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Rayessa

13" tall

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"I have been sewing clothes for myself since I was a teenager," says Lauren Chong Sng. But it's only recently that she's delved into the world of dolls. "Through dolls, I can take part in imaginative dressmaking and shoe design unsuitable for my own daily wear. Inspiration comes from theatre costumes, ethnic clothing, couture garments, and historical fashion."

This playful experimentation can be seen in her cloth doll Rayessa. "I enjoy intricate processes with delicate results and experimenting with vivid color

combinations." Dressed in cotton fabric, Rayessa is dressed in vintage Japanese kimono silk with dozens of hand-made ribbon flowers adorning the skirt. Seed beads in coordinating blue and orange are woven together to make the bodice of the dress and her shoes.

The hair is made of a mix of mohair, wool and ribbon yarns, with bows fastened in strategic places to match Rayessa's fun and funky style. "Hairstyles are a reflection of childhood," says Lauren, "playing with my sister's and cousin's long hair."