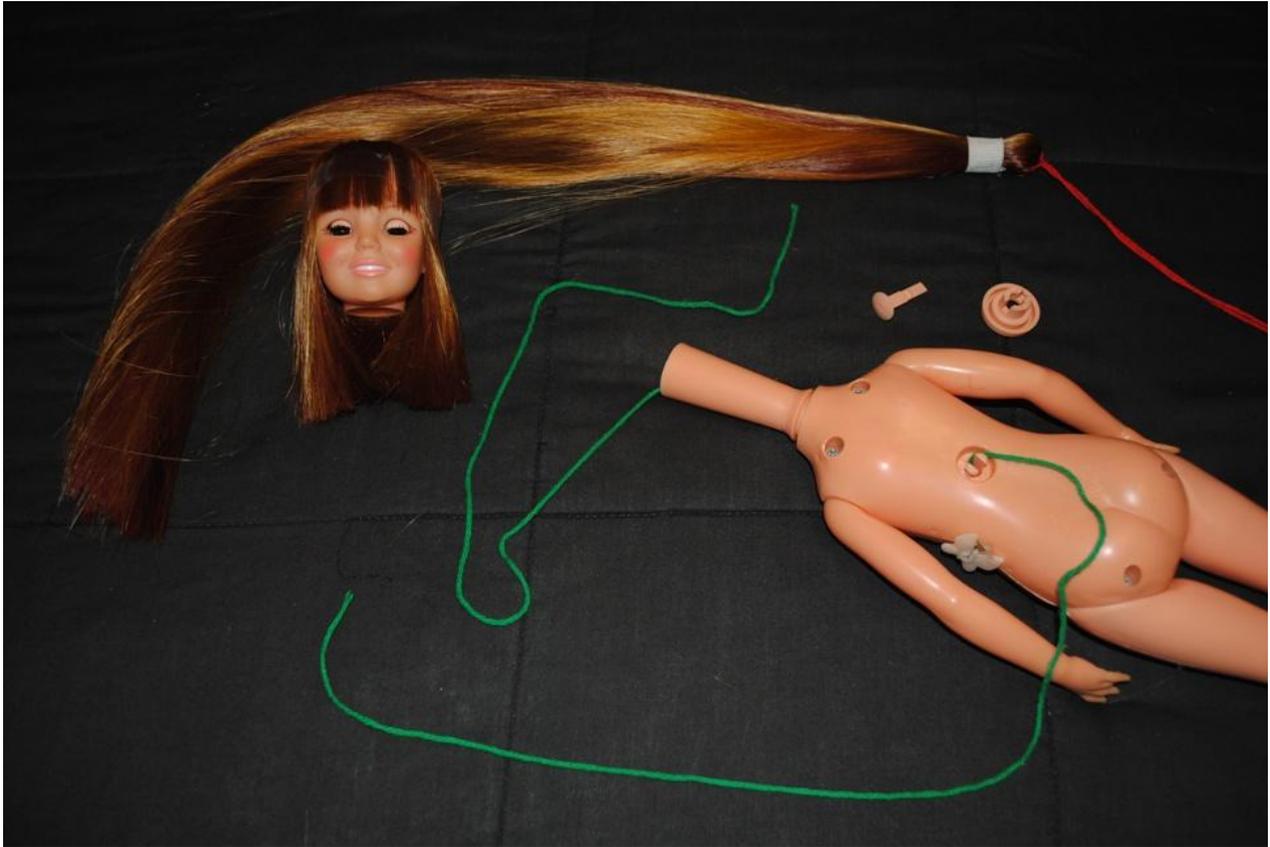


How to Re-Tail a Talky or Look Around Crissy Body

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We've all had them! Crissy family dolls with no ponytail. By now, you've discovered that it is relatively easy to re-tail a straight bodied Crissy doll. Not so much on a doll with "stuff" like mechanisms inside the torso. We'll discuss that now.

Have you done this?



Have you re-rooted the head but now it's time to put the ponytail in place? Or maybe you have a doll that is not being re-rooted but she DOES need a new ponytail. Before you can proceed, you need to put the head back on. Notice the green string. I put that in place before I even took the head off.

When taking the head off to re-root it, one must put a **leader line** in place in order to pull the new ponytail into the body when the time comes. Here is how to do that.

Before one takes the head off:

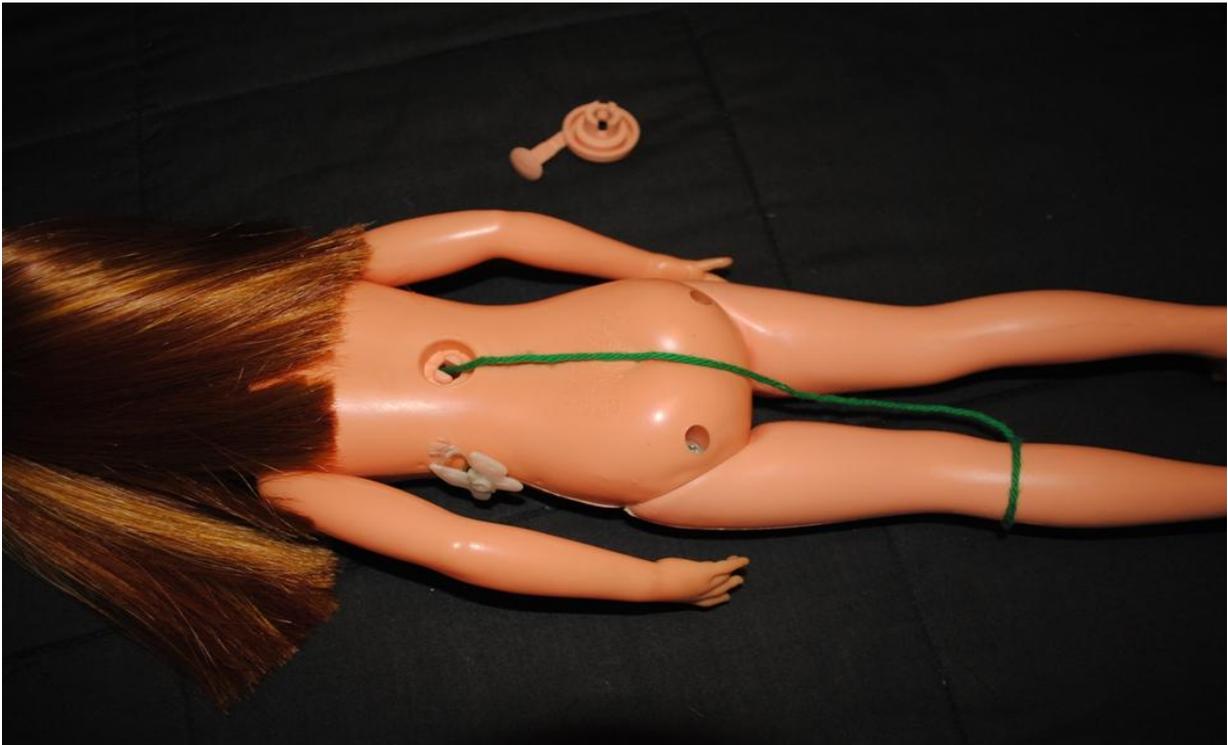
1. Pop the center pin out of the knob on the doll's back with a butter knife.
2. Remove the knob.
3. From the front of the doll's body, pull the front button pin forward but NOT OUT of the body. This will release the existing ponytail strings.

4. Using a pair of needle nose pliers (your best friend in this process), grasp the strings of the ponytail and pull them out through the back of the doll in order to have the strings at your disposal.
5. Now unknit the strings. You may need to pull the strings way out from the doll's body to do this.
6. Tie a 2 foot piece of **yarn or twine** to the ends of the strings.
7. Pull the 'tail out of the top of the head but LEAVE THE **LEADER STRING** HANGING OUT OF THE BACK OF THE DOLL'S BODY AND OUT OF THE TOP OF HER HEAD.
8. Perhaps you'd like to tie the ends of the **yarn or twine** together so they don't get lost inside the doll's body. Now set her, her knob and her pin aside.

You can pull her new ponytail in place without putting her head on first. I do not recommend that. It is hard to get the ponytail through the inside of her head.

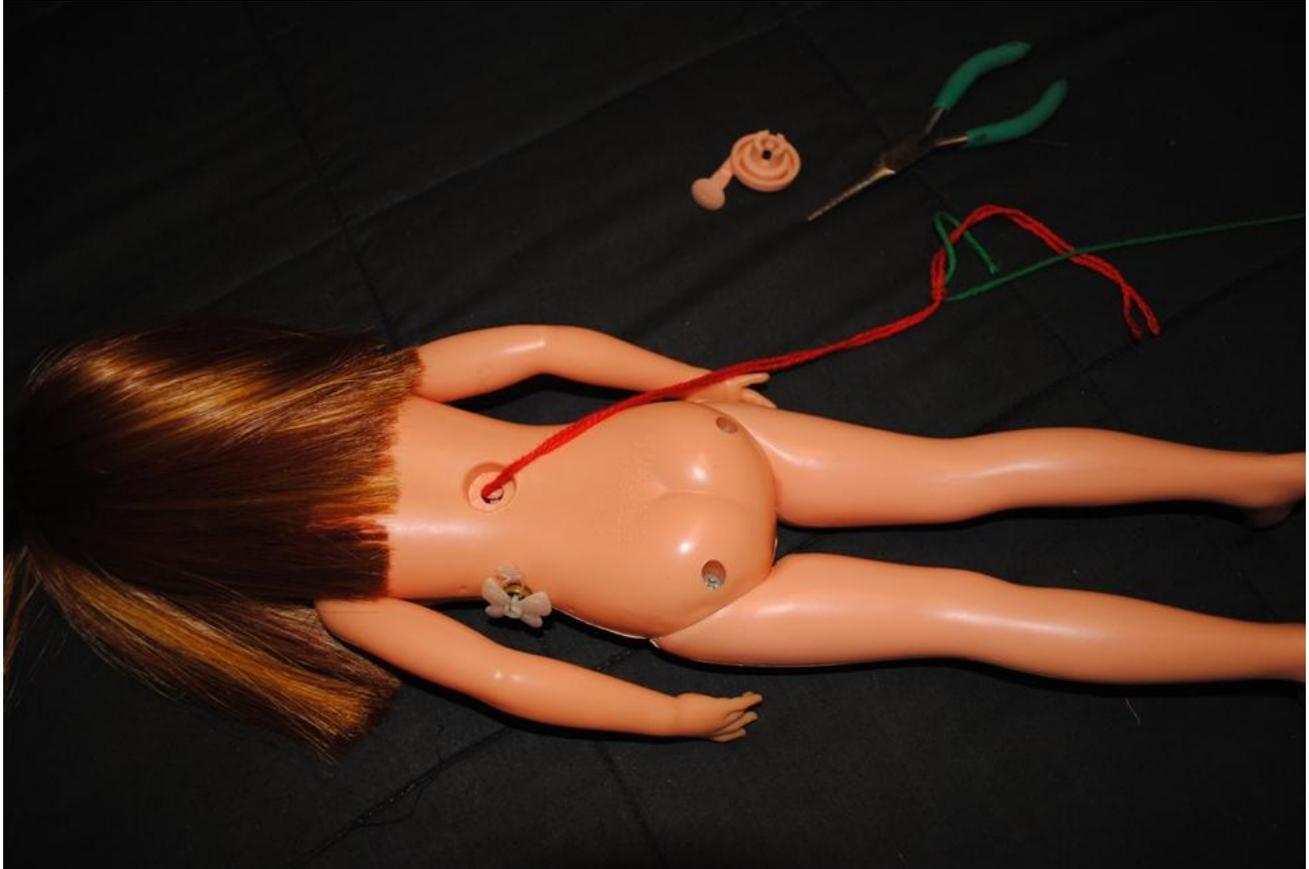
If you have taken off her head, and now you've got to put it back on with the **leader twine** in place, no worries. Just set your needle nose pliers aside and have them handy. Heat up the base area of the doll's head, either by dunking in boiling water (and drying off quickly) or using a hot blow dryer. Caution! Heat may melt the doll's foundation hair so use care. Using your needle nose pliers, guide the **leader twine** through her neck hole and out the top of her head. Put the head back on over the neck cone. If the head's vinyl is still soft, this is easy to do. Grasping the head with the pliers can help you pull it over the cone.

Now, her head is back on and the **leader twine** is still in place (one end out of her back; one out the top of her head).



This is what it should look like.

Now take the new **ponytail with its strings** in place and tie both strings to your **leader twine** (at the top of her head). Pull the **leader twine** back down and out through the doll's back. This will bring the new **ponytail's strings** out through the back hole.



For this demonstration, I used **red twine** on the doll's ponytail and my **leader twine** is **green**. Notice how the new ponytail strings are hanging out of the doll's back.

Unknot the ponytail **strings** and the **leader twine**. Pull the **ponytail tail strings** until the base of the ponytail is now slightly inside of the doll's head. Mark on the **ponytail strings** with a pen (real close to the doll's back) where the knot should be. It literally should be marked right at the doll's back. Pull back slightly to give yourself some **string** to work with.

Now, from the front, push the front button pin into the doll so it comes out the back.

You will be tying the **ponytail strings** around one of the posts on the pin. See picture below.



Ponytail strings, one in between the pin posts and one outside of the posts.



Notice that the **strings** are knotted. Trim the ends off a bit.



Using the needle nose pliers to poke the **string** and knot back into the body.



Put the knob on first, and then push the pin in place. Now try it out! The ponytail will grow and retract as it should. If for some reason the rubber band at the base of the ponytail is showing at the top of her head, then you did not knot the ponytail strings in the right place. Simply take out the pin, remove the knob, grasp the strings with the pliers and adjust the knot's location.



Here she is with her new foundation hair and ponytail!



What a pretty girl!

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