



Addy is just as easy to love as her full name, Aduke, or "much loved," suggests.



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We had so much fun coordinating this issue that "Capturing the Memories" did not make the cut. Be sure to check the Doll Mag blog for some photo-related crafts this summer!



May/June 2015

Meet a Reader:

Kathleen and Rachel

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 Kathleen and her doll, Rachel!

DM: What's your favorite thing to do with friends in the summer?

R: Ice skating! You can do it at indoor skating places ©

DM: Describe your dream sundae.

R: Mango ice cream, bananas, kiwi, and strawberries. Yum!

DM: Name one of your favorite blogs to read.

R: Probably Loren's blog, Happy House of AG

DM: What is your dream job?

R: [I want to be] a doctor or an ice skating coach.

Thanks a bunches, Kathleen and Rachel! 🔻

From the DM team to you

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On the Cover

Cece is eager to welcome in summer! Her lace tank is from Saige's 2013 collection, while her shorts our from the Etsy shop, Sparrow and Wren {formerly Janie Jumps}.



Love the Earth! Read this online instead of printing it out.

Say hello!

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Dear Readers,

The Internet is an invaluable resource in communication. Emails are frequently sent between friends around the globe, blog posts can be read by followers from anywhere in the world, and tweets, comments, and likes are sent to users in a matter of seconds. On a much smaller scale, the two of us adore having our little corner of the Internet, and furthermore, we love sharing it with you. This issue was created in honor of the amazing doll blogger community. Thank you for your support and love - we can't express our gratitude enough!

xo, Bella and WU 3

Anything to do with writing is my favorite part.

Lulu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

I absolutely adore the community created through comments and social media.

Bella, Co-Editor-in-Chief

What is your favorite
part about
BLOGGING?

NEXT ISSUE'S QUESTION: Who would make your dream birthday party guest list?

Here's what you had to say about the march/april 2015 issue...

I love Doll Mag! I read every issue and it is so fun and creative! Can you please do a blog post or an article on how to make our own doll mag or how to make blogs that are as professional looking as yours? A Fan

Editor's note: Request noted, and hopefully,



Bits A round up of the things we ♥ right now



DEAR GABBY, My doll Saige's hair is always frizzy. Do you have any suggestions? FROM **EUNICE**

A: Oh, the age-old guestion: how to keep the frizz away? Here's my advice: Cover your dolls eye's with a towel. Gather all of her hair in the back, and brush through it. Run a washcloth covered in warm, not hot, water through the hair, and brush again. Twist sections of her hair until they coil into a little knot on the top of your doll's head -

add extra water if needed - and secure with a clip. Do this until her entire head is coiled. Leave the clips in overnight, and take them out the next day. Ta-da! Curls galore! FROM GABBY



FOR MORE INFO ON **HOW TO KEEP** YOUR DOLL'S CURLS LOOKING NEAT, CHECK **OUT OUR CURLY HAIR**

GUIDE: https:// thedollmag.wordpress.com/ 2014/08/18/curling-your-dollshair-style/

online this month...

Check in to see what we think of the "Truly Me" revamp later in May.

Seven Days of Style returns in a summery edition.

Become pen-pals with your favorite Internet star, Bri!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

DM Model Julie • May 1

DM Model Piper • May 13

AG Doll Kit • May 19

AG Doll Samantha • May 26

AG Doll Cecile • May 28

AG Doll Kirsten • June 8

DM Model Nicki • June 12

Whether the two of us are working on Doll Mag issues, blog posts, or homework, we always have music on! Here's a sample of what we'll be listening to as school winds down.

- "What Kind of Man" Florence and the Machine
- "Believe" Mumford and Sons
- "Defying Gravity" Wicked
- "Money on My Mind" Sam Smith
- "I've Got Your Number, Son" She & Him
- "Wonderland" T-Swift
- "Someone New" Hozier
- "Team" Lorde

Meet the Blogger: Cindy Rose The Disney Dolls, run by Cindy Rose and her sisters {with help from human friend, Anna Catherine} is full of hairstyles, photo shoots, and more! Visit at thedisneydolls.blogspot.com.

princesses know a stunning hairstyle when they see one - just ask the pint-sized models of the site, the disney dolls! We asked blogger anna catherine to share her favorite braids for royal summer fun.

french braid bun

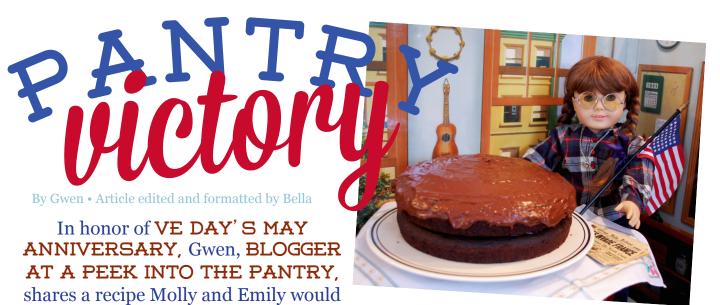
This hairstyle is ideal for short hair. Start by making a low bun at the nape of your doll's neck. Leave two sections of hair on either side of your doll's head out of the bun. Then, French braid each section and pin into the low bun.





MULAN'S milkmaid braids

This hairstyle is ideal for long hair. Start by making two sections of hair on either side of your doll's head. Braid each section. Then, flip the braids over your doll's head. Use bobby pins to pin the braids in place.



WE Day! In 1945, people all around the world celebrated the formal surrender of Nazi Germany with spontaneous parties, sometimes literally spilling out into the streets or racing to public meeting places to share the excitement in my home town, people stormed the town green to sing, dance, and, of course, share food! It's just not a party without food, and after years and years of costly war, there was definitely cause to dig into pantries and see what treats you could whip up.

surely approve of. Yum!

There was just one problem: rationing. The end of the war didn't mean an immediate end to rationing. It took *years* for some countries to start lifting bans on luxury items like sugar and butter.

British civilians like Emily would have had to deal with rationing well into the 1950's! Throwing together a VE Day party meant stretching your rations the same way you'd have to if your soon to be ten year old daughter really, really wanted a chocolate birthday cake, which meant people turned to recipes that didn't use ingredients like butter and eggs, relying instead on the reaction of baking soda and vinegar to make the cake rise and vegetable oil to make it moist.

The following is a blend of American and British recipes so you can have your very own VE Day party. Although the cake is vegan, it's moist, extremely chocolate-y and doesn't crumble the way some vegan cake recipes have a tendency to do. The frosting technically isn't vegan, but you can probably substitute the milk or heavy cream with a different vegan milk substitute \checkmark



Meet the Blogger: Gwen

At A Peek Into the Pantry, Gwen shares recipes from or inspired by the time periods of the AG historical characters, also adding a brief history of each meal.



Visit at apeekintothepantry.blogspot.com

turn the page for the recipe!

CHOCOLATE WAR CAKE

gwen's note: These ingredients make one nine inch cake. I prefer measuring out each cake separately in two nine inch cake pans rather than trying to double the recipe.

ingredients for the cake

- 1 1/2 cups of flour {You can also split this to be half whole wheat, half white flour if you'd prefer.}
- · 1 cup of sugar
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder {I use Hershey's!}
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup of cold water
- 1 tablespoon of vinegar {I use apple cider, but white vinegar can work too.}

how to make it

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Get two nine inch cake pans. Do not grease them! You'll be able to get the cakes out of the pan without it, and you'll need the pans dry to mix your ingredients.
- 3. Mix your flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt together in the pans. Make a well in the dry ingredients once they're combined.
- 4. Pour the oil and vanilla into the well.
- 5. Add one tablespoon of vinegar to a cup of cold water and mix well. Pour the water over pan so most of the dry ingredients are covered.
- 6. Mix well. You should be left with a batter with the consistency of a watery brownie mix, or thick cake mix.
- 7. Bake the cake in the oven for about 30-35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean. The cake can be removed by running a knife around the edges of the pan and then being gently patted out onto a cooling rack.



CHOCOLATE FROSTING

gwen's note: This cake doesn't need this slightly bitter but very chocolate-y frosting to be delicious, but it adds a nice extra touch if you want something special. And since it's VE Day, of course we do!

ingredients for the frosting

- 1/8 cup of cocoa powder
- 11/2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 dessert spoon of flour
- 1/2 cup of heavy cream or milk

how to make it

- 1. Mix the dry ingredients together in a pan.
- 2. Slowly add the milk and bring the mixture to a boil, stirring constantly.
- 3. Beat the mixture until it's smooth the cocoa tends to lump up, especially if you're using Hershey's cocoa powder, so make sure it's all well incorporated before spreading it on the
- 4. Let cool for five minutes and begin spreading it on your cake. It should still be quite pliable, but thick.
- 5. Spread the frosting on top of one of the cakes, gently place the second cake on top of the first and spread the remaining frosting over the top. You likely won't have enough to frost the sides, but you can play with the recipe to make more if you want a fully frosted chocolate cake. I prefer mine with a little less frosting.



Addy Walker holds a multitude of admirable qualities — hard-working, courageous, smart — but we think nothing describes her better than *loving*. Long part of American Girl's historical line, Addy caught us up on her family, friends, and education. BY LULU | FORMATTED BY BELLA

Doll Mag: We know that your family is extremely important to you. What are some of the lessons they have taught you?

Addy: My brother Sam has taught me that working hard is one of the most important things you have to do. My parents have always been so supportive of me, and I know they want — and see! — me doing great things. Esther hasn't taught me much yet, but we still have a special sister bond. [Laughs]

Doll Mag: You're an excellent student! What is your favorite part of school?

Addy: Thank you! I enjoy reading and spelling the most I am still so proud of the time when I won the spelling bee! I am thinking of going into teaching when I am older.

Doll Mag: You must value your friendships as well. How are your relationships with



Addy: I consider Sarah Moore my best friend – we are inseparable! We go on all sorts of adventures together; although she no longer attends school, we make sure to meet up often. Harriet and I are still competitive with one another, but we are growing into good friends.

Doll Mag: We know you love sewing. Do you have any current projects to discuss?

Addy: My current sewing work is going very well! My Mama and I have been experimenting with different embroidery techniques lately; I am an eager student, my mom claims! I also enjoy using the sewing machine, because the work goes so much faster.

Doll Mag: Finally, do you have any advice for Doll Mag readers?

Addy: I would advise your readers to question what they know to be wrong. Never accept the "status quo" as an answer! I also suggest staying curious and looking to the world with a positive outlook.

Doll Mag: Advice at its finest. Thank you so much, Addy! Addy: Absolutely. It was my pleasure! ▼

Addy was the first non-white doll in the AG line. {Picture via American Girl Wiki}

SUUUU SIDE

Get ready to go to the sock hop! These retro styles are ones to dance about.







\$55, Kindred

\$47, Cupcake Cutie Pie

\$18, Button and Bow Boutique

> \$30, Pepper's Doll Clothes













\$26, Divine Doll

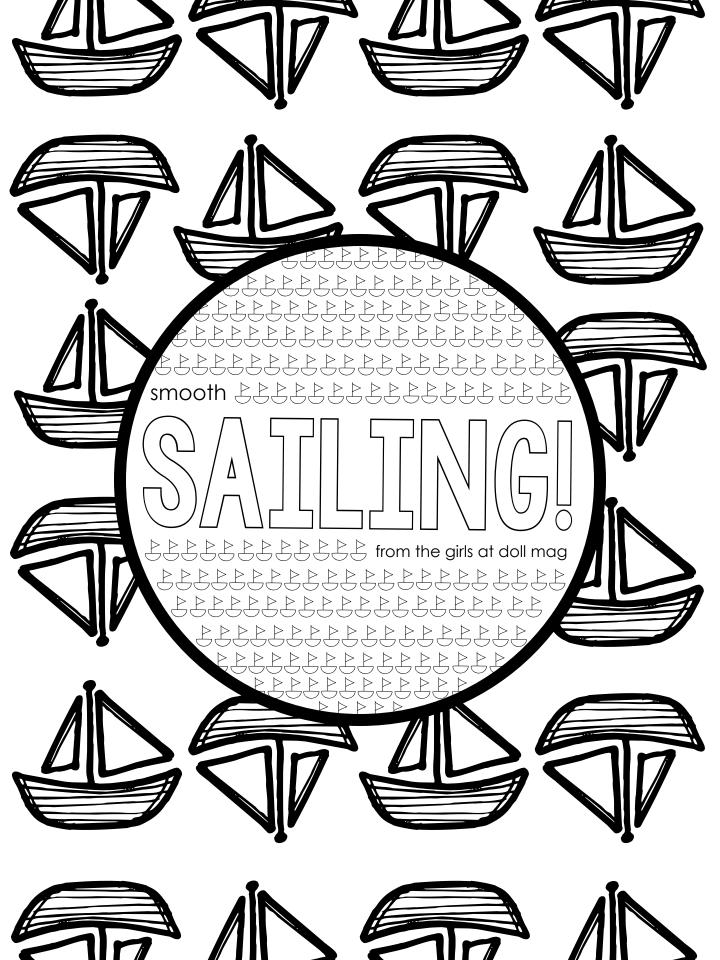
\$47, Cupcake Cutie

\$34, Ruthie Loves to

what blo IS FOR YOU?

- 1. The first thing you do when you get up in the morning is...
- Eat breakfast. You love cooking up a storm early in the day.
- Pick out your clothes for the day. There's so many options, it b) can be hard to choose what to wear!
- Browse Pinterest for inspiration. You're sure to find c) something that will spark your creativity for the day.
- 2. Out of these three Quotes, your favorite is...
- a) "A party without cake is just a meeting." Julia Child
- b) "Happiest girls are the prettiest girls." Audrey Hepburn
- c) "If you can dream it, you can do it." Walt Disney
- 3. You're planning a surprise birthday party for your best friend. You're in charge of...
- Food, of course! You have been busy whipping up treats. a)
- The party favors. They'll look so festive in the polka-dot gift b) bags you bought!
- Decorations you're thinking of doing a rainbow theme. c)
 - 4. Your family is going On Vacation! You can't wait to...
 - Taste the local food! That cute cupcake shop on the a) corner is calling your name.
 - Do a bit of shopping! Perhaps you'll come across a cute b) bracelet or tee.
 - c) Take photos of the sights! You'll add them to your summer scrapbook when you return home.

Mostly A's Mostly B's FASHION CRAFTS ____ Mostly C's



The Liv dolls are known throughout the doll world for their impeccable style and amazing articulation. Although they are no longer for sale, these fashionable cuties are sure to steal your heart!

THE LIV DOIS

debuted in 2009 by the company Spin Master. The line followed the lives of five friends and their everyday adventures. The original four dolls were characters Sophie, Katie, Daniela, and Alexis. Hayden Price joined the line in 2010, bringing loads of eco-friendly fun with her. Rounding out the bunch, Jake, the only boy in the entire line, followed soon after in 2011.

This line is easily recognized by the dolls' large heads and inset eves, an unusual feature for dolls of their size. Fans adore the Liv dolls' double hinged knee joint that allows the dolls to kneel and sit in a more realistic fashion. Each Liv doll came wearing a wig that could be taken off and changed into a different hairstyle any stylists' dream!



BY LULU ♥ FORMATTED BY BELLA



play costumes; and It's My Nature, a set filled with outdoors clothes and accessories. Furni-ture sets, such as Hay-den's house and Sophie's scooter were added throughout the line's run.

The Liv line came to an end when the dolls were sadly discontinued in 2011. While these dolls can't be found in shelves, their devoted following of fans ensures the Liv dolls *live* on.

WHO'S WHO?

Sophie is the leader of the group and and a major trendsetter. She loves playing with her dog, Frizzy, and riding her scooter around town!

Katie, another one of the original dolls, is the "tomboy" of the group, with hobbies such as biking and skateboarding.

Alexis is a fan of fashion. She works at the local boutique and is often found sewing on her own!

The first "wave" of Liv dolls featured the original four; each came in an outfit of their favorite color. The second wave came out a little while later, this time, featuring the girls and their adorable pets. Other lines included Making Waves, which was beach themed and the only line to feature Jake's doll; Alice in Wonderland, featuring the girls in their school

bannera practices her love of music by playing the drums and guitar during performances.

Animal lover and environmentally friendly **Hayden** was introduced in 2010. She's known for her awesome advice.

Finally, in his surfer fashion, Jake is always at the beach.

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bLOGS fROM a dOLL'S PCRSPCCTIVC are infuspersonality, charm, and plenty of fun, so it's no as to why we frequently stop by their sites. We were lucky to chat with three of the most popular – and friendly! – voices in the community, who have won us over one post at a time. BY BELLA - JOURNAL PLOTOS FROM RIFLE PAPER CO. - HLANKS TO GRIN, CLRISTINA, ANALIQUEA

charlie from CandidLY Charlic

Visit her at http://candidlycharlie.blogspot.com.

How do you know her? Charlie, a self proclaimed geek, is known for cute photo stories that recount her daily activities.

What is your favorite part of blogging? My favorite part of blogging is sharing my favorite things with other people - whether it's ballet, bike riding, or Doctor Who! I've met so many great friends online through blogging who love the same things I do.

How do you decide what adventures to record on your site? I try to pick the exciting moments in my life to share with readers, and I try to change things up a bit. Watching me do my homework would be a little boring, so I try to capture the more exciting things I do. And I love to introduce all of my friends, because I know looking at just me all the time can be a bit boring too, even if I am adorable!

What are your tips for capturing the best photos for posts? Lighting, lighting, lighting! I am still working on this myself! My room is in the basement of my house so it's hard to get great lighting there. I often have my family members help balance a lamp while pictures are taken by my mom (she's the best!).

Finally, do you have a favorite post from your archives? I have several! But if I had to pick one, it would probably be this one where I broke my leg.





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becca, kirsten, and charlotte from SIMPLY dOLLIGHTFUL

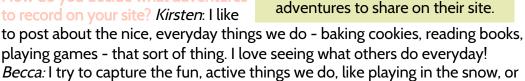
Visit them at http://simplydollightful.blogspot.com.

What is your favorite part of blogging? Becca: I love looking through the photos and typing up all that we did and said. It's so fun to recall our adventures!

Charlotte: I love reading everyone's comments. I still cannot believe how many sweet readers we have on our little blog!



How do you decide what adventures to record on your site? *Kirsten*: I like



How do you know them? These sisters regularly go on fun

going on picnics! I think those stories are the most fun. What are your tips for capturing the best photos for posts? *Charlotte*: I love trying different angles! Shoot from above, below, and diagonal; those turn out so interestingly. We often take three or four times as many photos as we

Finally, do you have a favorite post from your archives? *Kirsten*: I think my favorite would be Looking for Fairies from last summer. Charlotte and I went out and looked for fairy homes in the flowers during a beautiful summer day!

Sophie, a

French teenager, is

popular for her posts

about her

time at a

US

boarding

school.

How do

sophie from Le fabuleux destin de sophie

Visit her at http://sophie-amelie.blogspot.com.

What is your favorite part of blogging? My favorite part of blogging is being able to share my adventures with the world! While it's not always possible for me to vacation all of the time (don't I wish!), my favorite posts are the ones featuring the places I've visited. I love seeing places I've read about in books. The more historical a place is, the better! [...]

How do you decide what adventures to record on your site?

When it comes to deciding what to record for my site, I think

about what is going on in my life at present. Is a holiday nearing? Has a friend sent me a package of



presents? Am I going on vacation or even a simple day trip? Do I want to show off a new outfit that I've gotten? These are all things I've posted on my blog. [...]

Finally, do you have a favorite post from your archives? One favorite post? That is like having to choose one favorite outfit or one favorite toy. Hmm, let me see. [...] All of my favorite entries are definitely going to be detailing either fun with friends or my travel adventures... or both! Traveling with friends is always better than traveling alone ♥ Dear Diary 14

DYLL MAG BLUUER awards

AT DOLL MAG, we believe in making the doll community a little brighter each day, and, clearly our readers do too! In honor of our first ever Doll Blogger Issue, we invited DM readers to nominate and vote on the best doll blogs around – here, we present the winners. Virtual hugs for everyone!



agintheshire.blogspot.com

Although Adi has only been posting for a few months, her distinctive personality and gorgeous photographs have made her a blogger to watch! We are delighted to name her site, Ag in the Shire, the best newcomer in the doll blogging world.



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clarissescloset.wordpress.com

Even we have crushed on **Clarisse's** wardrobe, so it came as no surprise that she received

the Most Stylish award. Her outfit of the day snapshots and "Questions for Clarisse" column both showcase her superb sense of style!



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american
girl fan

www.americangirlfan.com

Liz is certainly a veteran blogger – the first post on her popular site, American Girl Fan, dates back to 2008! Years of writing posts, taking photos, and maintaining a blog have allowed Liz to hone her artistic skills, earning her the Best Crafts category.

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best photo STORIFS:

little house of american girl

Jaclynn's creativity is evident in every post on her cute site, but her photo story series are some of the best in the blogging com-

community. A talented writer and photographer, Jaclynn deserves the Best Photo Stories award.



http://littlehouseofamericangirl.com

best non-AG SITE: paper doll world

There are far more sites focused on American Girl dolls than other lines, but that doesn't stop these blogs from being fan

favorites. N, the blogger behind Paper Doll World. is talented in the art of paper-doll making, and we are oh-so happy to award this frequent DM collaborator as the winner of the Best Non AG Site category.

> paper-dollworld.blogspot.com

best PHOTOS:

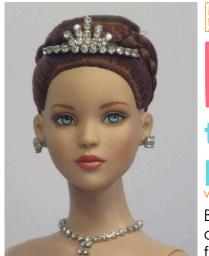
dolly dorm diaries

dollydormdiaries.blogspot.com

Whenever the guys and gals of Dolly Dorm Diaries share another post, we find ourselves admiring their stunning photos, and



given the number of votes for their site in the best photos category, the DM readers do the same! The D3 bloggers are the best photographers, no doubt.



best REVIEWS: the toy box philosopher

www.toyboxphilosopher.com

Beautifully photographed and written in-depth, Emily's frequent toy reviews are al-

ways a highlight of our week {and they often add to our never-ending wishlist). This friendly toy enthusiast and collector is the winner of the Best Reviews award!

best posts from a doll's

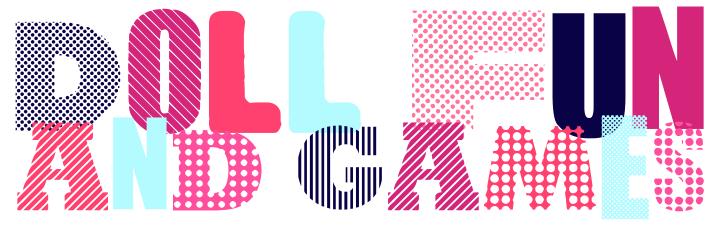
happyhouseofag.wordpress.com

Finally, Loren's popular photo stories are from her dolls' perspectives, and they have grown into crowd favorites. We love them too!

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Kick off the summer with our fun tech matching game and "Go Fish" downloads. Your dolls will have a blast!

By Lulu / Pictures from the American Girl Wiki and the American Girl Site



a. Laptop



b. MP3



c. Camera



d. IM Machine



e. Computer



tech chic too! Try matching up the electronic device to each character.



1. Kailey



2. Chrissa



3. Mia



4. Lanie



5. Lindsey

d:2, e:5 a:4' p: 3' c:1' WINDAMEBE:

























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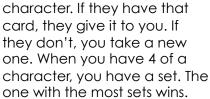






















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A BERRY

Always sweet and especially cute, the Strawberry Shortcake dolls are old favorites. Lulu uncovers everything you want to know about this berry adorable doll line.





The Merriest Girls in Virginia

Opposites do attract, as best friends Felicity Merriman and Elizabeth Cole know. We chat with these revolutionary young women in our next interview.

Beach trips and pool parties call for cute summer clothing. We round up our Etsy favorites just as school lets out!

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

Sources: Beach clipart from My Cute Graphics / Birthday girl from Melonheadz / Felicity picture from American Girl Wiki / Strawberry Image from the Strawberry Shortcake Wiiki

celebrat

Consider this your invitation: You'll pick the theme, and we'll provide the crafts, food, and fun for our annual birthday celebration. We can't wait!