

Basic doll necklace from God's Girls #1 by Karen Whiting

1. Cut a cord the length of your hands opened wide. This will be the part that goes around your neck.
2. Fold cord in half. Use a small piece of a chenille stem fold in half as needle. Put chenille stem around center of cord and push ends of cord through bead and pull on chenille stem to pull cord through. Remove chenille stem. Put on necklace and decide where you want the bead (head). Tie a knot above the bead. Remove necklace. Tie a simple overhand knot at each end of the cord for the feet.

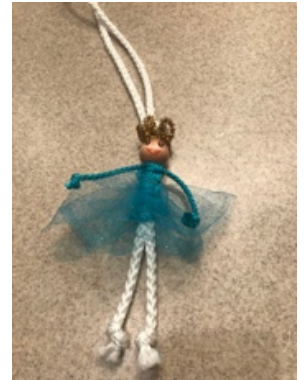


Chenille stem doll body

Fold a chenille stem in half and place behind the necklace, about 2 inches below the head. Alternate bringing the ends of the arm chenille stem around the necklace to form the body. Leave few inches for the arms. Twist the ends in to form hands.

OR Knotted doll body (for older children) (see photos below)

3. Cut a second cord one yard long.
4. Tie a knot at one end of the cord This will be the top cord when you tie the knots that form the body.
5. You will start the knots a few inches below the head and work up toward the head. The ends will form the arms.
6. Fold cord in half and place behind the necklace cord a few inches below the head. Bring the end of the arm cord with the knot across the necklace cord leaving a loop on the side. Take knotless end bring it over the end with the knot, behind the necklace and up through the loop. Pull both ends gently to form a knot.
7. Repeat step 6 to make another knot, remembering to have the end of the arm cord that has the knot in the front of the necklace cord. Make knots until you have a few inches left. These will be the doll arms and hands. Tie a knot at the end of the arm cord that does not have a knot.



Skirt

Run a wire (or chenille stem if fabric has large holes) through middle of fabric's length, the entire length. Gather it to fit tightly around cords at waist (bottom of body) and twist wire tight. For chenille stem form a bow with the ends.

Decorate Doll

- Add a crown to doll. Make small loops or bend chenille stem up and down to form a crown. Place crown around knot above head and twist ends together at back of head.
- Add eyes, whiskers, nose, and mouth with fine point permanent markers.

