

Read about three BFF's: Chrissa, Gwen, and Sonali!

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pastel colored
pieces for
spring events

Simple
hairstyles
for athletes

BEAT THE
RAIN with
our fun quiz

PLUS!
Learn the history
of one of the first
fashion dolls,
Barbie!





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Meet a Reader:

Anna Catherine and Cindy Rose

Each month, we ask our readers to answer a set of questions as their doll for the chance to be featured in the upcoming issue. This month's winner is Anna Catherine and her doll, Cindy Rose!

DM: What is your favorite hobby?

CR: Blogging. I love finding new things to share with my followers!

DM: Describe your ideal Sunday.

CR: My ideal Sunday would be getting home from church and taking a good long nap with NO little sisters interrupting me! 😊

DM: Your good-luck charm is...

CR: My stuffed mouse, Jac. He's always there when I need a good cuddle!

DM: What is your favorite quote?

CR: "Even miracles take a little time." – The Fairy Godmother

Thanks a bunches, Anna Catherine and Cindy Rose! ♥

Hi there!

From the DM team to you

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On the Cover

Louisa picked a bouquet of flowers just for our Doll Mag readers! Her adorable floral tee is from Janie Jumps on Etsy.



Love the Earth!

Read this online instead of printing it out.

Say hello!

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Dear Readers,

It's hard not to smile when birds are chirping, flowers are blooming, and the sun is shining, so it's no surprise that the Doll Mag team is a fan of spring. We anxiously await the moment when going outside calls for us to take off a layer, not add another one on! We channeled our love of spring when working on this issue – easier said than done when mounds of snow are still outside your window. Nevertheless, we're pleased with the final result, and we're even more excited to share it with you. Happy spring!

Anne Shirley!
Lulu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Tavi Gevinson [Living]
Eleanor Roosevelt [Dead]
Elizabeth Bennet [Fictional]
Three amazing ladies ☺
Bella, Co-Editor-in-Chief

NEXT ISSUE'S QUESTION: What is your favorite part of blogging?

Here's what you had to say about the january/february 2015 issue...

I love reading your magazines! I especially love the free printables that you include in [them]. **Hope**

We really like the pdf version of the magazine. You can save it to iBooks and read it when you have no internet. **A Fan**

xo,

Bella and **lulu** ☺

Who, living or dead, real or fictional would you want to **HAVE LUNCH WITH?**



Bits & pieces

A round up of the things we ♥ right now
online this month...



SHOP OWNER spotlight

Virginia at The Lady's Resource Shoppe on Etsy



What inspired you to start your shop?

I had been making doll clothes for my little sister, her friends, and myself for a long time and really wanted to make a go of my own little store... **It was something I had dreamed about putting together** for a very long time.

See our full interview with Virginia on Monday, March 9th!

ASK GABS

You Ask,
Gabby Answers!

DEAR GABBY, I am going to be a new student at Mattel High. There are so many different types of girls there: Barbies, Monster Highs, and Ever After Highs. I don't know if I'll ever fit in. Can you tell me how I can make new friends? **FROM APPLE**

A: Starting at a new place can be hard. Be sure to smile and be friendly to your peers! Try joining some clubs or other after school activities – they're the perfect place to meet people who share your interests. Who knows? Some of them might become your life long friends! **FROM GABBY**

DEAR GABBY, I'm friends with Emily and Lisanne, and I hang out with them all the time. Can they both be my best friends, or can you only have one BFF? **FROM MOLLY**

A: Who says you can only have one best friend? *It sounds like you really enjoy both of their company,* and that's perfectly alright. Maybe you can even come up with a few activities all three of you can do together! **FROM GABBY**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

- AG Doll Marie-Grace • March 3
- DM Model Josefina • March 19
- AG Doll Rebecca • April 4
- AG Doll Addy • April 9
- DM Model Lala • April 17
- AG Doll Felicity • April 21
- DM Model Ellie • April 22
- AG Doll Molly • April 22



Sources: Desktop image from The Lovely Drawer Blog {October 2014} / Friends clipart from Melonheadz / Celebrate Circle by Kim B Designs via Pixels and Company

SPORT

a new do

Spring sports season is almost here! These stylish hairstyles easily transition from practice to her next game.

BY BELLA; MODELED BY
PAYTON AND CECE

Cece is a star in track and field!



Payton loves to play tennis in the spring!



TWISTED *pigtails*

At your doll's part, begin twisting hair back towards her ear. Continue adding hair until you reach just past her ear, and secure it into a pigtail. Repeat on the other side.

BUBBLE *braid*

Pull your doll's hair into a high half-up style, and secure with an elastic. Add more hair to the ponytail, and secure with an elastic a few inches down. Repeat until all hair is added, and you've reached the ends of your doll's hair.

eat your Greens

Fill up your doll's garden with spring veggies when you whip up these easy crafts! By Bella



Lettuce

Cut out a small circle of light green foam. Cut out a rectangle that can wrap around the circle to create a cylinder, and glue together. Glue layers of green, yellow, and white tissue paper to the cylinder - wrinkles are okay, and even encouraged! Finally, stuff tissue paper into the middle of the cylinder.



Carrots

Wrap a dark orange pipe cleaner around a pencil or pen. Use your finger to widen the top of the spiral; stick three dark green pipe cleaners in the middle of the spiral for the carrot "stem." Repeat to make as many carrots as desired.



Sugar Snap Peas

Cut out two identical crescent shaped pieces of green felt. Stuff with batting, and sew shut with coordinating embroidery floss. Repeat to make as many as desired.



Celery

Cut out thin identical rectangles from light green and white foam; glue together.

little bit of luck

You don't need to spend hours of crafting to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! These two crafts are cute, simple, and can be used all March long.

Crafts made and article written by Bella.
Thanks to Nicki for modeling!



shamrock clip

This tasteful hair accessory is festive, but not over the top. It brings St. Patrick's Day cheer to a classic half-up hairstyle!

Use a black marker to draw a small heart on a piece of dark green felt; cut it out with scissors, and repeat to create four hearts total. Use the marker to trace a smaller heart on light green felt; cut it out, and repeat to make three more hearts. Attach the two layers of hearts with hot glue. Cut out a tiny heart out of pale green foam; glue it to the center of the shamrock. Attach the felt piece to a ponytail or clip with glue, and let dry.

good luck cards

Pull out your markers and paints! These colorful cards will brighten up your doll's day before a big game or a tough test.

Cut out a small rectangle of heavy cardstock with scissors, and fold in half. Use acrylic paints to decorate the card with a shamrock {light and dark green} or a rainbow {red, orange, light green, light blue, and purple}.

Write a positive message with a felt tip pen or marker.



Three of a Kind

Chrissa Maxwell, Sonali Matthews, and
Gwen Thompson might be American Girl's most

popular trio of best friends. Although they have been long retired from the GOTY line, these three girls are as kind and cheerful as ever.

DM: The good friends you are, you must hang out all the time! What are your favorite things to do together?

C: I love doing anything with Sonali and Gwen, but it's always really fun when they sleepover at my house.

S: Yeah! My painting skills have improved a lot after decorating so much pottery.

G: It's really fun. Chrissa's llamas are just so cute!

DM: Speaking of llamas, how are they?

C: Really well! Starburst is adorable and has already learned a lot.

S: I think Starburst and the others like me... But that may just be because I always have food for them!

DM: And Chrissa, you were an avid swimmer. Do you still enjoy it?

C: Swimming has been awesome. Next year, I plan on trying out for the varsity team, with Sonali and Gwen, of course!

G: Sonali and Chrissa have been really awesome by coaching me over the years. My strokes have gotten much better - I've come really far!

DM: Chrissa, can you share a bit about your relationship with your parents and Nana?

C: I help Dad in his pottery studio on the weekends, and I'm always up for a trip to check on the llamas with Nana. I also love relaxing with them by watching a movie or discussing our day at the dinner table!

DM: Do you still sew?

C: Yep! I've been busy experimenting with new textures and patterns.

G: Chrissa's really great at it! She recently made us these really cute handbags. Mine have become my favorite thing in my wardrobe!

S: Now you just need to teach me!

DM: Thanks you three!

C: You're welcome! ♥



PRETTY
in
pastel
Pastels
have a BAD REP,
but this spring,
designers
are SELLING
these SOFT
pieces IN A
new
light. With
CLASSIC CUTS,
trendy patterns,
and stylish
details,
PASTELS
are a seasonal
NEW favorite.



Lavender Pink Faux
Wrap Dress
\$32 from Doll Petite
Couture on Etsy



vintage and
pastel hues are an ideal
– and accessible –
combination. While
wearing this soft purple
number would look
dated on its own, adding
in a long cardigan and
stylish booties keeps it
chic.

Meet Molly Purple Placket Dress
\$35 from Kindred Thread

simple is often

best. This cute pastel piece makes it easy to look fashionable; just throw on a cardigan and flats before heading out the door! The gingham print and big bow add personality for a winning piece.

Yellow Gingham Dress
\$14 from *Ally Sews on Etsy*



pastels aren't

reserved for ruffles and frills. Here, an edgy cut gives a new dimension to a light pink jacket. Pair this stylish top with a floral dress for an interesting contrast that's perfect for spring.

Pink Asymmetrical Jacket and Matching Dress

\$32 from [Noodle Clothing on Etsy](#)



what

UMBRELLA

fits your personality?

1) YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO ON A RAINY AFTERNOON IS...

- a. Read! Someday you'll get to the bottom of the book pile on your nightstand.
- b. Have a dance video game marathon against your siblings. You're sure to win this time!
- c. Bake cookies, preferably ones with loads of chocolate!

2) YOU'VE DECIDED TO START A GARDEN OVER SPRING BREAK. WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON PLANTING?

- a. Peonies. You can have a variety of colors!
- b. Sunflowers. Bright and cheery, just like you!
- c. Roses. They're just oh-so lovely!

3) YOUR FAVORITE SPRING TREAT IS...

- a. Chocolate Bunnies; they're so yummy, but so cute!
- b. Nothing beats a lemon bar. They are the best!
- c. Macarons! You love their springy colors and sweet taste.

4) YOUR USUAL SPRING WARDROBE CONSISTS OF...

- a. Capris and some nice tops: classically cute.
- b. Sneakers, shorts, and tees. You've been waiting for warm weather all winter!
- c. Floral dresses, perfect for twirling and dancing in.

MOSTLY A'S
Classic Prep

MOSTLY B'S
Athletic Chic

MOSTLY C'S
Girly Cute





**Happy
Spring**
from the girls at doll mag

cute as a BUTTON

Scouring Etsy and Ebay for cute Bitty outfits? Worry no longer – we've rounded up our favorite pieces for the littlest ones to rock this spring. Be prepared to say "aww!"



Pink Elephant Tee and Gray Leggings \$18, Sew Fun Doll Clothes



Purple Butterfly Tee \$7, Emma's Doll Shop



Garden Butterfly Set \$38, Cupcake Cutie Pie



Knit Pants and Layered Tee \$28, Cutie Pie and Me



Flower Dress \$15, Brittany's

Floral details are cute choices for warmer weather.



(L) Summer Play Dress \$12, My Dressed Up Doll



(R) Pink Checkered Seersucker Dress with Headband \$15, Sew QT



barbie



Barbie's legacy lives on, even 56 years after her debut. Famous as ever in the doll world, she's come to symbolize the power of girls – and a good pair of shoes!

March 9th, 1959 is an important day in doll history; Barbie debuted at the American International Toy Fair in New York City and was an instant success! Created by Ruth Handler, Barbie sold for just three dollars at the time of her release. It was only a matter of ten years before the public spent over 500 million dollars on Barbie products, and her cultural impact has only increased since then.

Though Barbie does not sell without criticism, her efforts in redefining traditional gender roles cannot go without notice. As the official “Barbie Day” comes near on April 3rd, we encourage all to take a look at this iconic doll's history. From her endless run of careers to her large and loveable group of friends, Barbie has changed the toy industry – we argue for the better! ♥

meet the family

It can be hard to keep track of Barbie's large family and number of friends! Here are the key figures you'll want to know.

barbie roberts

The star of the doll line, Barbie debuted in 1959 and has since gone onto hold all sorts of jobs, including astronaut and race car driver.



midge hadley

Barbie's best friend? Freckled cutie, Midge, a 1963 release.

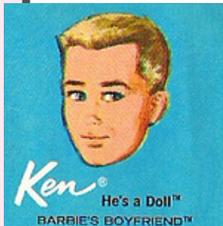


kelly/chelsea roberts

Barbie got a toddler sister, Kelly, in 1994. She was retired in 2010, but returned as Chelsea the following year.

ken carson

Barbie's most well-known beau, Ken Carson, was introduced to the famous line in 1961.



skipper roberts

Barbie's first sister, Skipper, came out in 1964, and she has made many appearances throughout the line.



Barbie's younger sister Tutti came out in 1966 and retired in 1971. She later came back as Stacie Roberts in 1990.

tutti/stacie roberts

through the years

Barbie has received plenty of attention in the doll world for over fifty years. – and for good reason! She has had hundreds of jobs, bunches of friends, and traveled the world. Take a peek at her most famous accomplishments!

1959 Barbie debuted at the Toy Fair in New York City in March.

1961 Ken Carson, Barbie's popular boyfriend, came out two years after her release.

1963 Barbie's bestie, Midge, joined the group two years later.

1964 Barbie's sister, Skipper, was released in an effort to give Barbie a friendlier image.

1966 Double trouble arrived with Barbie's twin siblings, Todd and Tutti.

1968 Barbie's group of friends grew; new releases included her British cousin, Stacey, and her first Black friend, Christie.

1970s Barbie was big on exercise and long hair throughout the '70s. She could be found playing tennis or performing!

1984 Even Barbie wore the leg warmers and headbands of the '80s!

1986 LOUD music! LOUD hair! LOUD look!

1990 Tutti returns as Stacie, but her brother, Todd, does not.

1994 Totally Hair Barbie is released – the highest selling Barbie doll to date!

1999

2009 Barbie celebrates her big 5-0!

2011 A famous couple reunites: Barbie and Ken get back together in 2011.

2004 Barbie and Ken shock the world with the news of their break-up.

2015 Barbie kicks off the year with loads of new careers including scientist and pilot.

Barbie's popular web series, *Life in the Dreamhouse* premieres.

Barbie makes it to the big screen as a character in *Toy Story 2!*



our favorites

for more, we recommend reading *Barbie: All Dolled Up.*



WHIZ KIDS

Get the details of the short-lived (but much beloved!) *Karito Kids* line. These girls will make you want to hop on a plane this instant!

When the *Karito Kids* dolls first hit shelves in 2007; the original lineup included characters from Mexico, Italy, the US, Kenya, and China. With an altruistic bent (after purchasing a doll, customers could use accompanying website codes to donate to charity), the collection was a generous spin on the globe-trotting theme that defines so many doll lines today.

Despite being sought-after toys, the *Karito Kids* were retired in 2011. They can still be found at second hand retailers today, and they remain in the hearts of collectors and kids around the world ♥



Gia
Valentina
Russo

♥ Fashion, shoes, and design



Pita Ma-
rina Rena
Carta

♥ Horses, teal, and ranches



Wan Ling

♥ Pandas and other animals, red, and spicy food



Lulu
Rehema
Kibwana

♥ Sports, soccer, French



Piper
Whelan

♥ Surfing, marine biology, and coral



Zoe Nicole
Linden

♥ Pizza, purple, NYC, and dogs



What kind of mischief are Piper and Ling up to in their books?

Pita's cloth counter-part looks adorable in her outfit as she heads to Brazil.

ka · ri · to
['Ka-ree-toe'] noun.

Etymology: from the constructed international language Esperanto, a universal second language created to foster peace and international understanding. 1. charity 2. love of one's neighbor

The definition of Karito, as written on the Karito Kids boxes.

DOLL FUN AND GAMES

The historical characters are doll lovers just like you! Test your knowledge of their favorite toys with our matching games.

By Lulu / Photos from American Girl Wiki

DIRECTIONS: Help these cute dolls find their way back to their "humans."



Doll 1

Doll 2

Doll 3

Doll 4

Doll 5

Nellie O'Malley

Molly McIntire

Kit Kittredge

Addy Walker

Elizabeth Cole



ANSWERS: Doll 1: Elizabeth Cole / Doll 2: Molly McIntire / Doll 3: Addy Walker / Doll 4: Kit Kittredge / Doll 5: Nellie O'Malley



Did this toy farm belong to

JOSEFINA

or

KIRSTEN?



Did this style head belong to

JULIE

or

IVY?



Did this guitar belong to

SAMANTHA

or

FELICITY?

ANSWERS: Josefina, Julie, Felicity

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Next time...



We love to hear your feedback! ♥ Send us what you thought of this issue under the "Letters to the Editor" tab on our website.

DOLL MAG BLOGGER awards

Vote in our first ever Doll Mag Blogger Awards to decide which talented bloggers are featured in our next issue. Will your site be chosen?



capturing the memories

You take adorable photos of your doll, now use them! Our cute crafts will put your doll pictures to good use.



LOVE ADDS UP

Addy Walker was released over twenty years ago, but her loving nature and remarkable courage still resonate in today's Beforever line. Read more about this caring girl in our interview!



Dear Diary

Some of the best blogs are through the eyes of a doll. We chat with a few true doll bloggers!

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