

How to Make Ruby and Her Family

While you are studying about the virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31, you can make Ruby and her family. We call this little doll Ruby because the virtuous woman's worth is "far above rubies."

Materials you will need:

- All materials provided in "Ruby Doll Kit"
- Scissors
- Craft glue or glue gun
- Ruler
- Permanent fine point marker or black acrylic paint and fine brush
- Optional: glitter fabric paints for easy method of decorating Ruby's coat
- Baking ingredients (see individual recipes)

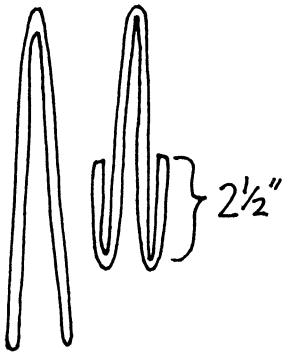
While you are working:

- In our instructions we sometimes give **two choices for the method of doing a certain step**. The first choice ("easy method") will be the **easier** one. If you are very young or just learning to sew, you will probably want to follow that step. The second choice ("advanced method") is for those of you who have some sewing skills already, who are very adventurous, or who have a mom who will come to your rescue if it gets too hard for you.
- If you are making Ruby with your mom and/or sisters, **enjoy your time together!** Besides working together you get to have a special time to learn and visit and giggle together!
- **Do your best work!** That's what Ruby would do! Proverbs 31:13 says she works with her hands with delight. And verse 27 tells us that she doesn't eat "the bread of idleness." That means she is not "slack" in her work; she does her very best at everything she does. (But the bread part sounds good doesn't it? Maybe you should have a cup of tea and a piece of toast while you work! 😊)
- **Don't worry** if everything doesn't come out perfect. Ruby is designed to be a project that will help you **learn and practice** some basic sewing and

cooking skills. Everything doesn't come out perfect while we are learning -- or even after we have learned a skill! (You watch -- your mom will probably have a few tangled threads and boo-boos, too.) We are always learning, always improving. We'll never do anything perfectly until we get to heaven!

- **Take your time!** If you try to make Ruby and her family all at one time, you (and whoever is helping you) will probably quit having fun after awhile! Work while you are all enjoying it, and then put her away for another time. Your mom will probably need to "look well to the ways of [the rest of] her household" after enjoying her time with you! Make sure you clean up your mess like Ruby would!

How to Make Ruby:



Step 1. Fold one pipe cleaner in half, and then measure 2-1/2" up from both ends and fold the ends up. These will become her legs.

Step 2. Take one of the larger beads and push the center folded portion of the pipe cleaner into the hole of the bead, (**Don't glue it on.** We will need to take her head off a few times while dressing her!)

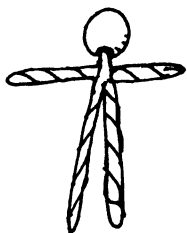


Step 3. Cut another pipe cleaner to measure 6". Measure in 1-1/2" from both ends and fold toward center. These will be Ruby's arms.



Step 4. Twist the legs slightly so that the two portions of each leg intertwine.

Step 5. Do the same as **Step 4**, but with the arms.



Step 6. Slip the arm piece between the two legs and bring it up to about 1/2" from the head. Twist the body below the head and below the arms to secure the arms in place.