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Traditional-style nesting dolls made in colorful papers and lace trim make sweet, small cards to give to doll-loving friends.

LITTLE MATRYOSHKA CARD

These quick and easy cards make excellent notes to send to a friend, or especially to a mother! A visit to the local craft store will inspire you with a great variety of colorful papers, so you can customize your doll in endless ways. The cards shown here have a traditional look, but don't be afraid to experiment.

Materials needed:

Plain, bright cardstock for the doll body / card
 Contrasting plain or small patterned cardstock for the scarf
 Coordinating patterned cardstock for the apron
 Ivory cardstock for the face
 Brown cardstock for the hair

4-inch narrow Venice lace trim
 Stickers
 Fine black marker
 Pink crayon or colored pencil
 Glue stick and craft glue

Instructions:

- 1) Trace and cut all pieces from cardstock. The doll's body is a doubled piece of cardstock with the fold at the top, along the flat part of her head.
- 2) Use a glue stick to heavily coat the back of the scarf and apron pieces, then place them on the doll with the top edge of the apron tucked completely beneath the scarf. You should only be able to see the curved edge of the apron.
- 3) Glue the hair piece to the head, then glue the head onto the center of the scarf. You can set the face on looking straight ahead with the hair at the top, or give it a turned-up look by tilting the hair slightly to the left or right.
- 4) Run a line of fast-setting craft glue along the lower edge of the scarf, then lay the lace trim along this line. Decorate the doll with stickers as desired.
- 5) When your card is dry, draw her face with the fine black marker, using photos of real *matryoshka* dolls for inspiration. If her head is tilted, draw her eyes on a slant and set the pupils to look up or down. Give her round, pink cheeks with a crayon or colored pencil.
- 6) Look online for more card ideas! You will find some that are folded together in accordion-style, some with their apron pockets full of smaller dolls, and some with an entire set of pop-up dolls inside. Just as with real *matryoshki*, you are only limited by your imagination.

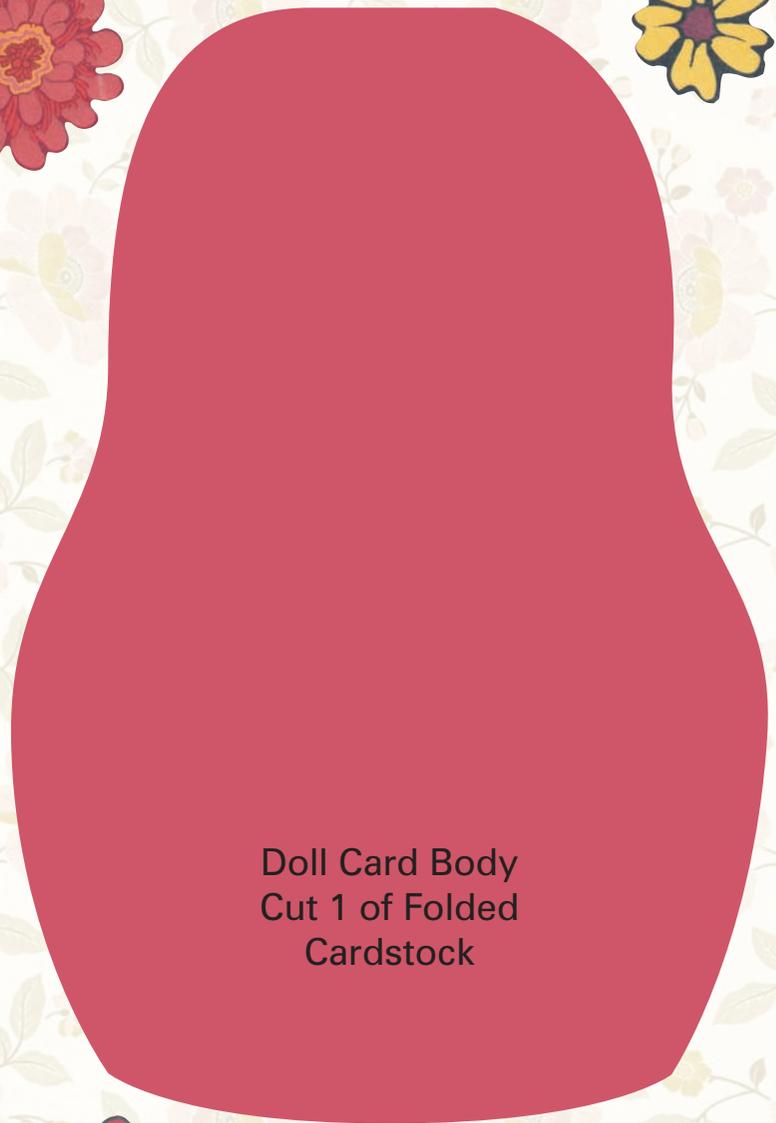
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Fold



Doll Card Face
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Doll Card Body
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Cardstock



Doll Card Apron
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Doll Card Scarf
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