

What Spring Critter Are You?

Doll MAG

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wear a
rainbow of
colors

Tips for
the *Best*
Sleepover!

Exclusive
interview with
JOSEFINA
MONTROYA

PLUS!

Some ideas for
cute weekend
wear!





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Meet a Reader: Rosalyn

Each month, we ask our readers to answer a set of questions for the chance to be featured in the upcoming issue. This month's winner is Jess and her doll, Rosalyn!

DM: What is your favorite spring animal?

R: Deer

DM: What is your favorite thing to do on a rainy afternoon?

R: I like to blog and watch movies with my friends.

DM: What is your favorite type of cupcake?

R: Chocolate frosting on white batter

DM: Where would you want to go on vacation?

R: Australia

DM: What is your dream job?

R: To be a spy

Letter from the

Editors

Dear Readers,

Spring is so much fun, wouldn't you agree? Warmer weather, cute clothes, and the beautiful flowers growing outside are all perks of spring! We're welcoming March and April this month by **wearing bright clothes** {pg. 8} and **ooing and ahing over the adorable baby animals!** {Want to see which one you are? See pg. 15} Finally, we are so happy to celebrate our cover girl, Josefina, and her birthday this upcoming Wednesday, March 6th. Have a happy start to your spring!

Bella and Lulu

Are you a fan of
RAINY DAYS?

Not really, but I do like that I can wear cute raincoats!

-Lulu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Yep! I like a good rainy day every once in a while. :)

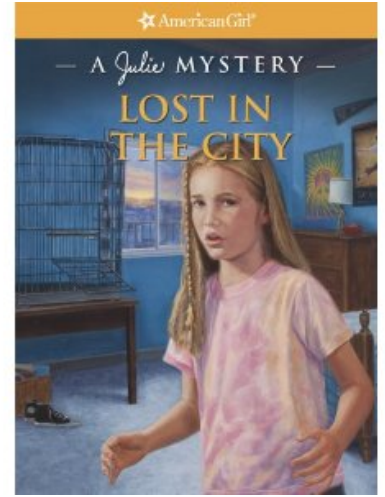
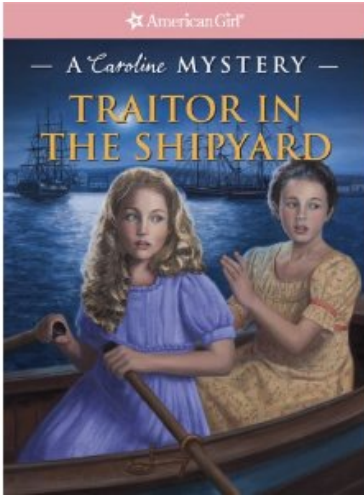
-Bella, Co-Editor-in-Chief

NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION: What do you like most about summer vacation? *To respond, leave your answer on our blogs!*

BITS & PIECES



March is coming in like a lion and out like a lamb at Doll Mag!



New Releases from American Girl!

Earlier in February, American Girl released their summer line. Included were a limited edition bed and pajamas for Molly, a calf and work dress for Caroline, and new outfits and accessories for MyAG, Bitty Twins, and Bitty Baby! What we're most excited about are the new mysteries, pictured above.



DOLL OF THE DAY

Our friends at Doll Diaries have started a new series called Doll of the Day! Each day, they will feature a different doll {like Ruthie, above} and talk about her distinctive features, as well as provide some printables.

Happy Birthday!

Josefina isn't the only one celebrating a birthday this month. Check out these other dolls too!

Molly: April 22

Rebecca: April 4

Caddy: April 9

Marie-Grace:

March 3

Felicity: April 21



SCRAPS OF FABRIC

Have leftover pieces of fabric from past projects? Don't throw them away! Instead, update your doll's wardrobe with these three speedy crafts.



1. HEADBAND

To make a headband, cut out a piece of fabric that is twice the desired width. Fold the fabric over and tie beneath your doll's hair.



2. BRAIDED HAIRSTYLE

Braid your dolls hair, but with an added twist. Start by tying a knot of fabric around a small piece of hair. Braid regularly, and pin the braid back when finished.



3. NEW T-SHIRT

Have a blank white tee? Change the look of it daily by cutting out new shapes with felt and fabric. Here, we made two springy flowers. Attach your design with double-sided tape, so you can change it whenever you want!



IT'S THE MONTH OF Montoya!

It's a big month for this hopeful and caring birthday girl! Josefina Montoya is celebrating her birthday this year on Tuesday, March 19th. She is also busy baking and hanging out with her sisters at their family ranch. We got to sit down and interview her for this issue of Doll Mag...

DM: How are you celebrating your birthday this year?

JM: I'm having a *fiesta* with my sisters, Papa, and extended family! I can't wait to have some of my aunt's delicious sweets and to spend time with my sisters.

DM: What are you excited about this spring?

JM: I'm excited to spend more time outside, and for the ranch to be bustling! I love when things are lively and growing.

DM: What is your favorite animal on the ranch?

JM: I love all the animals, but I have a soft spot for my baby goat, Sombrita. She is so sweet!

DM: What is your favorite thing to bake?

JM: Bizcochitos, which are sugar cookies made for celebrations. I also really like making hot cocoa, though that's a special treat as well – the chocolate comes from Mexico City!

Josefina ♥ ...

Her Loom!



Baby Animals!



Her Doll!



Her Family!

Baking!



Red

Paired with playful polka dots, red is perfect on a short-sleeved sweater. We like it with dark skinnies.

*Red Spring Dots Sweater
123 Mulberry Street*

wear the

RAINBOW!

This spring, bright colors are all the rage. Mixed with neutrals, you can rock the entire rainbow!

Photos from the respective shop owners. Written and Designed by Bella.



Orange

Orange is such a happy color, and it will brighten anyone's day when added with stripes! This dress is great for family gatherings.

Empire Dress Patti Kuz

yellow

Yellow dots are so fun when on a hooded fleece. This will become a staple for weekend adventures!

Polka Dot Hooded Swing Coat Sew Fun Doll Clothes



A close-up photograph of a doll with long, wavy brown hair and large, bright green eyes. She is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt with a pattern of dark brown and teal hearts. The background is a soft-focus field of yellow flowers.

gReen

Green means
“calming,” so we love
finding hints of it on
casual clothing, like
this great long-sleeve
tee.

*Long Sleeve Graphic Tee
Royal Doll Boutique*

Blue

Bold skinny jeans are on the rise this spring. Look for bright neons, like this blue, or colorful patterned denim.

Skinny Jeans Liberty Jane Clothing



PURPLE

Purple can be so versatile, and we love a good purple accessory! This newsboy cap will finish off any fantastic outfit.

Eggplant Hue Newsies Cap Cinder Frost Studios





PINK

Spring screams pink and pastels, as well as florals, so try looking for tops with flower details. This shirt would look good with denim capris.

Pink Peasant Top Doll Petite Couture

what spring animal are you?

1. your bed spread is...

- A) Cheetah print
- B) A cute graphic design
- C) Covered in a gingham or floral pattern

2. over spring break you can't wait to...

- A) Go to an amusement park or other fun attraction with your family
- B) Play with your friends in the park
- C) Go to that new rom-com you've been waiting to see

3. your family's getting a pet! you want...

- A) A hamster
- B) A dog
- C) A kitten

4. you just got a new sweater as a present, it is...

- A) Bright purple with yellow buttons
- B) A rosy red with turquoise flowers at the neckline
- C) A pretty pastel pink with a floral pattern

5. your favorite flower is a...

- A) Happy sunflower
- B) Simple, but fun tulip
- C) An elegant and lovely rose



a's

You're an energetic bunny!



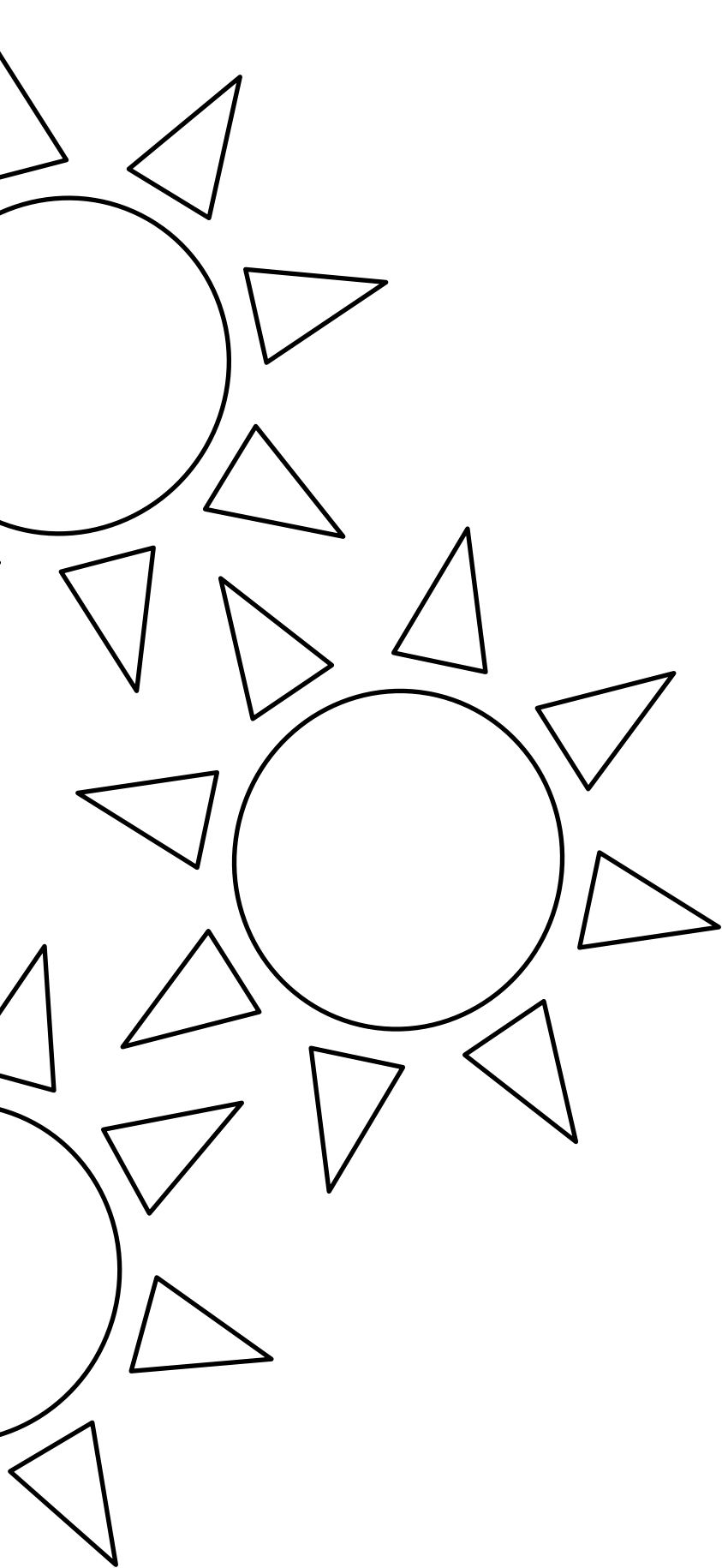
b's

You're a fun-loving chick!



c's

You're a flirty butterfly!



April
showers
bring May
flowers!

-xo, The Girls over at Doll Mag!

Have an American Girl

Sleepover Spectacular!

Here's some ideas for an AG-themed sleepover party for you and your dolls!

By Bella and Lulu

Invites

To start your sleepover fun, make and send out these adorable invites!

- Start by cutting out a sleeping bag shape in any color of paper.
- Now cut out a large beige-colored circle, draw a face on it, and cut out two smaller beige circles.
- Next add some string to the circle for hair, and glue it to the top of your sleeping bag.
- Glue the small circles to the sleeping bags for hands.
- Write the information on the back!



Decorations

Your party should be set up in a large room, like a basement or living room with food in a separate area, if you want. Try these fun decorations for added party cheer!

- Hang large paper stars from the ceiling.
- Create a pom-pom garland and hang across the wall.
- Add a fun sign near the doorway!

Snacks

A sleepover is never complete without snacks! Try these yummy ideas...

- Drizzle kettle corn with dark and white chocolate.
- Make chocolate covered pretzel sticks with red and pink sprinkles to top it off!
- Cut out star shapes in watermelon, cantaloupe, and pineapple, and arrange for a fruit platter.
- Create rice krispie treats in the shapes of stars! Attach to lollipop/ cake pop sticks for easy eating.

Crafts 4

Making crafts is a staple at most sleepovers. Use these ideas or create some of your own...

- Create friendship bracelets for you and your dolls! Even better? Make them edible by making bracelets out of things like popcorn and candy.
- Make a blanket for your dolls! You will need two contrasting pieces of felt or fleece. Snip the sides of the pieces of felt and then tie them together.

5 Entertainment

All sleepovers need fun games to play, and movies to watch! For movies we recommend trying an American Girl one, (our favorites are Chrissa and Kit!) or a fun animated comedy!

Games really complete the fun, so you need to have the best! Try some of these..

- A fun board game
- A new, energetic dance or karaoke video game
- Musical Chairs, (make sure to play your favorite songs!)
- Or a classic pillow fight!
- You can always try out some fun new hairstyles on your dolls, too!

6 Breakfast

Use these tips so that you have some yummy breakfast ready for your guests when they wake up!

- Make sure everyone has something they like! It's never fun to have to feel left out.
- As a main dish, we suggest pancakes, waffles, or eggs. With the waffles or pancakes guests can choose whatever they want to have on them!
- For some side dishes try some hash browns, mini muffins, or fruit like blueberries, strawberries, or oranges.
- Another fun breakfast treat is a yogurt parfait! Guests can add fruit, granola, or even chocolate chips!

The SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Style Guide

Don't know what to wear on the weekend? We've got you covered!



JECINS are your BEST FRIEND.

A basic pair of skinnies or a flattering bootcut will never fail you. Stock up on two or three pairs in different rinses!
City Lights Outfit by L'Atelier de Sitara

Live in cozy SWEATERS.

On a brisk spring morning, reach for cozy sweaters and a pair of leggings. They are perfect for walks in March!
Gray Cow Neck Sweater by A Bee Line



HEADBANDS are for LAZY DAYS.

When you don't want to style your hair, slip on a headband instead! You can find headbands for all face types, and be sure to look for one with special details, like glitter.
Glitter Headband by Lizzie Bee Design



Janie Jumps

Find your FAVORITE CAPRIS.

Capris are a must for spring. If you like one with a pattern, make sure to pair it with a neutral or a smaller, contrasting pattern on top.

Gingham Pants by Janie Jumps

Look for BIG ACCENTS.

We love this gold, glittery star on the front of the sweater. When shopping for clothing, try finding sweaters and shirts with a large focal point. Gold Star Outfit by 123 Mulberry St.



Go for GRAPHIC TEES.

There's no better wardrobe staple than a good graphic tee. Black and turquoise is such a sharp color combo! Other combinations we love? Pink and green and navy and purple.

Love LJ T-shirt by Liberty Jane Clothing

Pick CASUAL DRESSES.

When hanging out with friends on the weekend, a casual knee-length dress is a good choice. You can move around in it and look good! Jersey Knit Dress by Simply 18 Inches



In the May/June issue of

Doll Mag...

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

Celebrate Best Friends Day with our fun ideas!



Little Miss Groovy

Julie Albright has quite the summer ahead!

BON VOYAGE!

What you'll need to wear for camp, vacations, and just hanging out.



Blogging Girls

Need some summer sites to browse? Check back to find our picks for the best doll websites and blogs!