

STANDARDS OF QUALITY

PORCELAIN DOLLS

1. Porcelain must be of high quality, and free of defects such as bubbles or sanding marks. Seam lines must be satin smooth to the touch.
2. All greenware must be of appropriate thickness and weight and be poured and cleaned by the craftsperson, with specific attention to the details of fingers and toes.
3. Purchased greenware and china blanks are not permissible.
4. All jointed parts must fit properly and move easily where intended.
5. Bodies should be properly proportioned. Cloth bodies must be correctly stuffed to maintain intended shape.
6. Hair and wigs must be of high quality and well of made material in keeping with the style of the doll. The doll maker may purchase wigs.
7. Eyes may be painted, glass or margolite. They must be the correct size for the opening, properly aligned and securely attached with no visible signs of glue.
8. China painting must be of high quality with attention to detail and colour characteristics.
9. All clothing must be of original design or an accurate copy of an antique design (which must be acknowledged). All clothing must be hand made. Materials used for clothing and accessories must be in proper scale to the size of the doll.

*Doll makers should note that standards for sewing and garment construction and clay will also be pertinent and should be consulted.

* Regulations: There are very specific regulations concerning the materials, construction and packaging of children's toys. In addition, certain restrictions pertaining to toys an age limits do apply. Craftspeople should obtain copies of pertinent regulations from health Canada.

*Collector's toys and dolls: Toys designed for the purpose of being collector's items are not required to meet the safety standards necessary in the production of toys for children. They must, however, meet the standards for design, materials and technique listed above. These pieces must be clearly labelled "Collector's Item: not suitable for use by young children".