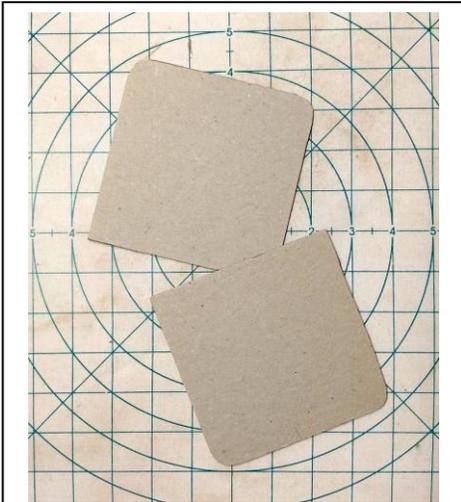
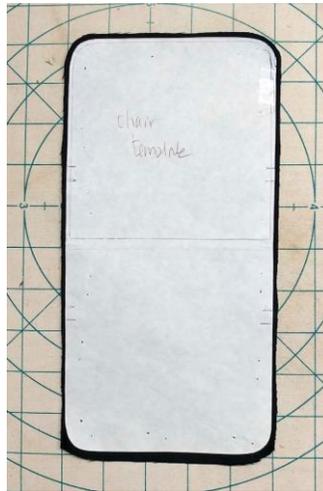


Stadium Seats for Dolls

When I created the ODACA Day centerpiece dolls in 2008, I had to design a way to both display the dolls and be able to travel with whatever prop I used. Seated dolls look great in little chairs, but it was impractical for travel. I designed a folding stadium seat that would support a seated doll, without allowing it to flop back or tip over. The chairs fold in half and pack flat. And best of all, I used all materials I had on hand. These can be easily resized to fit your doll. Use whatever fabric you have on hand to cover the chipboard and grosgrain (or other) ribbon.



Cut two squares of chipboard, rounding the corners on two sides. I save and recycle chipboard from a variety of sources – packaging materials, the rigid backs of paper tablets, etc. Cut a freezer paper template slightly larger than the chipboard.



With doubled fabric right sides together, sew along the paper edge, leaving areas open at the bottom to insert the chipboard, and along the sides to insert ribbon. Trim the fabric to create a seam allowance of about 1/8 inch.



Turn the fabric right-side out, insert one piece of chipboard and sew along the middle to make a hinge. This is easiest with a zipper foot. After inserting the second piece, hand or machine sew bottom closed.



Insert and glue the ribbon into two of the openings (at an approximate 45-degree angle), securing the ribbon to the chipboard. Hemostats work nicely to insert the ribbon.



Insert and glue the other ends of ribbon into the two slots on the seat while the chair is folded into a sitting position.



The doll is able to sit up nicely without a lot of adjustment or balancing.