

How can you help this holiday season?

Doll MAG

November/December 2014

cute clothing
for the winter
cold

Travel the
world with
*Girls of
Many Lands*

Our 2014
Annual Gift
Guide

PLUS!
Learn more
about BFFs
Cécile and
Marie-Grace!





Best friends Marie-Grace and Cécile are gorgeous in these illustrations by Christine Kornacki. Read more about these two on page 7,

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Meet a Reader: My Little Megara and Anna

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

DM: What can't you wait to do this holiday season?

A: Play in the snow with my sister!

DM: What's your favorite holiday food?

A: Chocolate! Of course, that's my favorite ANY time of year.

DM: What's one quality you love about your best friend?

A: My sister is my best friend; I absolutely love that.

DM: What are three things you're most thankful for?

A: My sister, Elsa, finally being here; my loving, welcoming, and supportive human, and getting out of my box!

DM: What do you like to do on holiday break?

A: Sing, eat chocolate, talk to my sister, play in the snow, watch Once Upon a Time on Netflix, just relax in general 😊

Letter From the

Editors

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On the Cover

EAH dolls Sienna and Rubye are a holiday-ready pair in their homemade pea coats! Other parts of their outfits are from the Etsy shop, Moonsight 68 bought during December 2013.



Love the Earth!

Read this online instead of printing it out.

Dear Readers,

Once November hits, we have finally settled into our school year groove. This allows us to **get excited about the most wonderful time of the year – the holiday season!** From homemade cookies to endless holiday specials, we adore the months of November and December. **Our dolls love this time of year too.** Not only do they get to dress up in cozy sweaters {check out page 8}, they also get to have plenty of yummy treats {flip to page 6 for some doll-sized Turkey Day dishes}. You also can't forget about the gifts! We love making or searching for the perfect things to give to our family and friends {see page 15 for our gift guide}. The two of us have filled these pages with articles that are sure to get you in the holiday spirit too, so **grab a cup of cocoa and a cozy blanket, turn on holiday tunes, and get reading!**

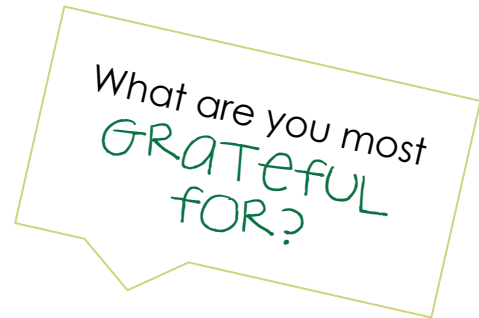
xo,

Bella and Lulu ☺

I am most grateful for my family, my friends, and pandas!
- Lulu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

I am super-duper thankful for my besties, my awesome humans, and shoes!
- Bri, Soon-to-Be Beauty Columnist {see page 5}

I am grateful for my family, my friends, my education, my health, and good books.
- Bella, Co-Editor-in-Chief



NEXT ISSUE'S QUESTION: What are three goals you have for 2015?

Bella's blog >> chicandpetite.wordpress.com | Lulu's blog >> theawesomeadventuresoflulu.wordpress.com

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BITS & PIECES

A peek behind the scenes in the doll and Doll Mag world!

Shop Owner Spotlight

Shop Owner: Teresa // Shop: Pippaloo {Etsy} // Site: <http://pippaloofordolls.blogspot.com>

Do you have any tips for beginning Etsy shop owners?

No matter what you are selling, offer amazing customer service, pay attention to the little details, and most importantly, take great photos. Presentation always matters.

What are your favorite products to make?

New items, definitely. When I get an idea for a food in my head, and it's something I am pretty sure I can get to look realistic – and then I turn it into reality – that's what gives me the biggest rush.



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birthdays this issue

AG doll Elizabeth •

November 5th

Model Cece • December 1st

Model Zoey • December 25th

Twins Lucy and Bridget •

December 25th



Clothing Rack {Choose Your Own Pattern} from Dollicious Design on Etsy \$18

FUN FIND OF THE MONTH!

Going Black Friday shopping? You may need more storage! Thankfully, Dollicious Design's clothing rack can hold a multitude of outfits and can coordinate with any doll room.

On the Doll Mag Website

You can find these and much more on the Doll Mag website this month! *The following posts will appear throughout November and December, so please be patient!*

- We're bringing back **Holiday Headquarters**, our month long series of winter posts!
- Check in December to receive **your reader gift**.
- See how **our dolls' school musical** goes in a cute photo story.

topped

with a

BOW

By Bella; Modeled
by Payton

Your holiday ensemble isn't complete without a gorgeous hairstyle! This year, master the bow braid; it's sure to impress family and friends alike.

**Inspired by Cute Girl Hairstyles and A Beautiful Mess*

you will need...

Wire Brush • U-shaped Pin • Elastic

to begin...



1. Start a French braid at your doll's part. Keep one $\frac{1}{4}$ inch section of hair out of the braid by pinning it up.
2. Continue to French braid around your doll's head. When you reach the back, pull the braid and the rest

of your doll's hair in a ponytail; secure with an elastic.

3. Take the section of hair, and divide in thirds. Stick the U-shaped, closed end first, pin into one part of the braid.
4. Take one third and twist around your fingers to form a loop. Thread the loop through the end of the pin.
5. Pull the pin out of the section, forming a loop on either side of the braid. Gently pull with your fingers to make the loops bigger.
6. Repeat three times, and stay patient! Pin any loose hairs and wet flyaways if needed.



BRI EXCITED!

Bri is getting her own beauty column in 2015. You'll be learning from the best! ♥

easy *as* Pie



Pies, no matter the flavor, are a Thanksgiving staple. They are difficult to perfect in real life, but these doll-sized recipes couldn't be easier to make!

crafts by lulu; formatted and photographed by bella

for each Pie...

Use a small aluminum-foil pan with a three-inch diameter for the pies {We cut ours out from a larger pan found at the grocery store}. Cut a large circle of brown felt to fit into the pan; trim as needed. For an even layer, cut slits where the felt overlaps, and use a hot glue gun to secure. Follow instructions for the desired filling.



for the fillings...

apple pie: Cut 36 four-inch strands of tan yarn. To make four braids, use three strings of yarn for each section of the braid {i.e. your braid should have nine strands of yarn in all}. Temporarily secure your braids with an elastic or clip. Using hot glue, fill your pie with red and orange-brown pompoms. Glue the braids to the top, and trim as needed.

chocolate and pumpkin pie: Use hot glue to fill your pie with cotton stuffing. Cut a three-inch wide circle of felt – brown for chocolate and orange-brown for pumpkin – and glue to the top. Use yarn or puffy paint to add details.





friends to the end

AG's ultimate best friends, Marie-Grace and Cécile, may have been recently archived, but the two still serve as testaments to the power of friendship. Here's what both cuties had to say in our interview...

DM: As best friends, you must spend a lot of time with one another! What is your favorite thing to do together?

C: There's so much to choose from! Marie-Grace and I love performing silly songs and plays, as well as laughing the afternoon away.

MG: Cécile makes everything fun {even chores!}, but I love playing with our pets, Argos [Marie-Grace's dog] and Cochon [Cécile's parrot].

DM: How do you feel about being moved into the AG archives?

C: I'm disappointed that we had to leave so soon, but it was quite fun to meet Samantha; we had heard so much about her!

MG: It's sad, but we're glad for all of the support we received from doll-loving humans and that our stories are still being told in our books. And, of course, we will be making frequent visits to our Beforever friends!

DM: We know that you both take singing lessons; how is that going?

C: Very well! Madame Océane is so kind, and she's really helped me with my songs. I also enjoy acting, which she's been a big help with too!

MG: Singing is going wonderfully. Cécile and I have been practicing our songs to perform for our neighbors and friends during the holiday season.

DM: Finally, what's your favorite part about living in New Orleans?

C: I love living there, but if I had to choose just one thing, it would be the celebrations. We go all out with food and music!

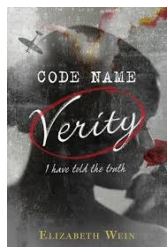
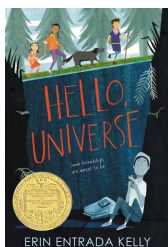
MG: I adore visiting the market! There are so many languages and people there, and I enjoy learning more about the different cultures.

DM: Thank you so much!

Both: You're very welcome! ♥

our friendship reads

Want to meet more best friends in books? Give these terrific novels a try.



By another pair of best friends / Doll photos from American Girl / Book photos from Goodreads

By Bella, photos from respective shop owners

{sweater weather}

Sweaters are the best answer for the winter cold. With so many cute options available, finding the perfect sweater is as easy as a quick click of the mouse!



Fuchsia Cardigan
\$18, Lovingly
Grandma



{basic isn't boring}

Sweaters in neutral colors, such as black, brown, or navy, don't make for a boring outfit when you add in colorful accessories or patterned bottoms. Belts can also ensure that bulky sweaters don't overwhelm your doll.

Gray Ribbed Sweater
Set \$15, Magoo's Muse
Designs



{seek out sweatshirts}

Sportier girls need not worry when winter hits! Sweatshirts can be just as cute and cozy when they have a unique detail; here, the heather blue color is what first caught our eye. Other things to look for? High quality fabric and pockets.

Hawthorn Hoodie \$20,
Liberty Jane

{go for festive}

The holiday season only comes once a year, so buy festive sweaters – like this cozy knit – sooner rather than later. Fair isle is a gorgeous pattern by itself, but the cute reindeers make this a sweater worthy to wear at a holiday party!

Chill Chasers Sweater
\$29, 123 Mulberry Street





{look for little details}

Make sure your doll is toasty warm by adding a simple cardigan to her outfit. Keep the classic look fresh by looking for sweaters with a little detail, such as the lace trim in this one.

Tan Linen Sweater
\$12, [Close/40h/oe](#)

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT THIS holiday season?

1. Your wish list is filled with...

- a) Books by your favorite authors. You've been waiting all year long for them to come out!
- b) Sports gear. You have been eyeing that field hockey stick for a while.
- c) Toys, of course!
- d) A music player. You'll be dancing for the rest of winter break.

2. Your favorite part of the holidays is...

- a) Making loads of sweet treats to give to all your friends.
- b) Having an intense snow ball fight with your siblings. You'll win this year for sure.
- c) Making cute cards and presents for your family.
- d) Covering your house in festive decorations.

3. In the snow, you love to...

- a) Build a family of snowpeople.
- b) Make a flurry of snow angels.
- c) Sled down the hill with your buds.
- d) Create a fancy snow palace.

4. Your cold-weather wardrobe is overflowing with...

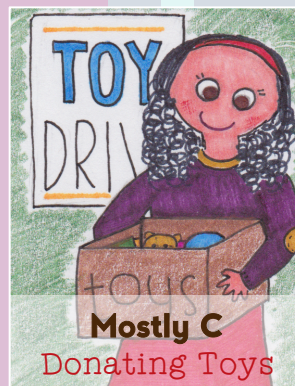
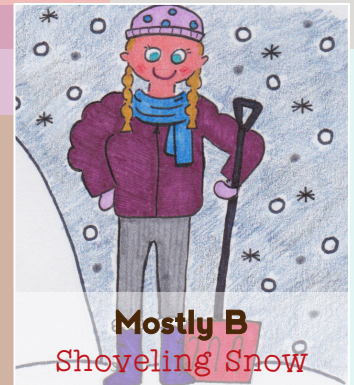
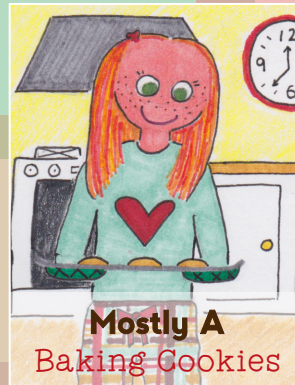
- a) Cozy sweaters with a bit of vintage flair.
- b) Comfy sweatshirts. They're cute and casual!
- c) Fuzzy shoes; boots, slippers, you have them all.
- d) Wintery dresses covered in bold prints.

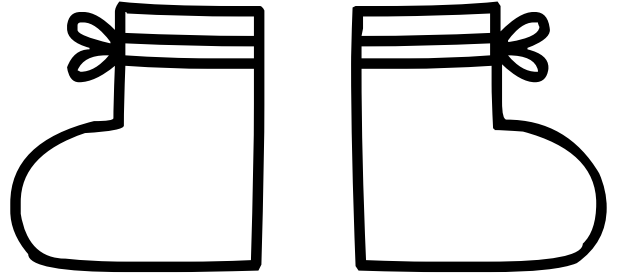
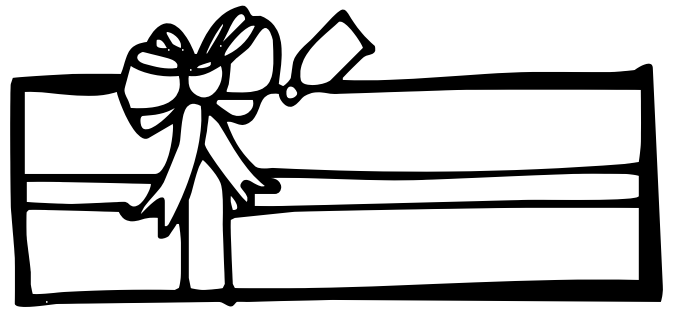
5. Your favorite way to stay warm in the winter is...

- a) Relaxing with a cup of cocoa and a good book.
- b) Layers of puffy jackets. Why stay inside!?
- c) Playing board games with your buds next to a heater.
- d) Snuggling under a fuzzy blanket - perfect for a movie marathon.

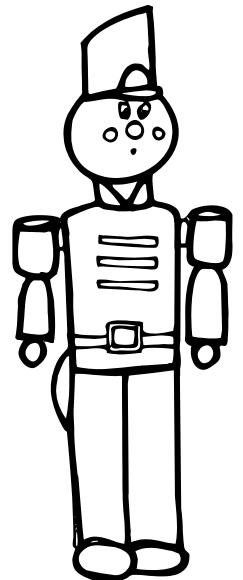
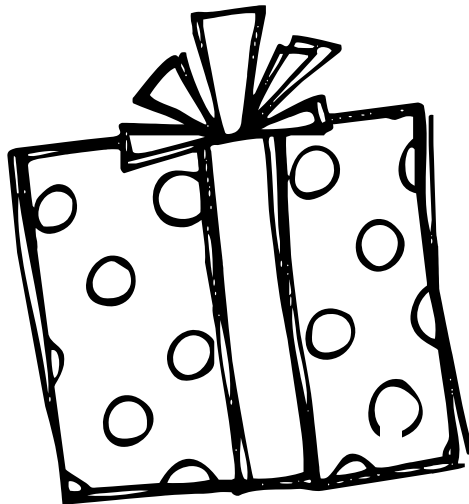
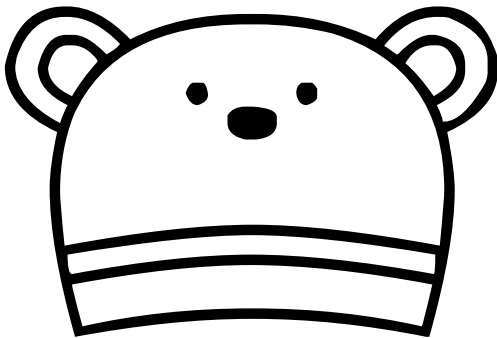
6. You show off your winter spirit by...

- a) Sporting jingle bell earrings.
- b) Wearing winter-themed tees.
- c) Buying comically cute headbands or hats.
- d) Painting your nails in bright, sparkly colors.





happy
holidays!





By Bella and Lulu; photos from respective shop owners. All items may not be available for sale at the time of publication - we apologize if that is the case!

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2014 GIFT GUIDE

There's nothing better than picking out the perfect present, but with hundreds of options and picky recipients, it's easy to get overwhelmed. Use our gift guide to choose what's just right for *everyone on your list!*

for the
**TRENDY
TEEN**



Heart Skinny Jeans
\$14, The Willow Nest

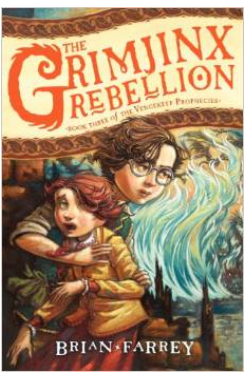
Chuba Pants in Aztec Print
\$11, Soda Pop Street



All items in our gift guide are hyperlinked. Just click and shop! :)

Chunky Knit Cowl
\$5, Doll Closet

Desert Flower Dress for Girls \$52, American Girl



The Grimjinx Rebellion
\$13, Amazon



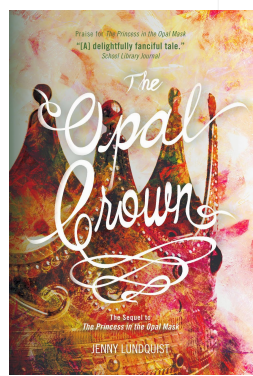
Sparkly Skating Set
\$44, American Girl

for the
**SPORTY
SISTER**

Ballet Slipper Necklace
\$12.2, Sisters Sew Crafty



lulu's
**WISH
LIST**



The Opal Crown \$9, Amazon



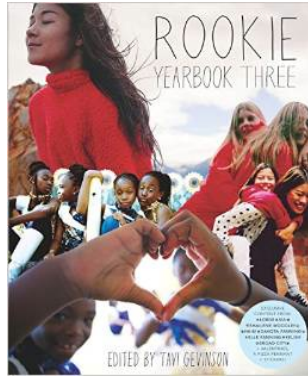
Blue Lacrosse Headband
\$1.25, That's Lolli



2015 Mini Wall Calendar
\$8, Calendar.com

Custom Background Doll Lita {OOAK}
\$215, [DG Requiem](http://DGRequiem)

Rookie Yearbook Three by Tavi Gevinson \$20, Amazon

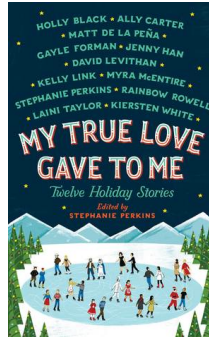


bella's
WISH LIST

Julie's Holiday Outfit
\$34, American Girl



Silver Earrings
\$4, Cute, Weird, Fluffy



My True Love Gave to Me \$15, Amazon



Leah Top \$54, Boden

for the
FAIRY TALE FRIEND



Mini Apron
\$1 Leiraycnan

for the
LOVEABLE LITTLES



Bitty Twin Boy Jurassic Jammies
\$16, Sew Fun Doll Clothes



Two Plate Set \$19, Mouse Market



Reindeer Slippers and Toy
\$18, Frog Blossoms

for the
BEST BAKER



Frozen Cupcakes
\$12, Stacey Morgan Studios



Fuchsia Sparkle Hat
\$10, Lil' Princess Doll Store



Bitty Twin Glasses
\$8, American Girl

DOLL FUN AND GAMES

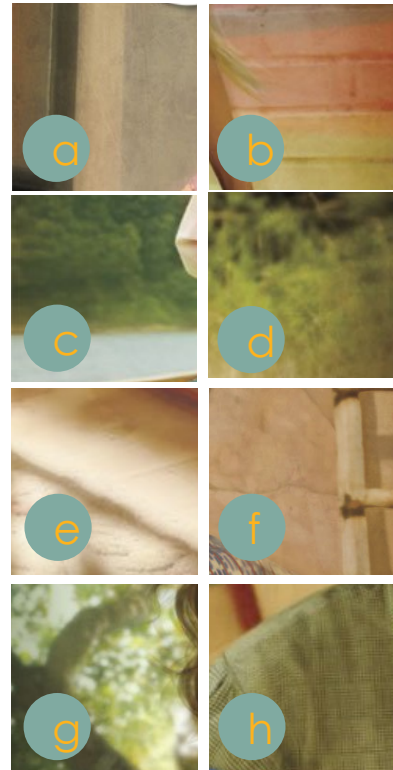
The holidays are just around the corner. Let your dolls get into the spirit using our fun party decorations and winter games!

By Lulu / Photos from American Girl Wiki / Clipart from Pumpkins and Posies



Use these **THANKSGIVING PLACE CARDS** to decorate your doll's table this holiday season!

TO PLAY:
Can you match the zoomed in cover with the full picture of your favorite Beforever characters?



ANSWERS: A5, B2, C1, D3, E8, F4, G7, H6

The full collection had a total of eight 9-inch display dolls; each one sported an outfit representative of her culture and story. AG released the first dolls - Isabel, Cecile, Minuk, Neela and Spring Pearl - alongside their 2002 holiday collection. These girls had full articulation, painted eyes, wigged hair, and different face molds, as did the other three dolls released in 2003. The full collection was available for sale until 2005, at which point it officially went into retirement.



What about the books?

The Girls of Many Lands collection follows the stories of *eight girls* around the world during different time periods; these ranged from the 1500's to the ending of the Great Depression.

The storylines, like those of *American Girl's* popular 18-inch dolls, tackled topics like disease, class, and politics. These books were written by several veteran AG authors; each included a glossary of foreign words in the back, as well as a *look into the past* section, like the one in today's historical series.

AROUND THE

By Lulu / Images from American Girl Wiki
and AG Playthings

World

Head back into the AG archives, and you'll discover the short-lived *Girls of Many Lands* line. Learn more about these historical cuties with our help!



Isabel



Isabel, an earnest dreamer, adores the theater and longs to act! Living in Tudor England, she must also grapple with the strict class hierarchy and an outbreak of bubonic plague.

Living in the court of Versailles is an exciting (but dangerous!) experience. Readers can join young Cecile as she navigates the palace, befriend animals and courtiers alike.



Cecile

Leyla



Leyla, a girl living in Istanbul during the Tulip Period, has a love for plants, poetry, and art! She is also compassionate, fighting against cruelty and showing loyalty to her friends.

Saba lives in 1846 Ethiopia, during the Age of Judges. Known in her community for her intelligent, observant nature, Saba's friends often come to her for advice!



Saba

As the adopted daughter of a high society family in 1857 Canton, Spring Pearl bristles against convention. Readers will appreciate her talent in writing, but also her courage and resourcefulness!



Spring Pearl

Minuk



Minuk, a Yup'ik girl growing up in the late 19th century, is an avid learner, explorer, and story-teller! Minuk's book addresses the role of girls both in her culture and in American society.

Though the Global Great Depression has hit her Dublin-based family hard, Kathleen has big dreams. She is a marvelous Celtic dancer, and she longs to travel the world!



Kathleen

Neela



Neela lives in 1939 India, during the country's struggle for independence from British tyranny. She is a lovely singer with an interest in global politics, and she is unafraid to speak her mind!

all wrapped up

Snowmen making and snowball fights call for adorable coats, warm boots, and cute accessories! With these pairings, the chillier temperatures don't stand a chance.



Coat: Puffy Winter Coat \$17.50, Dollicious Clothes

Hat: Lavender Slouchy Cable Hat \$12, The Willow Nest

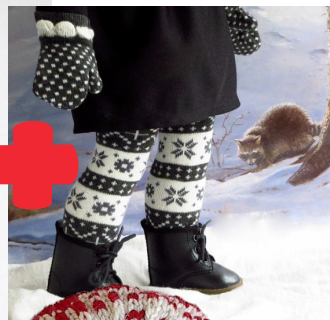
Boots: Winter Button Snow Boots \$10, Releaserain



Cape: Charcoal Wool Capelet \$20, Love Ellie Bean

Earmuffs: Snowy Earmuffs \$10, American Girl

Boot Cuffs: Tan Knit Boot Toppers \$3.50, Sew Urban Designs



Coat: Red Quilted Parka \$29, Dreamworld Collections

Mittens and Tights: Gray Nordic Knit Gift Set \$8.50, Sew Fun Doll Clothes

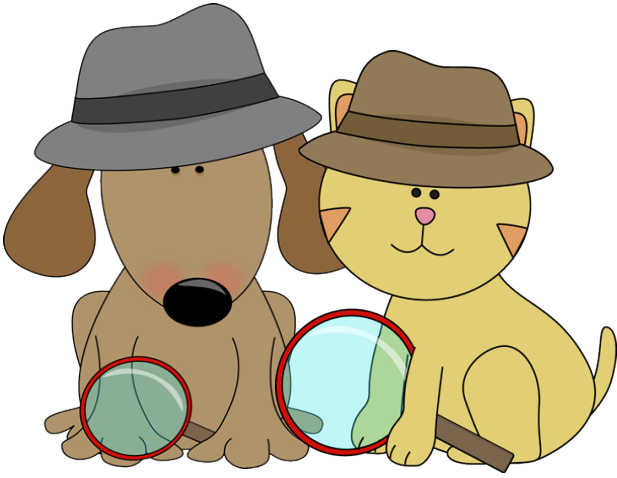
Hat: Knit Fair Isle Beret Hat \$15, Lavenderlore

In the January/February issue of

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Market Made

Your doll's pantry will be stocked with supermarket staples once you use our fun crafts and printables.



"READ" HERRING

Budding sleuths and avid bookworms alike will love our look into all of American Girl's mystery books.



custom cuties

Been afraid to go custom, but have your dream doll in mind? With the help of some custom doll experts, we'll show you that it isn't as scary as it seems.

meet her in paris

The wait for the AG's Girl of the Year always seems to go on forever, but the 2015 cutie is ready for her debut! We'll have all the scoop, from her rumored trip to Paris to the annual GOTY movie.

