

## Decorate a hat for your doll: (a 2015 convention workshop)

Many doll collectors find themselves with all the materials for this workshop.

Supplies: hats of all sizes or only one size to fit a souvenir doll, small silk flowers and leaves, various ribbons, tacky glue and hot melt glue guns, feathers, any other possible decorations (sometimes a fancy button or pin adds some dazzle). A craft stick for each participant and some cups of cold water are advisable.

Participants will add ribbons, flowers, feathers, and/or other trims to a manufactured hat. Participants will choose from a variety of hat sizes and many trims.

Skills: gluing with tacky, fabric or hot melt glue (depends upon the trims chosen),



This workshop is really self-directed once you define that the ribbon needs to get applied first (if they wish ribbon) and discuss the options for decorations. We suggested that once a ribbon is in place, they set the planned decorations around the hat before they begin gluing. When they are sure what they want for materials and placement, they can move them off the hat and begin to glue.

We told the juniors that it works well to put a glob of hot glue where you want a decoration, place the decoration on the spot, and use the craft stick to push it down so the glue doesn't get on their fingers. Hot glue sets up quickly, which makes it ideal for a junior project.

The juniors choose a hat to fit one of their dolls and begin. We allowed them to do two hats since we had so many and so few juniors.