

How are Reborns made?

Reborns are made over many days of careful diligent painting to produce the lifelike qualities in the skin tones.

Painting involves many layers upon layer of transparent colours using Genesis Heat Set Paints (GHS/P). It is this combination of layers and "patterns" that allow each artist to create their own style of reborn. Each artist acquires their own methods of producing certain affects such as capillary patterns, veins, mottling and blushing, as well as skin textures. Also many artists custom mix their own colours and again this is not easily reproduced exactly adding to the uniqueness of each reproduction.

Once the painting is complete the hair is then meticulously hand rooted strand by strand using very fine gauge felting needles. I use a 43g needle for my babies. I also use only the softest of kid mohair as much as possible; however a slightly older baby sometimes requires slightly coarser mohair than the kid. The overall desired effect determines what is ultimately used to produce the effect.

*Once this is completed the baby is then ready to be weighted,
filled and assembled.*

I do not use any foreign materials in weighting my babies. I use only the highest of quality glass sand, glass beads and poly pellets, as well as soft fiberfill. All limbs are sealed to prevent leakage and the hair is glued on the inside using a waterproof glue then once dry the head is also weighted using a sack filled with glass beads and / or poly pellets, then finished with fiberfill and again the neck is sealed to prevent leakage.

The body is also weighted and filled and the limbs and head assembled using very thin cable ties which are then cropped close to prevent scratching and damage to people or clothing. My bodies are generally made from doe suede in either flesh or dark colour to tone with the chosen skin tone of the baby. This also adds to the soft feel when cuddling your reborn. The body is not stuffed as tight as can but rather some play is left to allow for posing your reborn and soft floppy cuddles adding to the realism of the reborn.

Once assembled the baby is then ready to have a nappy fitted and dressed in the chosen clothing. Hair is styled and photos

taken for records. A photo is also added to the adoption certificate of your reborn.

Only after all of this is your baby then taken on an outing to check for any adjustments that may be required (usually nothing is required) and checked for cuddle ability. I belong to a group of elders, some who have had strokes and they love to have cuddles and pass each reborn for approval.

Now your reborn is ready to be packaged and shipped to you. This is done just as carefully as the whole reborn procedure.