

Bathtub Billy

Materials

- Shallow Bathtub
- Doll Body (torso to crotch w/full arms attached)
- Bent legs (we used womens)
- Resin or water pellets (at hobby shop)
- No hole beads (pearl and clear)
- Pearlescent extra fine glitter
- fimo
- viscose (hair)
- accessories as desired



Tools

- various paint to paint hat as desired
- old tin can to pour pellets into (to melt) and tongs to hold can
- superglue (we use zap a gap)
- fingernail polish
- scissors for hair



Directions:

1. **Assemble all pieces.**

2. **Sculpt Fimo Cowboy hat on head.**

To create, take fimo and soften. Now roll out a small oval and flatten. Shape around the dolls head. I often cut out the center for better fit. Gently pull off dolls head, retaining shape. Bake as directed on package. When done and cooled, create the crown by shaping a tiny pie shape and attaching it to the brim by smoothing pieces together with toothpick. I always pull down the front a bit to give it a worn look. Don't worry too much about smoothness as we want him to look rough.



3. **Paint Cowboy hat.** I use a three step process to make the fimo look like aged leather.

1st- paint with a bronze type brown color paint. 2nd - use fabric touch paint and dot here and there with black to give it an aged look. 3rd - before fabric paint dries, touch with brown eye shadow or chalk to give it worn look. Now spray with acrylic sealer (matt).

4. Attach Cowboy hat to head with glue. I use a mixture of superglue and white glue. Let dry.

5. Wig Doll.

I curled one large sausage type curl (take a knitting needle size 5 or 6 and wrap viscose around it). Next put a line of glue around hat where hairline would be and push curl into glue (see photo for example).



6. Press small layer of fimo into bottom of tub. Now position torso and legs,

pressing gently into fimo to keep in position. Heat up the pellets in old tin can until just melted, and with tongs, pick up tin can, and pour melted pellets in bathtub to desired depth. Don't worry about seeing legs not attached to crotch....this is where the 'soap bubbles' come in handy.

7. Soap Bubbles - after resin has cooled and almost set, pour in clear no hole beads into position as desired....add a couple of pearl no hole beads for contrasting interest. Then gently sprinkle a FEW flakes of glitter onto mixture. I found if some of the beads come loose, to superglue into place. When the superglue dries, it gives it a foamy color...but here again its personal preference.

8. Add your accessories and enjoy!

**Last note - your bent legs need not be the same or different remember they will be under water (so it doesn't matter if he has two right feet or two left feet <G>).

