuff the center with cotton (Fig. 2) and tie together tightly top and bottom with spool wire. Cut off the surplus paper at the top, but leave it at the bottom (Fig. 3).

Legs—Cut a piece of No. 7 wire 18 inches long. Bend back each end $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, forming loops, which will be the feet. Wrap with a strip of crepe paper, cut *across the grain*, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide. Put a little paste on the end of the wire, then place the strip of paper on it diagonally. Turn the end down over the wire and, holding the wire with the right hand, twirl it around and around. At the same time guide the paper with the left hand, slanting it down and stretching it so that it will wrap the wire smoothly. Fasten the end neatly with a bit of paste. Double the wrapped wire through the middle and turn the feet up into position (Fig. 4).



Dressed in colors that harmonize with the room, a Powder Puff Doll may grace the smart dressing table.

Arms—Make the arms in exactly the same way as the legs, using a 10-inch piece of wire.

Body—Cut a piece of crepe paper $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 5 inches for padding. Fold with the grain to a width of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, then double through the middle. Place this padding between the forked wire, then place the head at the top of the wire and padding, and fasten all together with spool wire.

Place the center of the arm wire at the neck crosswise and fasten in place with spool wire, winding the wire around the body, over and under the arms and around the neck to hold all together securely. Now wrap the body with a strip of crepe paper to cover the wire and make the body the required size. Bend the arms into shape (Fig. 5). Paint the face with India ink, using diagram "A" as a pattern. Tint the cheeks with rouge or crayon.

Dress—Gather a strip of white crepe paper for the petticoat. Fasten around the waist with a bit of spool wire. Make the dress skirt in the same way, but a little fuller, then wrap the body smoothly with a strip of crepe paper the color of the skirt, wrapping over the top of the skirt to make a neat finish. Roll several balls of white cotton and paste them to the bottom of the skirt. For the muff and neck-piece, roll the cotton softly around the neck and arms.

Cut a piece of crepe paper long enough to go around the head and 6 inches wide, the grain of the crepe the 6-inch way. Double through the center across the grain and paste the short ends together. Gather at the raw edges and fasten tightly with spool wire. Paste to the doll's head and adjust by pulling into a "tam" shape. Finish with a soft ball of cotton. The doll is now ready to be attached to the top of a box or to be used in any desired way.

Powder Puff Doll

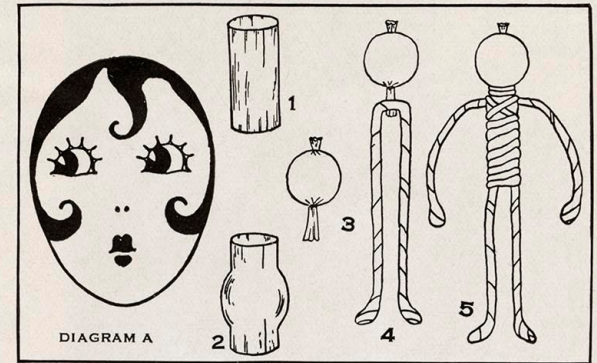
For a Powder Puff Doll, make a wire doll 9 inches high, using No. 10 wire instead of No. 7 as described previously.

For the skirt, use two shades of crepe paper. Cut across the grain a strip of each shade 3 inches wide and about 12 inches long, depending on the size of the powder box to be used. Make cuts all along one edge $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep and 1 inch apart. Curl the top edges of each division by rolling over a steel knitting needle, and while the paper is still rolled over the needle push the paper close together. Cup the petals in the same direction that they were curled by placing the thumbs on one side and the forefingers near the edges on the opposite side and pushing into shape, at the same time stretching gently sidewise.

Gather the straight edge of a strip of petals around the doll's waist, holding so that the curled and cupped side of the petals will be on the outside. Fasten in place with spool wire. Add the second strip of petals on top so that they will lie directly between the petals of the first row.

Wrap the doll's body with a strip of crepe paper the same color as the top row of petals, neatly covering the gathers.

Spread the petaled skirt out flat, bend the doll at the waist, and paste to the top of the powder box. If preferred the doll may be fastened in place by making holes in the box top through which spool wire may be thrust and twisted tightly on the under side, thus holding the doll's legs tightly to the box.



Make a hat of three rose petals similar to those made for the skirt. Paste them to the back of the head and shape around the face, pasting if necessary.

Tie a bow of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch satin ribbon around the neck.

Talcum Powder Doll

Materials:

Crepe Paper for Dress and Flowers	$2\frac{1}{2}$ yds. Baby Ribbon
No. 11 White Crepe Paper	Paste
White Cotton	India Ink, Crayons
No. 10 Wire, No. 1 Spool Wire	Talcum Powder

Select a tall narrow can of talcum powder for the foundation and one that has a removable metal top.

Head—The head is made in exactly the same way as described for the "Sports Girl."

Body—Cut four pieces of No. 10 wire about eight inches long. Place the ends of the four wires at the neck under the surplus paper and fasten with a short piece of spool wire. Separate the other ends at the waistline and twist together in twos for about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, then separate again. Fit the twisted part over the top of the cover and wind the single wires around the sides of the cover, twisting very tightly. Wind a single piece of spool wire around the body to hold it firmly (Fig. 6).

Arms—Make the arms as described for the "Sports Girl," using a piece of No. 10 wire ten inches long. Place the center of the arms at the neck crosswise, and with a 10-inch piece of spool wire fasten them in place by wrapping around the neck, over and under the arms as many times as necessary to hold them securely. Twist the ends tightly to hold.

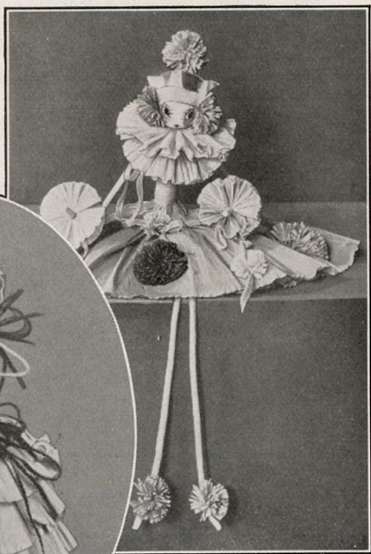
Wrap the body with a strip of crepe paper until the desired size is obtained.

Features—Draw the face with India ink, using Diagram A as a pattern. Tint the cheeks and lips with red crayon, and, if desired, color the eyes. Brush the top of the head with paste and place white cotton on it for hair.

Dress—Make an underskirt of white crepe paper, cutting it about 27 inches long and wide enough to reach from

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*A demure
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of talcum
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*A sophisticated doll
for the boudoir.*

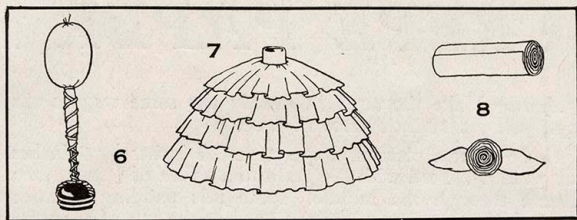
top to bottom of the can. Gather with needle and thread and tie around the top of the box. Cut the foundation for the dress the same width and a little shorter. Make several narrow ruffles and paste all but the top one to the skirt. Gather at the top and paste to the top of the can, then paste the top ruffle in place (Fig. 7). Paste a ribbon around the top as a finish. Place a similar ruffle around the bottom of the cover and paste a piece of crepe paper over the waist. If desired, the bottoms of the ruffles may be scalloped. Trim the skirt with tiny roses and loops of ribbon. To make the roses, cut a piece of crepe paper four inches by ten inches with the grain of the paper the four-inch way. Beginning at one end, roll smoothly and tightly *with the grain*, and paste the end down smoothly. Flatten the end of the roll with the finger tips and then cut off a piece about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick. Paste in place (Fig. 8).

Hat—Cut four oval shaped pieces of crepe paper $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Paste two together, thus making two double pieces. When almost dry, flute the front and back edges. Double one of them through the center and paste across the other. Paste a ribbon across the fold and then group several roses in the center. Bend up in the position shown in the illustration, and tie the hat in place.

Parasol—Wrap a five-inch piece of No. 10 wire with a strip of crepe paper $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. Cut another piece across the grain two inches wide and ten inches long. Paste the two short ends together. Flute one edge. Gather the other edge and fasten it tightly around the wrapped wire about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from one end. Paste four roses around the end, flatten the parasol out and tie in the doll's hand.

Boudoir Doll

The Boudoir Doll measures about 36 inches. Make according to the directions for the "Sports Girl," using a 7-inch square of crepe paper for the head, and No. 15 wires



for the arms and legs. Pad the body wires as well as the arms and legs by wrapping them several times with strips of crepe paper. Make the petticoat and dress as described for the "Sports Girl," cutting them proportionately larger, of course.

Frills—For the frills cut a long strip of crepe paper about 6 inches wide. Fold the strip in the center *across the grain*, place a steel knitting needle under the fold and gather along the needle. Replace the needle with a strip of spool wire and fasten around the neck and wrists.

Pompons—Cut a strip of crepe paper about 4 inches wide. Fold the strip in half, with the grain, and cut into fine fringe on both sides, leaving about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in the center uncut. Unfold, gather along the center, fasten with spool wire, and with the tips of the fingers push the pompon into shape. Smaller pompons for the shoes, hat and ribbon ends are made in the same way, using a strip about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.

Hat—For the hat, cut a piece of crepe paper about 6 inches deep and long enough to go around the head. Turn back one edge about 1 inch for the brim. Paste the short edges together. Gather the raw edge and fasten with spool wire. Paste hat to the doll's head and finish by pasting pompons as shown in illustration.

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