

Stephanie Novatski – Morganville, New Jersey



I have always preferred to work with fabric, needle and thread and thought when I retired I would quilt but discovered I enjoy working in three dimensions - building a piece from the inside out. I really don't consider what I do as "dolls" but rather Mixed Media Figurative Art. The series that I am presenting, I have upcycled, reused and rediscovered pieces of vintage embroidery, laces, and fabrics from a variety of sources.

One of the last things my Mother said to me was that she didn't want to be forgotten. I create the piece "My Mommy Made This" in her honor of a favorite dress she made for me. While she was in hospice, we would talk about how much she loved to make my clothes. I also found inspiration in the fabrics and linens I saved from my parents' and in-laws' homes. Many pieces I have collected items from flea markets all over the country. <http://novasblossoms.blogspot.com>

Stephanie Novatski * Reuse, Recycle, Rediscover

This Class is Full

Friday & Saturday #2D5

2 Day Workshop - 9am-4 or 4:30pm

**Workshop –Cloth & recycled materials
Levels Intermediate & Advanced**

Pre class work - Yes

Sewing Machine in class if homework is done

Size 18 inches * Kit Fee \$10.00

You will be exploring and using reclaimed materials such as vintage/antique (or not!) doilies, tablecloths, lace and embroidered curtains, dresses, belts, gloves, baby clothes, flea market, thrift store, estate sale items etc. You will learn how to deconstruct clothing for optimum reuse. You will be studying the use of reclaimed leather for shoes, unwoven sweaters for hair, cutting to conserve crochet doilies and tablecloths, and cleaning the fabrics to remove odors. Discover how to reclaim trims, beads, buttons, appliques and other embellishments. Other areas of exploration will include how to change or add color to the items using various mediums such as tea and coffee dyeing. In the class you will receive a pattern that has an option for a jointed version of the doll and a cloth head. However, Stephanie wants to introduce you to something reclaiming a rejected head by covering it with paperclay and sculpting a face then covering it with fabric. Reuse, Recycle and Rediscover is the theme of this workshop.



Supply list on the next page

Stephanie Novatski Upcycle Reuse Rediscover doll

Materials list:

3/8 X 45" high count flesh colored cotton such as Southern Belle or Pimatex for doll body

NOTE: small pieces of printed cotton can also be used for arms and legs. Arms require a piece 6" X 14", legs 15" X 12"

Vintage pieces such as embroidered tea towels, lace or embroidered dresser scarves, crocheted doilies, lace or fabric from vintage clothes, pieces of Vintage lace trim for dress or 3/8 yard X 45" fabric of your choice

10" X 14" piece of sheer or thin fabric for bloomers NOTE: I used embroidered or plain sheer curtain fabric

9" X 12" piece of thin leather, ultra-suede, velvet or other fabric for shoes/boots Can also use wide 1 1/2" wide ribbon or trim

Yarn, curly wool locks, Tibetan lamb skin for hair

3 X 18" 16g floral or galvanized wire

2 3/8" X 10" wooden dowels NOTE: The chopsticks provided by Bonefish Grill are the perfect size and are free with Bang Bang Shrimp

10 X 4" pieces of pipe cleaners or chenille stems for fingers

White florist tape

Poly fill

3" X 3" piece of chipboard or cardboard

3" X 3" piece of felt for soles of shoes

4 oz package Creative Paperclay

Colored and watercolor pencils, fine tipped markers, fine erasable pencil and eraser for creating face

Tacky glue regular and clear

Assorted pieces of trim of choice to compliment costume

Students need to bring to class:

Doll body with legs attached or at least sewed together and turned. Arms and hands sewed and turned, head (make both profile and clay over) firmly stuffed or a reject head appropriate size for a 16" doll

Paperclay

Tacky glue

Small paint brush for applying glue

Straight pins preferably bead head

Materials for dress and shoes, and hair

Face coloring kit of choice preferably colored and water color pencils

Hand sewing needles, 5" and 7" doll needles and thread

Thread of preference for needle sculpting face such as button and carpet cord, hand quilting thread (I like Gutterman 100% cotton Quilting thread)

Any embellishments such as old jewelry (optional)

Sculpting tools to the doll list. NOTE: A C Moore, Michaels and Hobby Lobby have packaged sets. I recommend the wooden handles with the metal ends. I know AC Moore has them for about \$10 but you can use a coupon.

Kit items supplied by Stephanie on the next page

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Kit cost for upcycle: \$10.00

Includes: Pattern, 4 way cotton/Lycra stretch knit overlay fabric enough for 4 faces, pieces of grooves 60's fabric enough for 2 dresses, 2 complete sets of eyelashes.

Instructor will have a selection of doilies, fabrics and dresser scarves, etc. available for purchase in class for the doll for the students convince.

