



## The Pandemic Peg Doll Swap

Welcome and thank you for saying 'yes' to joining this initiative to keep us all creative during this unusual time in which we are living.

We are here to support you in any way you need. If you are feeling overwhelmed, confused or excited about your little saint – please share it with us – we would love to hear about it.

As you are only painting one saint character twelve times you will only need limited colours.

When you begin to paint, you should **complete each step for each peg doll before you move on to the next step**. This minimises mess, cleaning and frustration.

The general rule is that you begin by painting what is closest to the 'skin'. If you can see a shirt under a robe, you paint the shirt first.

Do not be tempted to allow children to play with the peg dolls before they are varnished. They will scuff or chip even if they are knocked together. Be patient as the varnishing step will dry quickly.

When you have completed the process, please fill out the attached paperwork and return your parcel in the sealed snap lock bag to:

Janet Smith

17 Britton Court

Jindera NSW 2642

Please call or message Janet on 0451786471 if you require any help with anything.

May all the saints in heaven be with us as we paint!



## Simple Steps for Painting peg dolls

### Gather your supplies



Gesso (undercoat)  
Acrylic Paint

Non-yellowing varnish (gloss) or Modpodge (gloss)

(I suggest the type that is in a spray tin and use outside  
– readily available from  
Spotlight/Lincraft/Bunnings/Riot Art and Craft)



Paintbrushes – 1 x flat (approximately size 6 - 8)  
1 x round (approximately size 6)  
1 x fine liner brush

Lead pencil  
Eraser  
Wooden skewer

Plastic plate for mixing colours  
Plastic table cloth to cover your workspace (don't be  
tempted to use paper as the painted peg dolls will stick)  
Jar for clean water  
Paper towel or rag



Locate an image of your allocated Saint for inspiration. Many images can be found on Pinterest or you can use holy cards as a reference.



- Undercoat (gesso) each body
- Paint skin colour for head and neck
- Paint underneath with gesso (this is a step that I have often forgotten until I think I am finished – it is very frustrating!)
- Use your lead pencil to draw basic outline of clothing and hair.



- Paint the clothing that is closest to the skin
- Paint base hair colour
- Paint outer clothing (remember to paint underneath your peg doll)
- Use your lead pencil to draw basic outline on the outer clothing.



An Army of little saints beginning to emerge!

- Add detail to the hair with the fine liner brush (usually a slightly darker or lighter version of your original colour)
- Use fine brush or skewer to add detail to the clothing
- Some saints may have hands or accessories visible which would be painted on at this point because they will be on the outside of the clothing.



- Add detail to make your saint recognisable.



#### Facial Features

- Pencil on the facial features and paint using the wooden skewer or fine liner brush.

**Note:** If you visit Pinterest there are many hints on the shape for hair and eyes. Some are incredibly complicated, others are simple. Please don't be daunted.



#### Varnish

- Line your saints up outside so that you have easy access to front and back
- Follow the directions on the spray can and spray each side so that it is completely covered.
- Repeat two or three times (remembering to varnish underneath also)



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<b>Name of Saint:</b>	
<b>Feast Day:</b>	
<b>Interesting facts:</b>	
<b>Lovingly painted by:</b>	



## The Pandemic Peg Doll Swap

An invitation to work and create together even though we are all in isolation.



Cost to participate: \$50

What you will need:

Coloured acrylic paint appropriate to your allocated saint

Assorted brushes (I suggest a flat size 6, round size 4 or 5 and a fine liner brush)

A spray tin of gloss varnish (must be non yellowing) or gloss mod podge

How it Works:

We need a minimum of 12 people to commit to our project. When you join, you can choose which saint you would like to paint. You can choose from either list. If you choose a male saint, you will receive a collection of male saints at Pentecost. If you choose a female saint, you will receive a collection of female saints. You are welcome to join both groups in which case, you will have a complete set of 24 saints. (cost would then be \$100).

I will provide you with the blank peg dolls, an image of your allocated saint and general instructions. There are also many links to images on Pinterest that are helpful.

You then begin painting! You will paint your allocated saint twelve times (so we should all get to know that particular saint intimately!). You have until May the 16<sup>th</sup> to complete your contribution of 12 saint peg dolls.

At this point, all completed peg dolls need to be returned to me, I will collate them into little sets of 12 and they will be ready for collection on the weekend of Pentecost. Details will follow.

The benefit of only painting one saint, is that you will actually get very good at him (or her)! You will only need to buy minimal paint as most saints only require 4 or 5 different colours (and some can be mixed). Paint and brushes and varnish can be ordered on line from places like Officeworks, Lincraft and Spotlight for minimal delivery charge.

Payment is required via bank deposit. I will send details once you have committed to taking part.

## Male Saints

### Saint

Saint Joseph  
St John Paul II  
Saint Maximilian Kolbe  
St Patrick  
St Benedict  
St Anthony  
St Vincent de Paul  
St John Bosco  
St Francis of Assisi  
St Thomas Aquinas  
St John Vianney  
St Martin de Porres

### Patron of:

Workers  
Labour  
Pro-life movement, addicts, families, political prisoners  
Ireland  
Europe  
Illiterate and Poor, lost things and small requests  
Charitable societies  
Apprentices, school children, youth, delinquents  
Animals and the environment  
Educators  
Priests  
Health Care workers

## Female Saints

### Saint

Our Lady  
St Mary of the Cross  
St Catherine of Sienna  
St Catherine Laboure  
St Bernadette  
St Theresa of Calcutta  
St Therese of Lisieux  
St Rose of Lima  
St Anastasia  
St Philomena  
St Clare  
St Gianna Molla

### Patron of:

Church  
Australia's first Saint  
Italy, Doctor of the Church  
Infirm, elderly (Miraculous Medal)  
Bodily Illness  
WYD missionaries  
Missionaries, Florists and sick, Doctor of the Church  
Gardeners and Florists  
Martyrs, weavers and widows  
Infants and babies  
Television  
Mothers

Please consider joining and inviting others to do the same.

Being creative can be very prayerful, and this is a way that we can all be unified working towards a particular goal. Let us invite the communion of Saints to join us during this unusual time that we are living.

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