

Calling sewing, knitting and crochet lovers. I need your help!



This doll was made by Crazy Lorraine. Thank you Lorraine.

My close friend Francesca, mother of my god children Luciano and Serafina, used to work in film production but got bored and trained as a forensic psychologist – I know, heavy stuff! She now has the unenviable but desperately important task of working with children who have been abused, sometimes so badly that they no longer speak. She acts as their representative in court so must gain the trust of the child and work out what it was that actually happened to them. I really don't know how she does it.

Anyway, as part of working with the children she gives them dolls for two main reasons. Firstly for comfort and to give them a 'friend' they can trust and secondly for helping in the explanation to ascertain what has happened to them. Sometimes the kids get to keep the dolls so we need a constant supply.

So, why I need your help is that we need more dolls please! I know you all love to sew so maybe this weekend, whilst the wind and rain batter your windows you could sit and sew us a doll that will be loved and is very much needed. This is what we need:

- The dolls need to represent a mum, dad, boy, or girl
- They can be of any ethnicity, these kids don't distinguish between race or colour
- They must have clothes on that can be taken off
- They must be wearing pants that can also be taken off
- They are NOT to be anatomically correct so no boobs etc
- But you have to be able to immediately identify that this is a boy this is a girl this is a man this is a lady
- The child dolls should be about 6-8 inches tall and the adults 10-15 inches tall
- They can be knitted crocheted or made like a cotton dolly