

More Simple Dolls...

Australia:

"The dolls in our kindergarten are old and well-loved, made from natural materials, often recycled, such as cotton jersey, linen, wool and woolen felt, wooden beads and gum nuts. Some of the "tinies" have come to us from trade programmes in Nepal and Peru but most were made by loving hands from whatever materials were available at the time, as there was little money to buy anything when the kindergarten and school were being established, and there is not a great deal now."



Jane Evans, kindergarten teacher at Ballarat Steiner School in regional Victoria. It is a mixed age program for children three to six years old.

Austria:

„In some kindergarten groups in Austria, one will find only knot dolls. After being helped by an adult at the beginning, each child can then bring their OWN doll child into the world by themselves. They then play very intensively - first there is a real blossoming of play that then comes to an end. By knotting a doll at the right moment, they create space again for something new. Living with a knot doll gives children the opportunity to experience through their own activity the process of incarnation and excarnation. Boys are especially drawn to this, as through this process they can more easily find a relationship to the doll. Pre-school children end their kindergarten years with a doll they create themselves, and which they are allowed to take home.“

Ursula Dotzler, Waldorf kindergarten teacher, Vienna –Mauer.

