



You will need:

- Pipe cleaner (12")
- Wooden bead (head)
- Embroidery thread
- Yarn, twine, etc. (hair)

Cut your pipe cleaner in 2 pieces, so you'll have one 4" piece (arms) and one 8" piece (legs). Fold the legs in half down the middle, and you should have something like the above picture. Thread the "hair" through the pipe cleaner and pull into the bead (head). Pull the pipe cleaner through the bead as tight as you can. Don't worry if a little bit of the pipe cleaner shows. Later on you can add a dot of glue to it and cover it with a few strands of hair.

Beneath the head wrap your 4" piece of pipe cleaner for the "arms." Use embroidery thread to wrap the torso (middle). Start at the torso, make an X over and under the arms. Once you get this area covered well, begin moving down one arm.

Wrap the floss all the way to the end, trying to cover as much of the pipe cleaner as possible. It's okay if a bit shows through, you'll be going back over it. When you get to the very end, begin wrapping back toward the body about 1/3 of the way down. Then bend over the hand, making sure to leave extra that will help secure it to the arm.



Wrap the hand very tightly. Do not wrap too close to the end or the threads can come loose, I like to leave about 1/4" unwrapped. Continue wrapping tightly, and begin moving back down the arm, wrapping evenly and covering any pipe cleaner fuzz. When you get back to the torso, wrap a few times around the neck, criss-cross around the body and then continue on to the next arm. Following the same steps as above.

When both arms are completed, continue wrapping the torso, until you have the waist covered. You can then continue with this floss and cover the legs. Or switch colors to create 'tights'. If you chose to switch colors, I like to tie off my original thread but leave a bit of a tail. When I wrap the legs, the tail will be covered in the wrapping.



Beginning at the waist, start wrapping your new color. If you want striped tights, use two different colors together. Wrap down the legs and finish the feet the same way the hands are done but fold back a bit more for the feet. Wrap back up the legs paying special attention to the pattern. Go around the body a few times, then begin wrapping the second leg.

When you get back to the top, wrap around the waist a couple times again, and then tie off your thread. I like to leave a small tail. I place a few drops of craft glue on the knot, and wrap the tail around the body through the glue 'gluing it' down. This will keep the knot from unraveling.

Now you can customize your doll!

