

# MaVa COUTURE DOLLS

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An admiration for the art of Takashi Murakami led couture artist Manny Vazquez through an exploration of cave paintings and cartoon rabbits, and into his pile of fabrics. The artist has created a line of boutique-style stuffed figures, all of which are hand-sewn. The eyes are made from fimo clay.

Couture is a word that means high fashion for women, and it is because of the emotive connection between his dolls and his regular practice of making gowns for his women friends and fellow drag queens that Vazquez has dubbed his creations MaVa COUTURE DOLLS.

These dolls are the result of a dichotomy blending the strength of childhood motifs with the fragility of the adult condition. They are best intended for contemplation, not rough play. Each one is unique, a one-of-a-kind. Prices range from \$15 to \$40.

To see two examples, click on the following link: <http://www.rit.edu/~srs1351/dolls.htm>

The artist may be reached at [mavacouture@yahoo.com](mailto:mavacouture@yahoo.com)

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