



Constructing Bobbins for “Viking” Whip-cord Braiding

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Materials Needed:

<The parts for these bobbins are manufactured by Lara’s Crafts and can be purchased at most craft stores.>

- 4 wood dolls’ heads 2 ¼” (part # L10283, 1 per pkg)
- 4 wood candlesticks 3” (part # V10272, 4 per pkg)
- 4 wood dowel caps 1” (part # U10147, 4 per pkg)
- Wood toothpicks or matchsticks (optional)
- 4 medium paper cups (optional)
- White glue



Assembly instructions:

Step 1: The wooden toothpicks/matchsticks are not required, but they do strengthen the finished bobbin, and help line things up for assembly. If you are going to use them, first check them for fit by inserting into the guide holes in the candlestick and the large ball, and then trim until the parts fit flush when assembled).

Step 2: The dolls head (the large ball) has a flat spot with a hole drilled in it. Place several drops of glue down this hole and then apply a thin film of glue to the rest of the flat spot. Insert one trimmed toothpick into the hole. Then put a drop of glue down the corresponding hole on the base of the candlestick. Place the candlestick on the peg and press it down firmly to the dolls’ head. Look at the assembly from several angles to make sure that the candlestick is centered on the flat spot. To keep the assembled pieces upright while they dry, place them in a cup (see picture right). Repeat this step for the remaining three bobbins.



Step 3: Run a thin bead of glue carefully around the inner lip of the top of the candlestick. Place a dowel cap (small ball), open end down, into the opening of the candlestick and onto the glue. Leave the bobbin in the cup to dry and repeat for the other bobbins.

Step 4: When the bobbins have dried a bit (1-2 hours) take them out of the cups one at a time and run a bead of glue around the join between the small ball and the top of the candle stick; smooth this down with a finger. Do the same for the join between the base of the candle and the large ball. Set back in the cup to dry overnight.

