

Plastic Bottle Dolls

Want to give your child a doll collection that's straight from the imagination? Recycle bottles of different shapes and sizes to create a group of unique dolls that are as unique as the real people around you! Then your child can dress them up in various fabrics to show off even more personality. This is a great way to experiment with creating original features, expressions and outfits to suit any mood. When they're finished, put on a show with these dolls to practice pretend play.



What You Need:

- Recycled bottle
- White tissue Paper
- Masking tape
- Glue
- Yarn
- Fabric scraps
- Felt
- Markers
- Tempera paint

What You Do:

1. Have your child ball up some tissue paper until it is about the size of a baseball, for the head of the doll.
2. Wrap around the tissue ball with masking tape, covering it so no tissue shows through.
3. Remove the lid from the plastic bottle, and squeeze a line of glue around the opening. Attach the head on top of the opening, and press down. Allow it to dry.
4. Now your child can get creative and draw out the clothing he would like the doll to wear. He can cut it out of fabric or felt, and then glue it around the bottle.
5. Next, add on some colorful details, like buttons, trimming or scarves.
6. To create the yarn hair, show your child how to loop some yarn back and forth between his first finger and thumb, creating at least ten loops. Carefully remove the thumb and cut through the ends of the loops on one side.
7. Have your child squeeze a line of glue along one side of the top of the head, and lay the looped side of the yarn hair into the glue and press it into place. Allow it to dry. Repeat looping and gluing hair for the other side of the head.
8. Once the hair is on the head, your child can style the yarn into a cool haircut for his doll.
9. Now personalize the doll by painting eyes, eyebrows, rosy cheeks and a mouth!