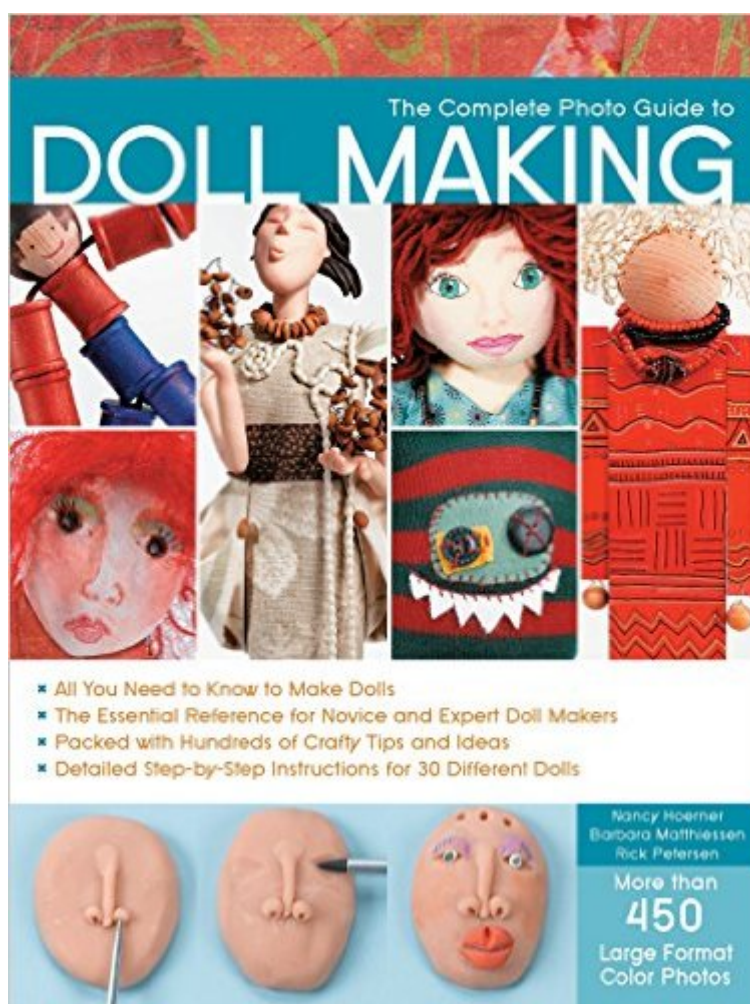


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# The Complete Photo Guide To Doll Making: \*All You Need To Know To Make Dolls \* The Essential Reference For Novice And Expert Doll Makers \*Packed With ... Instructions For 30 Different Dolls





## Synopsis

This book is a comprehensive how-to book about all aspects of doll making. It serves as a reference and technique guide for making dolls in a wide variety of styles. Full-size patterns are provided as well as artist galleries for inspiration. The organization provides easy access to information with step-by-step directions and color photos. Other doll-making books focus on one particular doll style. Some are purely inspirational, showing dolls made by other artists and crafters. This book provides complete how-to instruction on all types of dolls.

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## Customer Reviews

I am giving this 3 stars, although if I could have had two choices I'd give it 4 stars for beginners and 2 stars for experienced doll makers. That said, there are some interesting techniques - especially the crayon on the hotplate face, which I've never seen before - and some of the book dolls were good ideas. Overall, I like the variety of dolls described and thought that was one of the strengths of the book. One thing that bothered me, as a long time cloth doll maker, was the loose weave of the fabric and big machine stitches on the cloth faces shown as examples. One of the first things a cloth doll maker learns is to use a tightly woven, top quality cotton fabric and to use the smallest machine stitches your machine can do without balking. This is so the seams don't pop open when you turn them - and the doll, particularly the head of the doll, doesn't stretch out of shape when stuffed. If you went by the photos - and I saw no text that contradicted this impression - you would think you could use a fairly loosely woven fabric and regular length machine stitches. You will end up frustrated and

redoing your doll head many times if you try this. I thought there was a good variety of dolls presented, and the clay hands and feet instructions were quite good - you should be able to learn how to do that process from this book. I would suggest that you track this down in your local library before purchasing it, just to be sure you haven't got this information in other books you already own. If you don't own any at all, you may well be pleased with it. I thought the idea of using lots of photographs of techniques was a good one - but if you really want to learn how to make a good quality doll - particularly cloth, but also clay - buy one of the first two Susanna Oroyan books.

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