

RAFT IDEAS

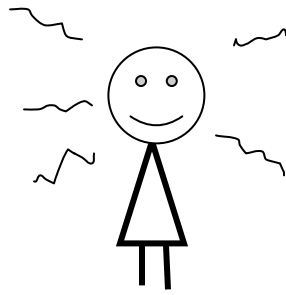
Topics: Arts & Crafts,
Sculpture, Americana

Materials List (per bobble head)

- ✓ 2.5 cm (~1")
Wooden Ball with
hole drilled half-
way through
- ✓ Small spring
- ✓ Pipette tip
- ✓ Cap or other base
- ✓ Cardstock
- ✓ Fine-tip permanent
markers
- ✓ Hot glue
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Optional: chenille
stems, paints, and
any other materials
to use in decorating
bobble head dolls

This activity can be used
to support the teaching of:

- Experiment w/ forms,
structures & materials
(National Visual Arts
Standards: Creating,
Grades K-12)



Bobble Heads

Creating Your Likeness into a Novelty

Self-portrait? How about a “Self Novelty Sculpture” instead? Students will just love making themselves (or their Mom and Dad) into these cute, personalized bobble heads.

Assembly

1. Secure the spring into the hole in the wooden ball head by filling the hole halfway with hot glue and inserting the spring.
2. Hot glue the pipette tip to the base.
3. Using permanent markers, add a face to the bobble head.
4. Create hair and a body using cardstock, chenille stems, or other materials
5. Place the spring on top of the pipette tip.
6. Bobble the doll’s head!

NOTE: Depending on the ability level of your students, hot-gluing the spring into the wooden head and the pipette tip onto the base might require an adult.

The Content Behind the Activity

Although bobble heads (also known as “Wacky Wobblers” and “Nodders”) are a popular collectible at the moment, they certainly are not new. Dolls with wobbly heads that characterize sports figures and other celebrities have been marketed in the United States for decades. Antique bobble head dolls can be found in many countries around the world, including Japan.

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=309 for more resources!)

(Images from www.bobbledobbles.com)

