



Silicone Reborn Care Guide

A simple guide to handling, cleaning, dressing and caring for your art doll

Please remember

Silicone reborn dolls are collectible works of art. Handle your doll gently, support the head and body when lifting, and avoid pulling or forcing the silicone, hair, mouth or limbs.

Care needs can vary between dolls. Always follow any doll-specific instructions supplied with your baby, particularly where rooting, armatures, an opened mouth or other modifications are present.

Care at a Glance

Handle gently

Support the head and body. Never lift by an arm, leg or the head.

Keep away from heat

Store away from direct sunlight, hot cars and other sources of excessive heat.

Avoid colour transfer

Wash coloured fabrics before use and be cautious with dark or strongly saturated clothing.

Protect rooted hair

Use water sparingly and a soft baby brush. Avoid pulling or harsh brushing.

Use dummies gently

Never force a dummy, bottle teat or other item into the mouth.

Use soft storage

Rest the doll on a soft blanket or baby mattress rather than hard or uneven surfaces.

1. Handling Your Silicone Baby

Your silicone baby is a hand-finished collectible and should be handled gently. With careful handling and appropriate storage, your doll can remain a treasured part of your collection for many years.

- Support the head and body whenever you lift or reposition the doll.
- Do not pick the doll up by the arms, legs or head.

- Never pull, stretch or force the silicone. Take particular care around joints, fingers, toes and wrinkle creases.
- If the doll has armatures or other modifications, reposition the limbs slowly and within their natural range of movement.

Best rule of thumb

Handle your silicone reborn with the same gentle support you would use when carefully holding a real infant, while remembering that it is an art doll rather than a toy.

2. Cleaning the Silicone

From time to time, the silicone may collect lint, dust or small marks. Clean only when needed and avoid unnecessary bathing or scrubbing.

- Use a soft damp cloth with warm water and a small amount of mild liquid soap.
- Gently wipe the silicone. Do not scrub or use abrasive cloths or brushes.
- For cloth-body babies, clean one limb at a time and keep the cloth body dry.
- After cleaning, lay the doll on a low-lint towel to air dry or gently pat the area dry.
- Areas that have lost their powder or matte finish may attract more lint and can be repowdered once fully clean and dry.

3. Powdering the Silicone

If the silicone begins to feel tacky or becomes shiny in areas, a silicone-safe matting powder can help restore a smooth, silky finish.

- Use a silica-based matting powder intended for silicone dolls, such as Just Matte or Silicone Velvet.
- Apply only a very small amount with a clean, soft make-up brush.
- Lightly dab the powder over the required areas until the finish looks even.

Avoid these areas

Do not apply matting powder to the lips, nails or eyelids. These areas are intended to retain their natural sheen.

4. Caring for Rooted Hair & Eyelashes

Rooted hair needs gentle handling. Because silicone heads are solid, rooted hair cannot be glued securely from inside in the same way as hair on some vinyl reborns.

- Never pull, tug or brush rooted hair aggressively.
- For styling, lightly mist the hair with water and use a soft-bristle baby brush.
- If washing is necessary, do so gently and avoid harsh rubbing or scrubbing.
- Use an eyelash wand with a small amount of water to gently reposition rooted eyelashes.

Some hair loss can occur over time

Repeated handling, brushing and friction can gradually loosen rooted hairs. Gentle care will help preserve the rooting for as long as possible.

5. Dummies, Pacifiers & Bottles

Some silicone babies have an opened mouth and can accept a dummy or pacifier. Others may only have a shallow opening intended for posing. Always follow the instructions supplied for your individual doll.

- Insert and remove dummies gently. Never force an item into the mouth.
- Do not use a dummy that is too large for your doll.
- Avoid repeatedly stretching or prying the mouth open, as excessive force can damage the silicone.
- If the bottle teat is larger than the mouth opening, rest it against the mouth for display rather than forcing it inside.
- If a suitable silicone-care lubricant is used, wipe both the mouth area and the dummy clean after use to prevent sticky residue.

Display bottles

If a sealed display bottle is included, it can be filled for role-play or photography. Keep bottles clean and dry them thoroughly between uses to prevent mould or residue build-up.

6. Clothing Your Baby

Colour transfer from clothing and fabrics can stain silicone, so take particular care with new or strongly coloured items.

- Wash coloured clothing, blankets and fabric accessories before using them with your doll.
- Be especially cautious with dark denim, black, navy and other strongly saturated colours.
- Do not dress your doll in clothing that is still warm from the dryer, as heat may increase the risk of fabric dye transferring onto the silicone.
- Move limbs gently when changing clothing. Do not bend or pull them sharply through tight sleeves or openings.

Cloth-body babies

On partial silicone dolls, limbs may be attached in a way that allows movement. Handle these joins gently when dressing to avoid unnecessary strain on the silicone or body connections.

7. Safe Storage

Good storage helps protect both the silicone and the painted finish when your doll is not being displayed or handled.

- Keep the doll away from direct sunlight and excessive heat.
- Avoid leaving the doll for long periods on hard, ridged or uneven surfaces, which may temporarily mark or dent soft silicone.
- A soft blanket, padded basket or baby mattress provides suitable support.
- Keep the doll away from strongly coloured fabrics that may transfer dye.

A final note from Tasha's Art Nook

Every silicone reborn is individually made and may have different features, materials or modifications. If you are ever unsure how to care for a specific feature on your doll, please refer to the individual listing or care information supplied with your baby.

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