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### **Stuffing & Weighting:**

The doll bodies can be stiff for sitting dolls (stuff snuggly) or floppy for sleeping babies (stuff firm, but not snug). A lot depends on the kind of stuffing used. If you use mostly polyester fiberfill, with some beanbags for weight then the doll sits very well, as shown in the photos.

Some like to stuff the bean bags at the body buttocks area prior to placing in the polyester fiberfill inside the body. I like to wrap my stuffing around the bean bags, so you don't feel the pellets in the legs, arms or body.





The long body bean bags are 4 inches wide and 8 inches long lightly filled, so you can fit it in the neck area and work well for a  $20^{\circ} - 22^{\circ}$  dolls. Make them 3 inches wide and 6 inches long medium dolls. For lower Arms and legs, 1" wide and 2 inches long would work well.

### **Attaching Limbs:**

If you want a weighted doll, you might want to put weighting, as in plastic pellets, or Silicone into the vinyl hands and feet and let it dry first. You can also put a small long pouch of plastic pellets in the lower limbs area prior to attaching the hands and feet.

For that newborn soft baby feel, remember to wrap the stuffing around it, so you don't feel the pellets. Insert the cable ties into the end of the limbs, if no opening, cut a tiny slit, insert cable ties, then after secured, place some fabric glue on it after so that the material does not unravel.

## Attach Head:

Attach the head last, so you can see if you need more stuffing in the body. Play with your arms and legs to see if you get the feel and movement you are after. If the arms and legs do not stay in place after rotating up (like a hand wave) you might need to tighten the joint. Remember to weight the baby head in the back upper area, as to enable the head to wobble like a real baby. I use silicone to secure the rooted hair, which also provides additional weighting and will keep your pellet bag secure on the back portion of the head.



Optional Tushy Buns: From the bottom of the doll,

at the back seam line, Create a gather to form the butt Tushy. I normally go up about slightly less than half way. I create this gather by handsewing with Quilting Thread for durability.

### Belly Button: After you stuff your

doll, and have attached the Limbs and Head, you

need to decide if you want a belly button. Where you place the belly button is your option. Select a really cool button with the connector in the back (for an outie). Use your quilting Tread and a really long needle. Insert tread through the eye of the needle and then tie the end of the tread. Then loop through the loop on the button and insert your tread through the end to form a slip knot. Now your button is secure. Then insert where you want the belly button to be



and push through to the top of the tushy gather. Pull through taunt enough so that the belly button is secure, then do a slip knot at the butt area. Don't pull to tight, or eventually the thread will break.

### Pelvic Gathers: an option for the Square based body

Starting  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from inside of leg; use the Quilting Tread to sew a gather to the other leg opening ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " from inside of leg). Gather to the width desired for the size of your doll.

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