Wigging a Renaissance/Medieval Doll by Mary Williams
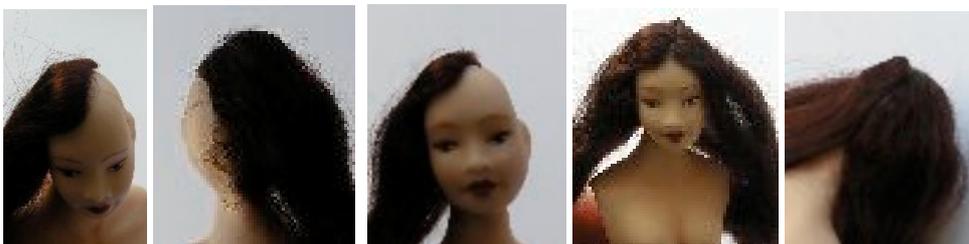
Step 1. Wave your hair using a hair pick or pleater, mist the hair and leave to dry. I use the pick because it gives nice big waves. Then choose your trims, you can use thread, thin cord, Xmas ribbon, gold chain, pearls or beads. For the tiara on this doll I found a Toe ring in my local cheap accessories store.

Step 2. At the end of the hair that is going on the head dab a length of glue on the **WRONG** side, then using your large needle place the needle where you have just glued. Fold the end of the hair over the needle to the wrong side and pinch (be careful not to use too much glue as it will show on the right side). Then slide the hair off the needle and you should have a nice straight parting.

Step 3. Glue the piece you have just made in place making sure the parting is in the centre of the forehead. Make sure it falls down the back of the head too. Then make a second piece in the same way and glue to doll.

And now for the fun part!

Step 4. Chose the trim you are going to use, for this version I have chosen some Xmas ribbon.
Glue one end of the ribbon and place at the back of the wavy piece of hair, place it around the hair and glue both ends together. Continue down the length of hair in the same way, I find that if you glue on the inner wave it holds in place easier. Leave a nice wavy piece at the end.

Step 5. In this step I have plaited the hair instead using some thin cold cord.

Divide the hair into two sections, then in the middle glue the end of the cord, **wait for it to dry!**
Then plait all three strands together and wrap the gold cord around the end of the hair and glue at the back.
The doll shown shows both versions of the methods I have used and the final picture shows the Toe ring used as a crown or Tiara, there are loads of different trims or variations you can try using the above methods.
For further reading have a look at these sites http://www.crystalinks.com/hair2.html
http://www.virtue.to/articles/braiding.html, http://www.erasofelegance.com/fashion/hairstyles.html