



Millicent

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Cleaning Firing & Stringing

Cleaning Greenware

Cut and clean openings in shoulder and leg (as marked on the greenware) to accommodate arm and leg mountings. Leg and Arm mounts must not be removed from limbs, they are essential for limbs to stay in position when strung. When clean insert mountings in to body to check that they sit flush. Check that the holes in the mounting are clean and are large enough for the stringing elastic to pass through stringing holes. Cut and clean 4 stringing elastic holes evenly around the flat top of Millicent head also that the neck hole will be large enough to accommodate four lengths of elastic for stringing.

You will find holes precut in Millicent's sole for mounting on a stand, check holes are tidy and smooth. Millicent has painted eyes you may choose to coat the eyeball with white underglaze before bisque firing.

Firing

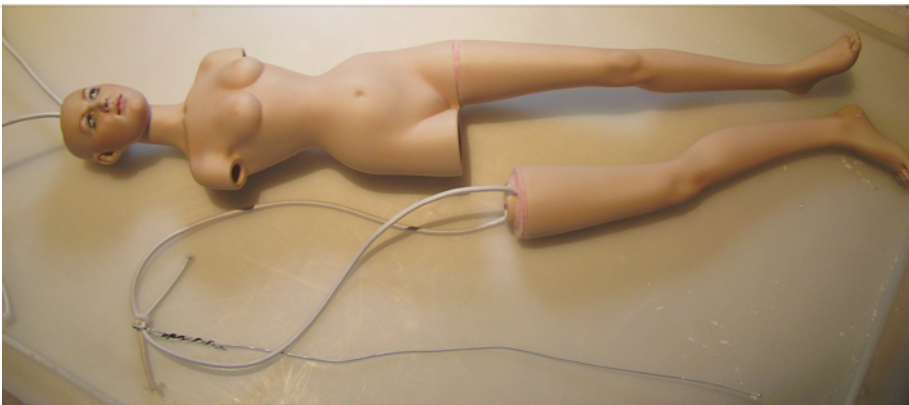
Please note: follow firing instructions carefully as failure to do so will result in the doll not fitting together properly. To support the porcelain correctly I have used a combination of kiln prop and silica powder. All ways follow the manufactures safety instructions when using these products.

All Green ware cast in New Doll Company Slip.



Stringing

To protect the porcelain felt all joints that will sit against each other before stringing. To string Millicent you will need to make a stringing tool, take a 60 cm length of garden wire bend in half and twist the two lengths together leaving a loop at the bend. When stringing pass elastic through the doll limb and then tie the elastic through the wire loop and secure with a knot. Pass the wire through the body, neck and head, untie the elastic and then pass one end through one of the 4 head holes at the crown tie elastic off securely and repeat for the other limbs. It can be awkward the more limbs you string, but this is the only way to set the arms and legs with the right amount of tension



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