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## How To Make An Aeta Doll

Before you make an Aeta Doll, I will ask you a question: Do you know who Aetas are? I have no doubt that you can answer this question without opening your geography. But in case you have forgotten, I will tell you about the Aetas. The Aetas are the original people of the Philippines. The Aetas are commonly called negritos. The adult Aeta is very much shorter than an average Filipino. He has a flat nose. His eyes are far-apart. His hair is black and kinky. The Aetas do not build houses like yours. They live in the forest and mountains. They do not cultivate the soil. They live by hunting wild animals. Most of them wear no clothing. Now that you know about the Aetas, let me tell now how to make an educated Aeta Doll.

Before you start, get these materials: an old black stocking or a piece of black cloth, cotton or kapok, needle and thread, a piece of organdy, a piece of colored cloth for your doll's apron, a piece of thick cardboard, some paste and two small white buttons.

Whether it is a black stocking or a piece of black cloth that you found, cut it and sew on the dotted



line as shown in Figure 1. Leave the bottom open. Through this opening, stuff it with cotton or kapok evenly. Cut the piece of cardboard as in Figure 2. Cut it in a way that its diameter is larger than the diameter of your doll. On this cardboard, sew, nail or paste the bottom of your doll to make her stand. To make the neck and waist, you must tie a black thread around where you think her neck and waist should be. In this step, she will look as in Figure 3. Now sew the two small white buttons for her eyes. Now make her mouth and two dots for her nose with your needle and thread. Untangle the threads of a small piece of black cloth. Gather the threads and crumple them in your hands. These crumpled threads will be her kinky hair. Then apply a little paste around her face and drape the crumpled threads on it. Sew on a little turban as shown in Figure 4. Now make her arms like that in Figure 5. The procedure is like Figure 1. Make her a dress as shown in Figure 6 (a straight kimono). Finish her with a colored apron and place a colored cloth like a big handkerchief around her neck.

