

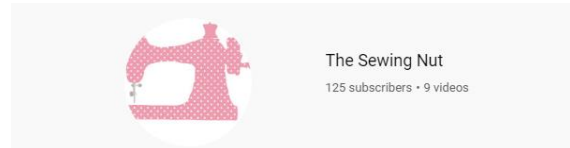
# Dolls Hair

You can see these processes on YouTube here

<https://youtu.be/5ltB9liE83g>

Other instructions and templates for the Dolls can be found at [www.thesewingnut.com/free-stuff](http://www.thesewingnut.com/free-stuff)

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## All hair

**Cut a strip of fabric at least ¼ inch wide and for the relevant length depending on whether you are making male or female hair and whether you are making the large or smaller dolls.**

Here are the strips for the larger dolls.



## For male hair

For the male doll measure around the head seam from just below where ears would be.

- large doll strip approx. 7 inches

Aim to position 1 ½ inches to the right (front of hair) and at least 3 ½ inches to the left (back of hair) and sew down the middle of the strip.

You might want to mark up your sewing machine with washy tape.

Leave ¼ inch fabric at the beginning of the strip.

- Starting with the loose end at the back of the hair, pass the string across the fabric strip looping the hair round at the tape markers. Catch it underneath the front of the sewing machine foot and then stitch making sure the strands lay right next to each other as you go.

I managed to get 4 passes underneath the front of my foot and used stitch length 2.2 which caught most strands.



- At the end of the strip, leave ¼ inch without hair at the end of the strip, and make sure the loose end is at the back of the hairstyle.

With needle down in the fabric, pivot the strip and sew back across the strands to secure them.

- Pin the hair to the doll on, or just in front of the head seam and tuck under the ends of the fabric strip so that you can't see them.

Make sure that the shorter length from the strip is at the front, and the longer at the back and that at the centre back the length reaches the nape of the neck.



Male hair front



Male hair back – pre trim

- Sew the fabric to the head by hand along the length of the strip on both sides of the seam.



- Trim the back of the hair to shape it so that the bottom runs straight across the back of the head.

You may choose to trim the loops at the front or leave them.

## For the female hair

For the female doll hair measure in the centre of the head from front to back, from approx. ½ inch in front of the head seam to the nape of the neck.

- large doll strip approx. 5 inches

Aim to position at least 3 ½ inches to both sides of the strip and sew down the middle of it.

You might want to mark up your sewing machine with washy tape.

Leave ¼ inch fabric at the beginning of the strip.

*For the female hair, it doesn't matter which side the loose end is on either at the beginning or the end of the run.*



Pass the string across the fabric strip looping the hair round at the tape markers. Catch it underneath the front of the sewing machine foot and then stitch making sure the strands lay right next to each other as you go.

I managed to get 4 passes underneath the front of my foot and used stitch length 2.2 which caught most strands.

At the end of the strip, leave ¼ inch without hair at the end of the strip, and with needle down in the fabric, pivot the strip and sew back across the strands to secure them.

Pin the hair to the doll on, at the centre back at the nape of the neck and pass up the centre and pin the other end at the centre front forehead. Tuck under the ends of the fabric strip so that you can't see them.



Double check the seam runs straight and is down the centre of the head.

Sew the fabric to the head by hand along the length of the strip on both sides of the seam.

With more string/wool or ribbon tie the hair into bunches checking that the strands are covering the head properly at the back.



Back of hair in bunches



Front of hair in bunches

You may choose to trim the loops at the end of the hair or leave them.