Doll Conservation Resources

Resources at the Minnesota History Society

The Definitive Book on the Care and Preservation of Vinyl Dolls and Action Figures by Nicholas J. Hill, ISBN 0-967-8495-0-0. This book is now available at www.twinpines.com or www.dollsparts.com (under “Doll Repair and Supplies”). However, I must caution that some of the things recommended in this book I do not recommend, and some of the products endorsed in the book can be harmful to artifacts if they are used inappropriately.


Blue Book Dolls and Values, By Jan Foulke, Hobby House Press, Grantsville, MD, (updated regularly, our most recent copy is 2001). (Last edition that Jan wrote was the 16th edition.)


Preserving Textiles: A Guide for the Non-specialist by Harold Mailand

MHS has several old catalogs in our in our curatorial (non-circulating) library, that are very useful, and also probably quite difficult to find today:

Catalogs from the Kimport Foreign Folk Dolls company, of Independence, Missouri, 1939-1944

Dolls and Doll Houses, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1950, pp. 1-28

Catalog from “A showing of paper dolls on other cut-out toys, from the collection of Wilbur Macey Stone”, the Newark Museum, Newark, N.J., 1931, pp. 1-28.

American Made Dolls & Figurines catalog from The Doll Collectors of America, Inc., Boston, Mass, 1940, pp. 1-43.


Additional Print Resources

The Handbook of Doll Repair and Restoration by Marty Westfall, Crown Publishers, 1979, ISBN 0-517-538423 (this text is likely out of print, but maybe available on the secondary market)


There are many other books on dolls that cover values, specific manufacturers, mediums and more. Many are available by researching the web.

**Supply Outlets**

Dollspart at [www.dollspart.com](http://www.dollspart.com)
Repair Supplies and books, wigs, eyes, and other doll related merchandise.

Gaylord’s at [www.gaylord.com](http://www.gaylord.com)
Archival repair and storage products.

Light Impressions at [www.lightimpressionsdirect.com](http://www.lightimpressionsdirect.com)
Archival and presentation supplies.

Conservation, restoration and preservation supplies.

Museum Services Corporation at

Supplies for doll and collectible care