

Celebrate Best Friends Day!

Doll MAG

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our favorite
blogs and
websites

An
Interview
with *Julie
Albright!*

Ideas for a
Bedroom
MAKEOVER

PLUS!
Make doll-sized
picnic food!





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Meet a Reader: Rebecca

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 Megan and her doll, Rebecca!

DM: What do you like most about your best friend?

R: She's crazy, silly, and fun!

DM: What are you looking forward to this summer?

R: Going to the beach.

DM: If you could go back in time, which decade would you go to and why?

R: I'm not sure what time period this is, but the time they had cute poodle skirts!

DM: What is your favorite blog/website to read?

R: Yours! :) [theawesomeadventuresoflulu]

Letter From the

Editors

Dear Readers,

Summer's coming! Do you know what that means?! May and June are times for swimming, day trips, picnics, and sunshine! Get ready to enjoy refreshing popsicles {page 4} trips to the beach, and spending time with friends {page 7.} We can't wait to enjoy vacation and the cute clothes that come with it! {page 9.} Our cover girl, seventies lover, Julie Albright is also a summer fan! She can't wait to celebrate her birthday with her best friend, Ivy. So, to kick off the summer fun, hang with your BFF and be SILLY!

xo,

Bella and Lulu ☺

What do you like the most about
**SUMMER
VACATION?**

ICE CREAM!!! And hanging out with friends... but mostly ice cream.
-Lulu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

I love all my free time and participating in camp.
-Bella, Co-Editor-in-Chief

NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION: What is your dream vacation spot? To respond, leave your answer on one of our blogs or our new site!

BITS & PIECES

Tidbits of news in the AG world!

Already Guessing...

Can you believe that rumors have already surfaced for the Girl of the Year of 2014?!

According to Universal studios Home Entertainment, they are seeking tween and teen ballet dancers for the movie titled "American Girl 2014." Interesting? We sure think so!



sweet summer treats

Summertime screams ice cream, so your dolls will love these easy-to-make popsicles! To make them, cut out two equal sized oval-like shapes of pink or brown foam. Cut a toothpick in half, and place one half in between each foam piece. Glue together, and stay cool!

A promotional graphic for the Saige movie. On the left is a DVD cover for "Saige: Flight to the Sky" featuring a young girl with red hair. To the right, the text reads "COMING SOON Saige's all-new movie!" and "Watch the trailer and see her soar". The background is a light orange color with a darker orange brushstroke effect behind the text.

Look Out for the Saige Movie!

2013 Girl of the Year, Saige, is the center of attention right now! Her movie, which is planned to be released mid-July, has been announced, along with the official movie trailer. Personally, we can't wait to see how this comes out! Watch the movie trailer and learn more at the American Girl website.

We're Going on a

PICNIC!

What better way to kick off summer with a picnic? Whip up a few creations for your dolls, then make these tasty treats for yourself!

SANDWICH

A sandwich is a perfect lunch: simple to make and tasty to eat!

Make it for your doll with these easy steps. First, cut out two equal sized triangles from brown foam. Next, cut two red circles out of red foam for your tomatoes. Now, make a cloud-shape out of green foam to act as your lettuce. Cut out a long white oval from white foam to be your meat.

Make another triangle from yellow felt to be your cheese. Lastly, glue it all together with the two brown triangles on the top and bottom.



FRUIT TART

A picnic is never complete without dessert! Try making this fruit tart for your dolls. Start by crinkling up some white tissue paper, and gluing the bottom to a yellow or brown cupcake liner.

Set this aside, and now start to cut out some fruits. To make blueberries use blue or purple felt, and use red foam for strawberries.

Finally, arrange the fruits, and glue them down onto the "tart."



POTATO SALAD

Potato salad is perfect to take on picnic! To make it for your doll, cut up packing peanuts or foam into small squares, and color them with a yellow marker. Nest, cut up some green and orange foam strips, and sprinkle them on your potatoes!



doll mag^{..} online!

That's right! Doll Mag is now online! Be sure to check us out at thedollmag.wordpress.com, and look at these fun features...

DOLL MAG

new posts!

Be sure to follow our blog to get short posts and articles on fashion, doll news, and crafts, just like in the magazine!

read the back issues

Missed an issue? Want to read the magazines from way-back when? You can catch the current issue and back issues from July 2012!



if you happen to stop by, be sure to say

hello!

working on wednesdays

Working on Wednesdays are quick snippets of the work that goes behind Doll Mag! This recent behind-the-scenes photo was from our shoot for "We're Going on a Picnic."

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

celebrate national best friends day on june 8th with our fun ideas!

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

this classic craft can be so much more than a fun bracelet...

1. Start by making your basic braided friendship bracelet in your best friend's favorite colors.
2. Instead of cutting it for the size of your wrist, make it longer and use it as a necklace, a bookmark, an anklet or wrist band (by wrapping it around twice), or a headband for you or your doll.
3. Swap them!



JULIE ALBRIGHT and IVY LING

a mini interview!

Learn what these best friends do for fun and how they keep their friendship strong!

DM: How do you keep your friendship strong?

J: Well we're always there for each other, like at basketball tryouts and gymnastics meets and we see each other every weekend!

DM: If you could travel anywhere with your best bud, where would you go?

I: China!

J: I don't really care, as long as there's adventure, and Ivy's right by my side!

DM: What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

I: We like to do lots of things! Julie rocks at playing basketball so we always do some of that, and we love to explore the city!

FUN AND GAMES

try this quick game together with your friends!

1. Your friend has to think of your favorites (food, book, movie, etc.)
2. If she gets it right, she gets to go again.
3. If she gets it wrong, you get to think of something silly for her to do, (sing a weird song, do a funny dance, maybe say a tongue twister really fast), and then you get to go!

It's a game that can be as silly and fun as you want!

What's your favorite thing to do for fun with your best friend?
Leave your answer on our website!



By Lulu; Clipart from Melonheadz, Julie and Ivy image from AG

LITTLE MISS GROOVY

By Bella

Julie Albright is all smiles as she walks into our interviewing room wearing a bright striped skirt and pale yellow top. With her flower headband placed loosely around her forehead and her mini braid on the side, this girl is all about the seventies. We caught up with her to talk about her upcoming birthday, her summer plans, and her family and friends!

Doll Mas: Hi there! With summer coming up, what are you looking forward to?

Julie: Playing basketball, for sure! I already have plans to hang out with Ivy and visit my dad too. I will probably make crafts and such with my mom as well.

Doll Mas: You seem to have such good relationships with your family and friends. How do you stay away from drama?

Julie: I try my best to work out arguments, although it can be hard because I do disagree about certain things with my friends and family! Overall, though, I know I'm really lucky to have such supporting people in my life.

Doll Mas: You're an active supporter of many causes, which is something we ALL admire. What do you think you want to do later in life?

Julie: I'm a firm believer in standing up for things that need to be changed. One day I would love to be the president of the United States, but we will have to see!

Doll Mas: How are you celebrating your birthday on May 1st this year?

Julie: Hanging out with my family and Ivy at the beach. It's become a tradition!

Doll Mas: Thanks so much, Julie!

Julie: No problem! :)

FUN FACTS

Julie has three nicknames // Julie really likes to read Nancy Drew books // Julie enjoys reading her horoscope



BON VOYAGE!

Where is your doll traveling to this summer? Is she going to camp or the big city? The beach house or the country life? Wherever she's going, make sure to dress appropriately with our choices.

By Bella, photos from respective shop owners



FAMILY REUNION

If your doll is catching up with her extended family, try dressing her in a whimsical patterned skirt with a basic tee. Stylish, but still respectable for the relatives!
The model is wearing a skirt from the Etsy shop, Sew Fun Doll Clothes.





THE BEACH

Spending the day along the water? When your doll is having some fun swimming, she'll look cute in a simple white one-piece with flower detail. Once out of the water, she can be protected from the sun in a striped cover-up dress! *We do not recommend placing your doll in water. Just pretend!

This cutie is wearing a swimsuit and cover-up from the Etsy shop, Lori Liz Girls and Dolls.



CAMP!

Going to camp is so much fun! So your doll is prepared for any situation, have her wear bright shorts that match her camp tee-shirt. We fell in love with this hot pink.

The model is wearing shorts from the Etsy shop, [Lost in a Jungle/Beach Shack](#).



THE BIG CITY

The city can be HOT in the summer, so your doll can stay chic and cool and a matching cami and plaid skirt. Add a fun hair accessory, and she'll be ready to shop until she drops!

This doll is wearing the outfit, Watermelon Plaid, from the Etsy shop, Cupcake Cutie Pie.



COUNTRY DAYS

Not planning to go on vacation in a large city? A fashionable blouse and plaid shorts make up the perfect outfit for any destination!

This cutie is wearing an outfit, Casual Summer, from the Etsy shop, Terri's Touch.

HANGING OUT

No one said hanging out at home couldn't be fun! When your doll is playing with her friends, dress her up in an adorable tunic with matching leggings. She'll be stylish from head to toe!

The model is wearing the outfit, Summer Fun, from the Etsy shop, 123 Mulberry Street.



what SUMMER SAYING

are you?

by lulu

1. On your ideal summer day, you...

- A) Are at camp
- B) Hang out with your friends
- C) Go to the beach

2. Your family is voting on what to do that day, you choose...

- A) To go to that movie you've been dying to watch!
- B) To go to an amusement park!
- C) A trip to the water park!

3. If you could go to any type of summer class, you would attend one about...

- A) Cooking and Baking
- B) Art and Music
- C) Sports or Dance

4. If you could create any type of project for social studies, you would...

- A) Make a poster complete with amazing drawings
- B) Create a song
- C) A tech-savvy power point (or other computer project)

5. Your favorite summer treat is...

- A) Some sweet lemonade
- B) A giant cone filled with ice cream
- C) A juicy popsicle

mostly a's

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

You're sweet, cheerful, and nice!

mostly b's

FUN IN THE SUN

You're perky, silly, and energetic!

mostly c's

SURF'S UP!

You're funny, athletic, and cool!



have a

great summer!

from the girls over at doll mag :)



top-notch

ROOM RENOVATIONS

Is your doll's room in need of some decorating assistance? All dolls deserve a place of their own, whether it's the corner in your bedroom or a large part of your basement. With our quick and easy ideas, your doll's bedroom will be the cutest around!



Our model, Ellie, had a bland and boring room before we came in! She had a good foundation: a cute bed and a basic rug, but zero personality! To help, we added...



QUICK TIP

Throw a warm blanket on your bed for a cozy feel and a burst of color!

ADD PILLOWS Adding a fresh throw pillow completely transforms your bed! We love adorable, quirky ones like this pink and orange owl.

HANG UP ART Make these pieces of art for your walls!

COLLAGE Want a place for all your photos? Try making this easy collage: Use your own photos or old catalogue images, and glue them down on a sturdy piece of paper.

INITIAL ART Represent the first letter of your name with a fun image! Ellie loves nature, so we added some fun 3-D butterflies to her "E."



QUICK TIP

Although displaying special items can be fun, make sure that the rest of the stuff, like art supplies and shoes, are stored away.

DISPLAY POSSESSIONS

Your doll's prized toy deserves a special spot! Find a place for their {mini} doll or stuffed animal, like on their chair or bed.



WELCOME GUESTS AND FRIENDS

Make your doll's bedroom warm and inviting by placing a welcome sign out front! A hook on the end of the bed was convenient in our case, but tape is always handy when hanging *anything* up.



A F T E R

Now Ellie's room is cozy, stylish, and comfortable. Complete with personal items, fun art work, and splashes of color, Ellie's room is perfect to spend an enjoyable afternoon in!

CREDITS Article written by Lulu and Bella, photos by Bella. Modeled by Lulu's doll, Ellie. Bed, chair, and doll all from American Girl. Owl pillow from an American Girl kit, available at art stores nationwide. All other items homemade.

Bloggging

Girls

We're a huge supporter of doll bloggers! Read on to find our favorites for photos, crafts, and more...



Best Crafts

American Girl Doll Play | bloggers Jen and Zoey

If you haven't discovered Jen and Zoey's site yet, you are truly missing out. Along with their amazing craft ideas, they also share reviews and outfits. One of our favorite posts is how to make a portable doll classroom.



Best Scoop

Doll Diaries | bloggers Char and contributors

If there's one place to check for the latest doll news, it would have to be Doll Diaries. Constantly up to date with the newest releases and scoop, Char does an amazing job revealing exactly what you want to know! They also showcase a wide variety of dolls and outfits.



3 WAYS
TO STYLE A
Head Scarf
ON THE SPICYS

Best Hair

Doll Delight | bloggers Holly Pino and Kay Jun

While we love all of the Spicy girl's posts, our favorites continue to be all about hair! Whether you're looking for a fancy updo or a simple style for school, Holly and Kay are sure to have it. For hot summer days, we suggest looking at 3 Way to Tie a Head Scarf. So chic!



Best Style

The Doll Wardrobe | bloggers
Nora and friends

It only makes sense that a blog called “The Doll Wardrobe” would win Best Style. Every week, the bloggers feature creative outfits {Like that combo with Saige’s PJ’s below.} as well as trends to sew. This is your go-to source for doll clothing!

Best Stories

Bienvenue Chez Les Ch’tis, Super Inky!, and Piper’s World | bloggers Sabine and friends, Inky, and Piper, respectively

There’s so many talented storytellers, we couldn’t pick just one! We love Sabine and all her friends. Her posts are such a delight to read. Inky, on the other hand, doesn’t post as much, but when she does, it’s sure to make you smile. And, finally, we can’t think of anyone cuter than Piper! Her home is the ideal doll world.



Best Photos

American Girl Fan | blogger Liz

Most doll fans are already aware of Liz’s amazing site, American Girl Fan, but we especially love it for the adorable photo shoots. Liz always has her dolls in stylish outfits, and the stories are so creative. Want to join in yourself? Try participating in the weekly Caption That Doll Picture!



All photos were taken from the corresponding site.

SHOWERS OF SUNSHINE!

Summer is for sundresses! Here are our three favorites...

By Lulu; photos from respective shop owners



CUTE PATTERNS

This fun dress has a cute pattern and great colors! The orange, turquoise, yellow and pink palette screams summer, and it would go perfectly with a cute pair of sandals. It's also easy to pair with a cute bracelet or hair clip. {we would wear this with a loose side pony or half up.} We recommend wearing it to a picnic!

Dress from the Etsy shop, Cupcake Cutie Pie

SUMMER COLORS

The dress shown is full of vibrant hues to brighten your day! With colors like these, we suggest going with a floral or other playful pattern. To pull your whole outfit together, use a bold belt or a pair of fashionable shoes. For your hair, a simple do like a high pony or pigtails should do just the thing!

Dress from Etsy shop, MegOris Dolls.



BOLD CHOICES

Summer is all about fun, which is why we chose to showcase this bold outfit! Bright colors will really make your sundress stand out, especially if you find one with lots of different textures. This dress can be worn for both playing outside and special occasions. Just add a cute pair of sneakers or a fancy hair clip!

Dress from the shop, Button and Bow Boutique





In the BIRTHDAY issue of

Doll Mag...

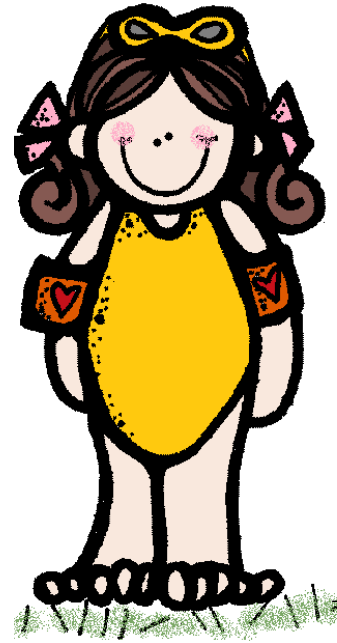
quiz fest!

Break through summer boredom with our three fun quizzes!



beach days

Find our favorite picks for swimsuits and other summer wear!



NCH

Doll Camp

Camp is a classic summer past time! Set one up for your dolls with our fun ideas.



On Pointe

In honor of National Dance Day, American Girl's premier dancer, Marisol Luna agreed to chat with us!



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