

DOLL PIN-CUSHION.

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GET a small china doll. Break off the legs. Cut a round of cardboard two inches and a half across; sew securely round it a piece of calico

the size of the round, and three inches and a half deep. Stuff it firmly with wadding at the bottom of the round, and put less wadding as you get toward the waist, so as to make the doll a nice shape. Fasten the calico neatly round the waist. For the frock, procure a piece of scarlet flannel ten inches wide and five inches in depth. Join it round, turn in the bottom and gather it, put in the doll and cushion, and draw the gathering round beneath the cardboard bottom. Fasten it firmly; gather with a strong thread round the top, which needs a small turn in, and make another gathering one inch below for the waist. Tie these two gatherings round the shoulders and waist. Two holes must be made to pass the arms through, and two small, straight pieces of flannel sewn round the arms for short sleeves. The frock is then complete. The apron is a piece of white muslin three inches square, gathered at the waist, and pinned on. The bib of the apron must be cut out to the diagram. The cap is of the same muslin as the apron, cut three inches and a half in depth, three inches and a quarter in width at the widest part, and two inches at the plain part, which ties with a piece of cotton round the face. The whole is cut as nearly as possible in the horse-shoe form, gathered from one side of the front to the other, and drawn tightly up at the back. Then a little bit of china ribbon is tied round, with ends waving at the back. The doll is very quickly dressed.

BRAIDED TOILET-CUSHION.

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IN the front of the number, we give an engraving of this pretty cushion. The cushion may be worked with braid or chain-stitch, either in white or colored, on pique or muslin. The prettiest and most durable is scarlet. The lower edge of the border should be in button-hole stitch with single zephyr, same color as the braid; and the upper edge should be whipped, or cross-stitched with the wool. The same design worked in velvet, satin, or silk, makes a very handsome cushion; for instance, a black velvet cushion braided in gold-colored braid, with a border of black silk pinked at the edges, and braided according to the pattern, is exceedingly effective. The top of the cushion makes a pretty design for a braided toilet-mat.