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Russian rag doll

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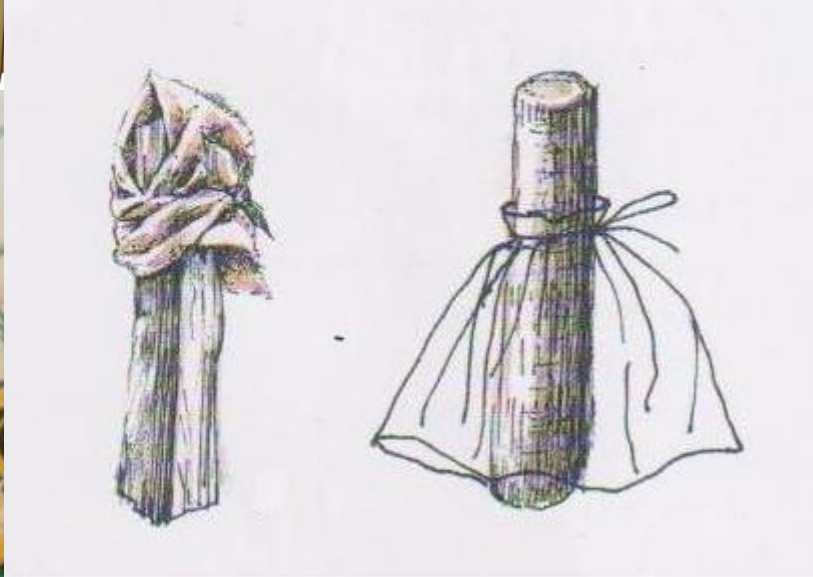


Russian textile doll is an ancient tradition of Russian folk, playing with it children learnt to keep house. Doll was not just a toy, it was a symbol of a procreation, a guarantee of family happiness. Dolls were a companions of a persons from birth to death and was a required attribute of every celebration.



Special features of Russian rag doll:

- Ceremonial dolls and amulets were made without using pricking and cutting things
- Dolls didn't have faces
- Dolls didn't have personal names, just denominations
- There were overwhelming majority of female image for dolls



A majority of Russian dolls since ancient paganism were used like amulets. They were made by natural materials, which were found in forests: wood, herbs, straw and other. People chose these stuffs, because forests were natural habitat of Russian folk.



There is three types of Russian rag dolls:

- Game doll
- Amulet doll
- Ceremonial doll

Game doll:

Zaychik na pal'chik



Strigushka doll



Uteshnitsa doll

Amulet doll:

Shastie doll(happiness)



Podorozhnitsa doll



Ceremonial doll



Kuvadka doll



Nerazluchniki



Kubishka doll



Thank you for your attention!

