Testimonials & Bio

I have had the absolute pleasure of taking 2 of Mary’s classes over the past few months (and just signed up for another)! What an absolutely treat! First there is the learning to make your own beautiful hand crafted doll while hearing the philosophy of the treasured Waldorf tradition. Underneath that, there is the meditation: connecting inside to creativity in a soulful way, and stitch by stitch, releasing it to bring your doll to life. If you would like it to be, it really can be so much more than a crafting class. And if not, Mary’s humorous and happy-going nature, a laid back atmosphere, and good company will make this the most fun crafting-class you’ve ever been to! ~ Maureen

Such a great day! Thank you for an amazing class! ~ Kelly

This class was so much fun and the doll I made turned out so adorable! I signed up for another class to make another Waldorf doll, but smaller ;-) ~ Danielle

This class was once again OUTSTANDING! The Jelly Bean doll was my second class that I took under Mary’s tutelage, and I enjoyed expanding on the skills I walked away with from my first class. My doll turned out perfectly. I have loved these adorable Waldorf dolls for many years and I can’t wait until my future kids are able to play with them! ~ Danielle

Enjoyed taking this class! Would highly recommend to anyone. Mary did such a great job guiding our class to create our unique, and beautiful baby dolls. Each doll was a little different, but all were so beautiful and loveable. Good quality materials, and good quality teacher. Can’t wait to do it again with my daughter. ~ Jen

It was so rewarding to make my own Waldorf doll under Mary’s tutelage. The effort and love I put into making this doll shines through! Thank you for your guidance in crafting this doll which will surely be a family heirloom. I cannot recommend this workshop enough! ~ Cas

Mary Hirsch began making dolls in 2000 at the time her daughter started at the local Waldorf School. Mary became mesmerized by the beauty found in the Waldorf kindergarten and like many parents, she wanted to recreate the same atmosphere in her home. From this, she was inspired to learn felting, doll making, lazuring, and puppetry.

In 2012, Mary’s career changed direction and crafting became her primary focus. She began holding camps for children ages 6-14 and has taught over 200 children how to felt and make dolls. She teaches a variety of classes in dollmaking, wet and needle felting, and puppetry. She recently sold her 1,000th doll. She is the sole provider of Heavy Babies (TM) to Bella Luna and has sold her dolls to A Child’s Dream Come True and a number of other smaller stores. Her dolls can be found in dozens of Waldorf Schools across the country (including Alaska and Hawaii) and her customers are based around the world. Her newest endeavors include making patterns and kits from her original designs. One of the highlights of Mary’s life has been to travel to an orphanage in Mexico where she and three teens made 27 dolls for the children. The next year, she taught three of the oldest teenagers how to make the dolls to sell in an effort to become self-sufficient.

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