



# DAME DANA

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Today is the first day of my doll-making blog. I hope that my daily musings provide insight and tips and tricks into miniature dollmaking for you.

If nothing else --- I'm sure you will find some aspects of my life, mirror your own and can offer you solutions to problems you may encounter.

9:26 AM ... 12 days until I fly to Florida to teach Red Queen and Bettina. On the agenda is finishing up directions for Lialah, making an exclusive kit design for Julie's .... Design a Doll website, cleaning the arms/legs/torsos for FL class and finding the molds for the Ethnic Heiress class. All must be out before I leave. Sooo I've turned off the email/phone to just work here.

Last night ... I painted up the new dolls face ... I went through my tear notebooks (notebooks that have photos and ideas from the last 30 years of my career, these provide a valuable resource for ideas when I am stuck). Anyway --- I am happy that I found a romantic, yet totally different look for Julie. I went shopping to Vogue fabric store in Chicago ... and found an amazing assortment of material/trims that until now I had NO clue how to design together.



NEW finds! I'm making an ERTE style doll ... and found this wonderful new nail polish (see photo above) that has an entirely different look! Perfect for sparkly - different ERTE shoes!



NOTE the gorgeous silver trim lace ... VERY expensive!! And need to make it last for 15 kits - there is no more unless I spend 6 hours on the road to Chicago.



Silver trim makes GORGEOUS faux necklace!

Painted the dolls face with a new range of colors ... LOVE the look. You can see the paint colors to right. Alrighty - this was my 30 minutes of time to this blog and off to work.

\*\*The Face is the YOSHI mold by Stacy Hoffman.

