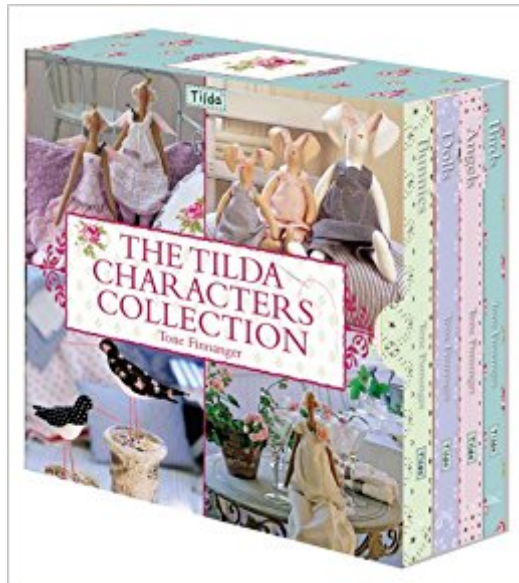




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The Tilda Characters Collection: Birds, Bunnies, Angels & Dolls



Synopsis

This is an adorable collection of "Tilda" characters, complete with all the sewing techniques, designs and templates you need to create them. It includes four titles presented in a stylish slipcase - Birds, Bunnies, Angels and Dolls - perfect for both dedicated fans and crafters new to the "Tilda" series. Gorgeous colour photographs and delightful illustrations accompany each project along with easy-to-follow instructions for an array of sewing techniques, from applique to free embroidery.

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Customer Reviews

Tone Finnanger is the designer and owner of the brand Tilda. She grew up in Oslo, the capital of Norway. Always fond of art and craft, inspired by members of the family she soon began to explore how she could make a living from her talent. The dream was to make dolls and scenery for animation films, while in real life she was working in a craft shop. This combination is what eventually led to the idea of Tilda. Tone started Tilda in 1999, 25 years old. She now lives on an island in the Oslo fjord with her boyfriend and her dog. This is also where she has her studio. She has her education in graphic design and art.

This is a must have if you are a Tilda fan. The bunny book is adorable and perfect for gifts for Easter. I immediately started this little bunny for my grandson. It's not finished yet but the patterns are so simple and well written, I got this done in just a couple of hours. The bird book has whimsical

chickens and puffins along with other birds. The doll book has an easy to make scare crow for the gardener in the family. The "Jane Austen" doll dress on one of the dolls is very pretty. I want to make all of them. So if you like making dolls but don't want to spend forever making the bodies, these patterns are great. Whip up the bodies and have fun picking out the fabrics for the clothes.

Even when I'm not working directly from the Tilda books I always use them for inspiration. The only thing I don't like about the book set is that you have to enlarge all the patterns on a copy machine. But the characters are so cute, and I have actually traced some of the patterns as is in the books and used them to make little felt applique items, so the small size patterns do have a use as they are. I love the inspiration of the color blends and prints in these beautifully photographed books and I've blended things from one pattern with things from another pattern. Ideas skip about in my head till out comes something new and unusual. The birds are so graceful, and the chickens in bloomers are a total hoot. I've kept myself busy since I got my first book and my Grand daughter will be finding lots of Tilda in her Christmas packages this year.

Some of the animals in this collection can be found in some of the other Tilda books so if you own all of Tone's books and buy this set there will be some duplicates but I love her work so much I really wanted to get this set in case there were some animals that I didn't have patterns for from the other books I have from her. As usual, once you learn the basic method for making her "softies" it's easy to follow the directions, but if you have never made one before it can seem confusing. I think the original is written in Norwegian and the English translation isn't super easy to follow but I do know from learning how to do Norwegian knitting that kids grow up there learning how to knit from their relatives or at school so Norwegian knitting patterns are notorious for being really brief, just the bare bones, not a lot of details, so maybe this is the case with sewing books as well? Tone's work is so popular in Russia, I have found the best YouTube tutorials online from Russia that have taught me the most. You can also buy a tutorial for about US\$15.00 from "Stitch Craft Create" (UK) that was just released. Once you purchase it, it's an instant download. The tutorial only covers directions for sewing one of Tone's dolls, but the same basic method is used for her animal patterns as well. I hope this helps!

These four little books have dozens of ideas and patterns for dolls and toys designed by one of my favorite artists. Lots of full color photos, good instructions, and easy patterns. A very good deal for the quality.

These lovely little books are beautiful. They have patterns. They just don't have ALL the patterns for the dolls/characters in the books. The cover of the Dolls book has a lovely doll with no pattern for the body and no pattern for the dress. Very very disappointed.

Tilda has written another set of little books with her usual cute characters and dolls. I knew the books were small, but it did not occur to me that the patterns would then be small too. You have to enlarge all of them to use them, which makes this a little unhandy, unless you have a copier at home that will enlarge things. But I love her creativity. But that is the reason for the 4 stars instead of 5, small patterns.

For the Tilda Collection I haven't really gotten to get into yet but like the illustrations. I make doll clothes so the ribbons are absolutely what I needed, good quality. In making doll shoes I always burned my fingers with hot glue so these finger tips will put a stop to that. Use them when steam ironing little pieces. The heat gun is used for shrinking and curling certain ribbons. All in all everything I order from is always spot on.

I just love these book.

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