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**Bleurette in Cloth!**  
**Online Cloth Doll Class**  
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**Chapter 3 - Part 2**  
**...THE BODY...**

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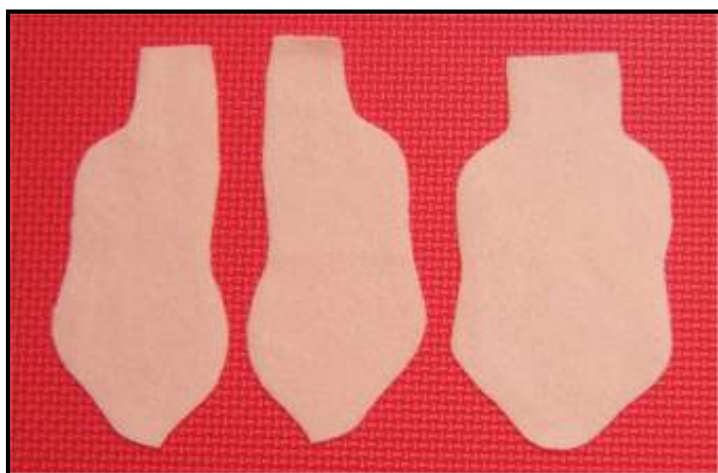
The body for this little doll is easy and really cute when done. She has a belly button and cute little bottom with dimples. She has a sway back achieved by simply bending it to that position.

Remember to stuff very firmly and evenly, and to stuff the neck especially hard before gathering the top of the neck to close it. **NOTE...** I put **part** of a cotton ball at the top of the neck before closing it. Don't fill the whole neck with a cotton ball because it is impossible to sew through for attaching the turning head. BUT...if you wish to ladder stitch the head on; you can fill the whole neck with cotton. Don't get the cotton in the shoulders! You won't be able to get a needle through to joint the arms if you do.

Most of the body directions will be in pictures...very little text is needed, except what I will write under the pictures.

Use a full 1¼ " seam allowance for the body sewing and then you will trim the seams to a scant 1/8".

**...Let's go....**



**Here are the body parts.**  
**REMEMBER!! Sew on the fuzzy side!!!**



**Sew the center back seam.**



**Sew the back to the front. Leave open at the neck top. Trim the seams to a scant 1/8".**



**Turn the body right side out. Use your hemostat to push the seams out nice and smooth.**



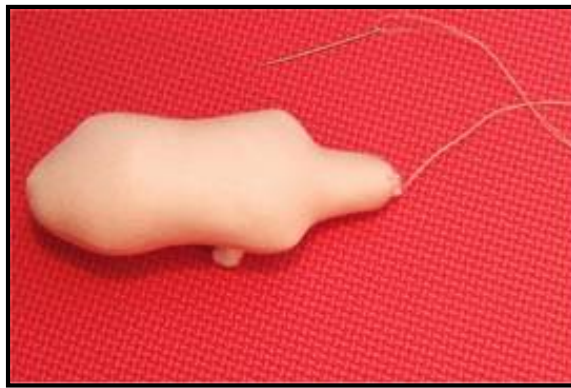
**Hold the edge of the neck and "stream" stuffing into the body, repeating until it is full. Be sure to get stuffing out into the shoulders .**



**The body all stuffed.**



**Press in at the small of the back and pull the upper and lower body back to "arch" the back. This makes the body shape so cute.**

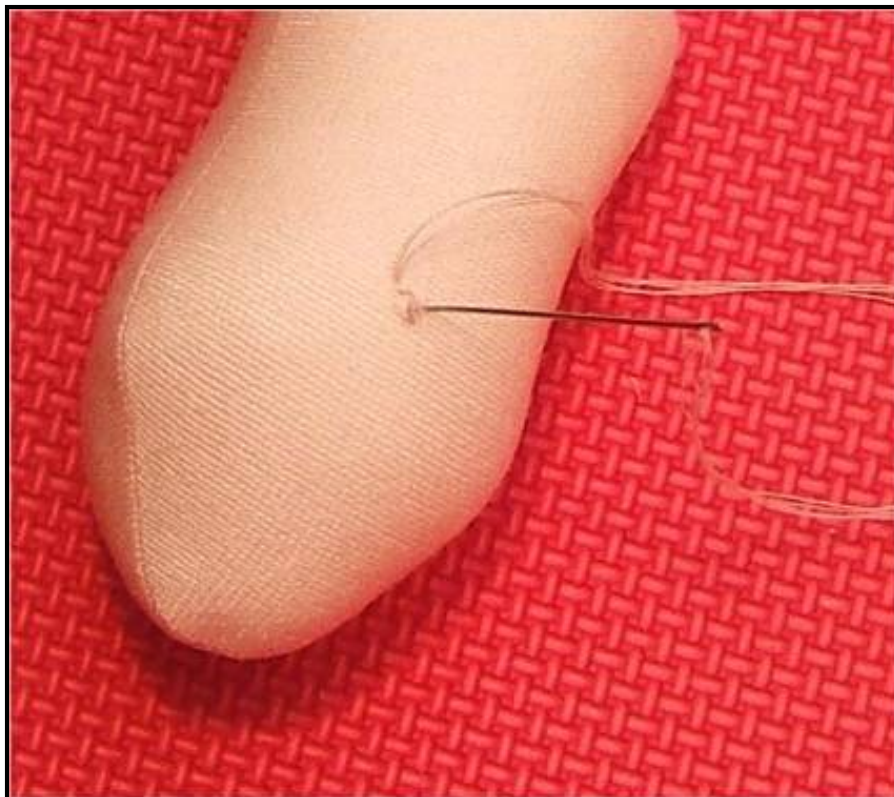


**Using a quadruple thread, (4 strands) gather all around the neck opening.  
The little white thing is just a pom-pom holding the body steady.**



**A QUADRUPLE THREAD is 2 strands pulled 1/2 way through the needles eye and then all 4 ends are tied. I use this for almost all hand sewing on the actual doll.**

**I use a John James Darner needle which is about 2" to 3" long and thin. It has a nice big eye though.**

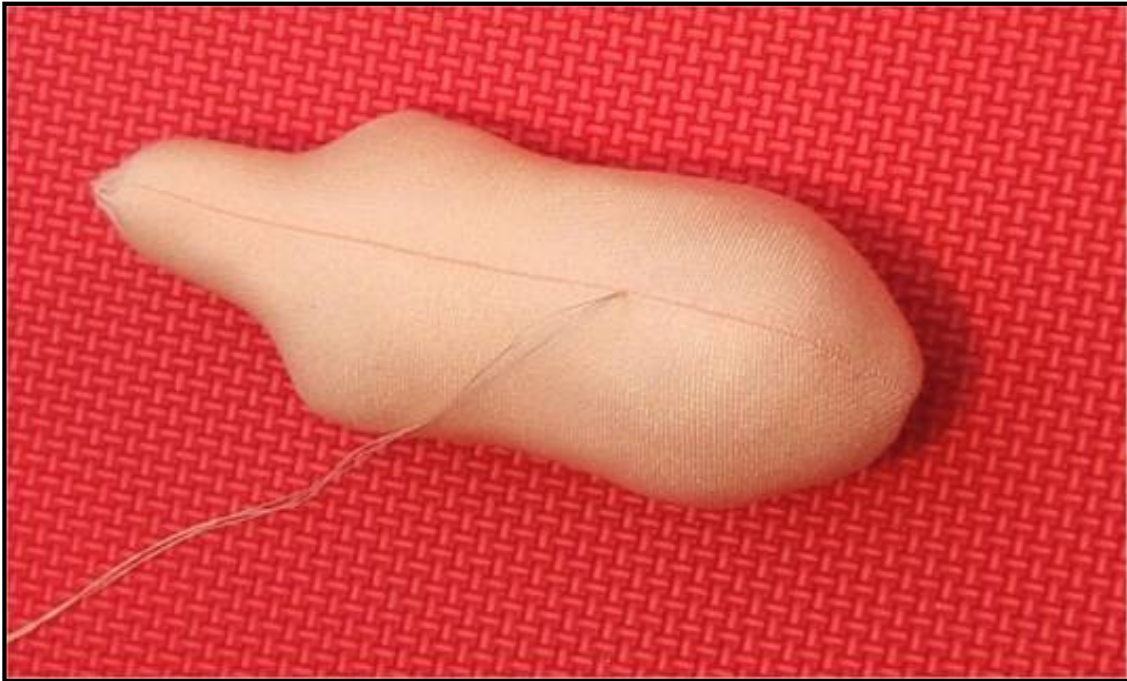


**Thread a 3" long needle with a quadruple thread.**

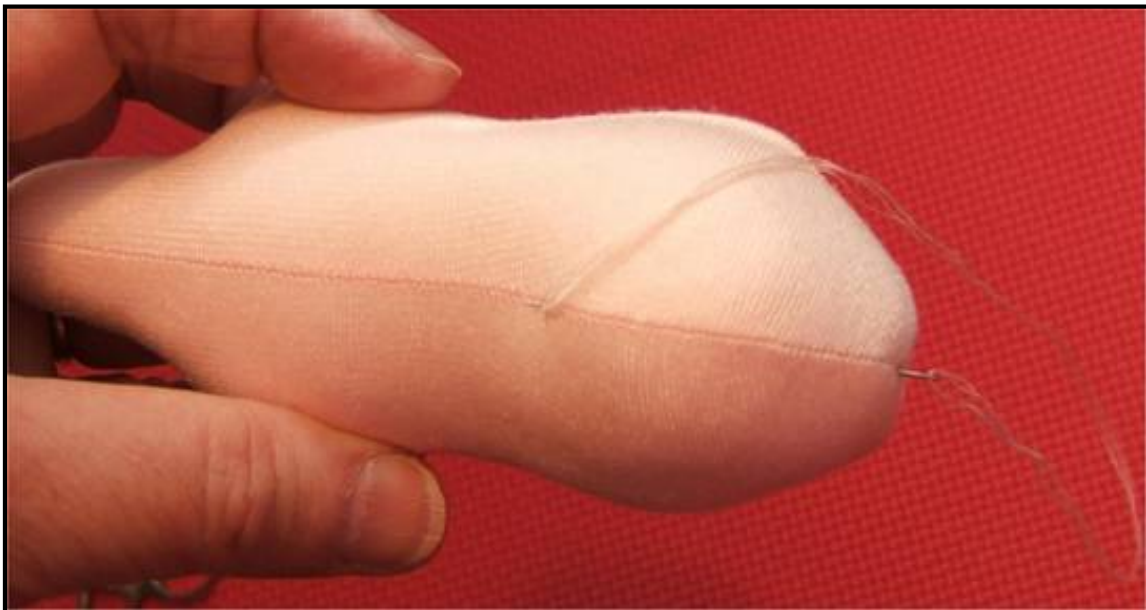
**Put the needle in just a tiny bit off center, just below waist level.**

**Take 3 or 4 little stitches to make the belly button. Now, Insert the needle right in the middle of the belly button.**

**THEN**



**Bring it out in the center seam of the body back, just below the waist.**

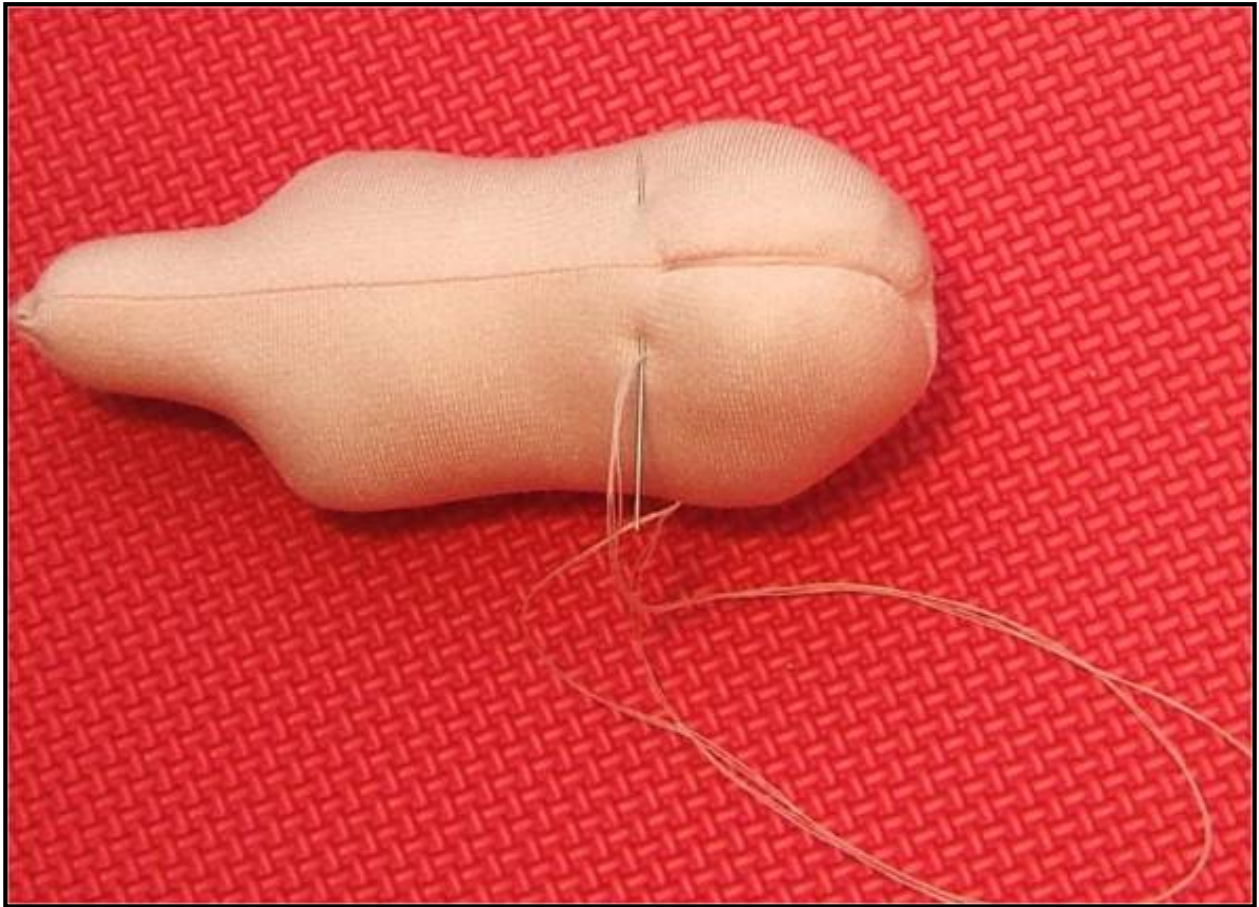


Now insert the needle into the center of the crotch and bring it out at the original exit point in the body back.

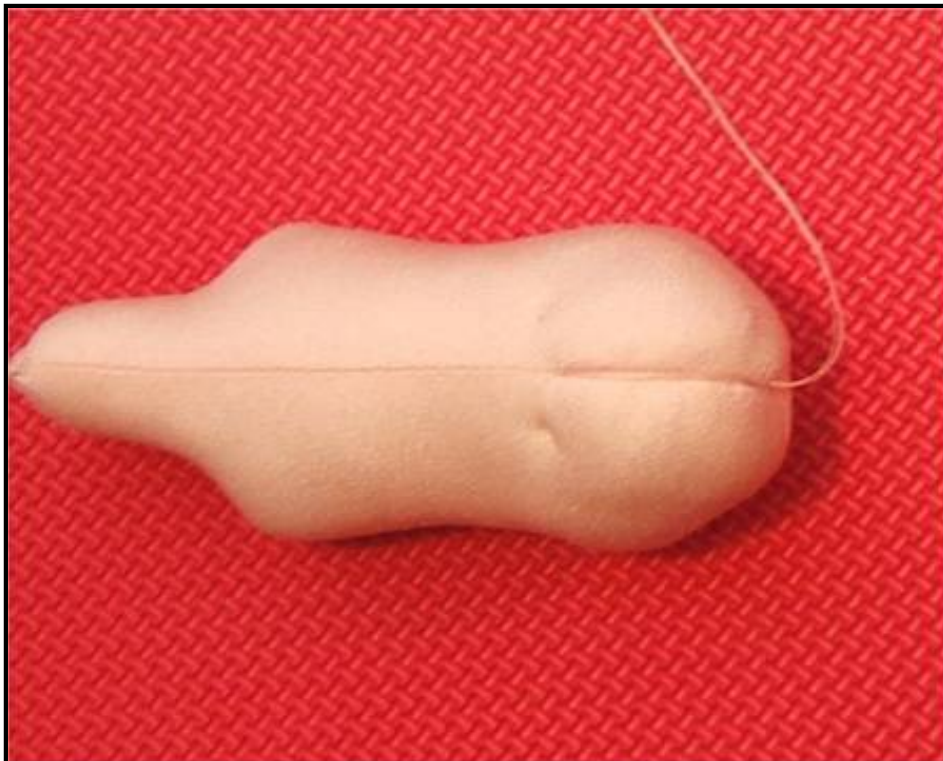
Pull the thread so it slightly pulls in the little bottom, with the thread running right down the center seam.

Take a couple of stitches in the crotch to secure the thread, and then put the needle in again at the

crotch and bring it out a little to the side of the top of the "crack". This will make little dimples.



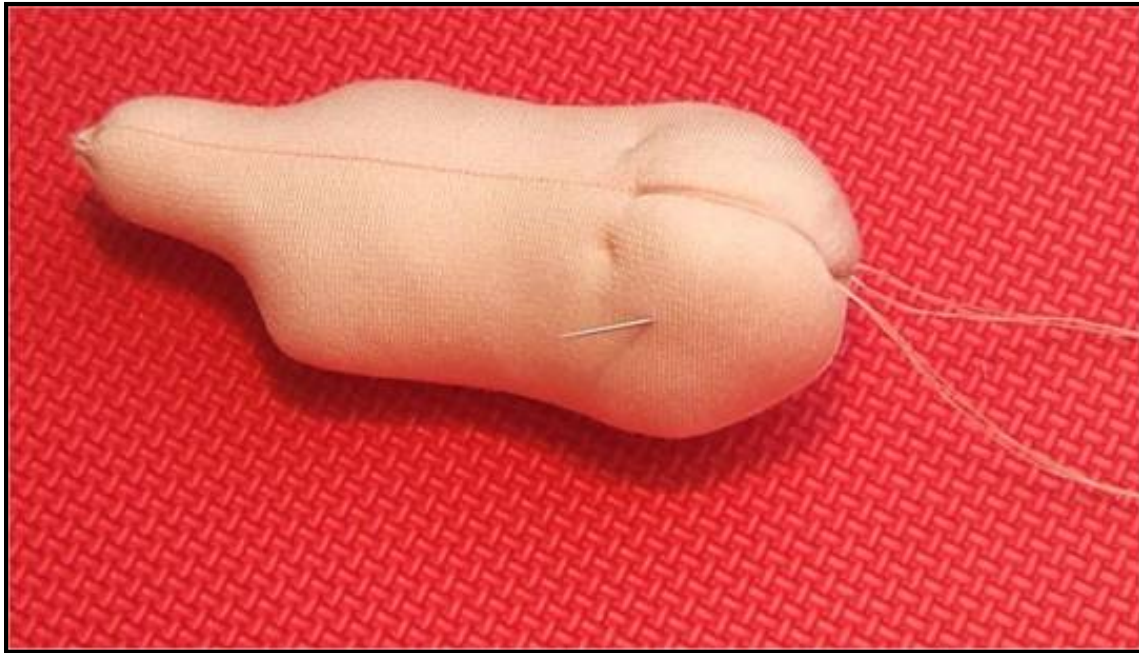
Re-enter at the first dimple and exit for a second dimple on the other side.



Re-enter at that dimple and exit in the crotch.

Take a few stitches in the center of the crotch and

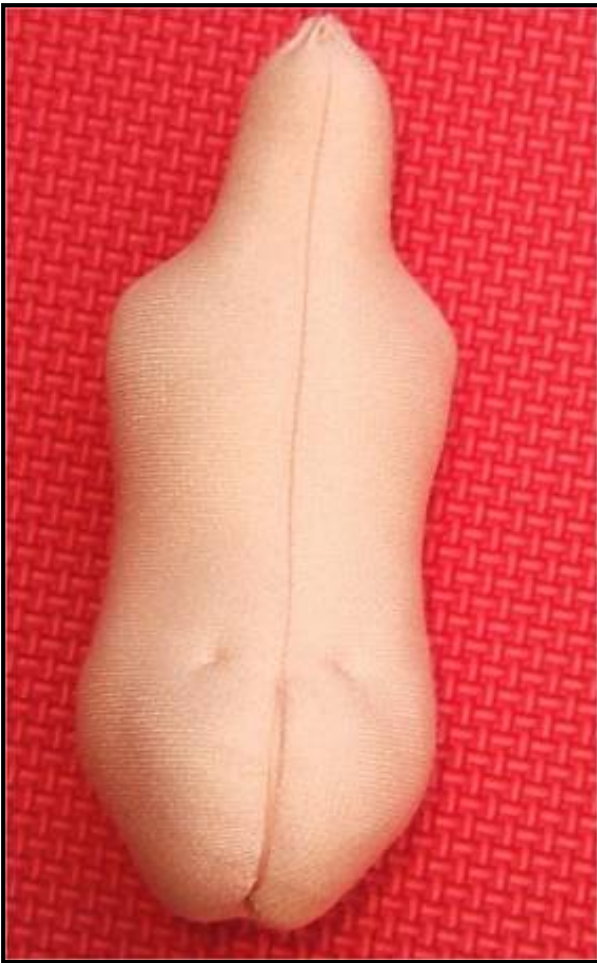
**THEN**



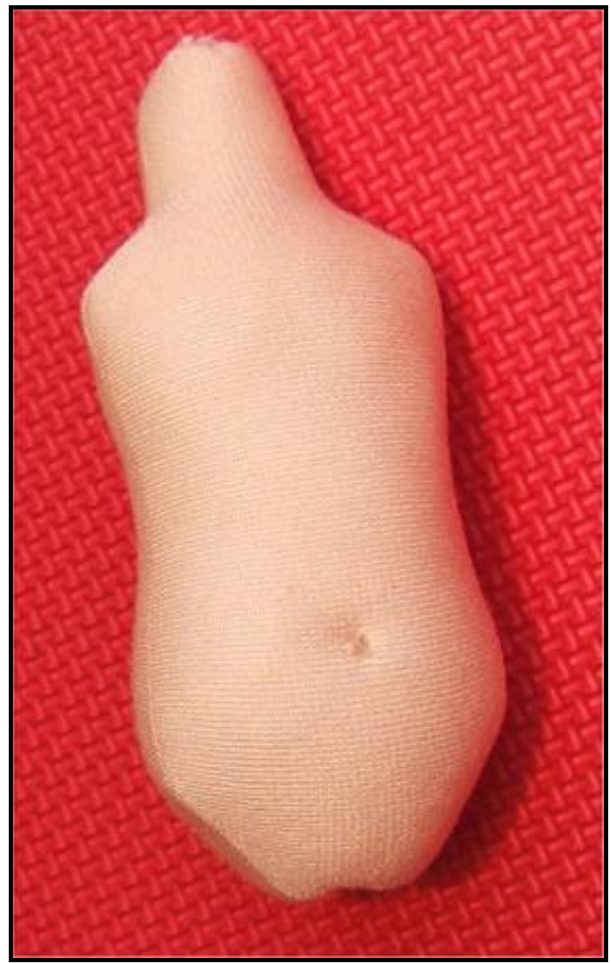
Exit your needle out in the side of your doll so you can "lose the ends" of the thread.



Clip the thread close to the "skin" and then lift the fabric with the tip of your needle so the ends are "lost" under the fabric.



**The body back all done.**



**The body front all done.**

**Are you ready for the rest? We are getting closer and closer to those ball jointed legs and arms.**

**I have saved them for the end, because after doing all of the head and body, you will want to tackle the "hard part". <smile>**

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