



PVC Projects for 18-Inch Dolls

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PVC Pipe Preparation

Tips & Tricks for Creating with PVC Pipe

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A little time spent cleaning up your PVC pipe and fittings before use goes a long way toward a beautiful finished project! Here are some tips & tricks for getting your materials ready for your next project...

No Gum Allowed

Lose any ugly price tags and other stickers on your pipe and fittings by first trying to peel them off. Start at a corner or loose area and nudge your fingernail under the edges, then slowly pull on the label to avoid tearing.

A commercial adhesive remover such as Elmers Sticky-Out or Goo Gone can help remove more stubborn labels and the sticky residue left behind.



Give It a Good Scrub Down

Chances are your pipe is a little grubby after its trip from warehouse to truck to local hardware store. A sponge combined with a little warm water and dishwashing soap or your favorite liquid cleaner will get it cleaned up.

Use a slightly abrasive scrubbing sponge or puff to scrub more stubborn areas.



Some Things Are Better Left Unsaid

Unless you plan to cover your pipes with paint, you may wish to remove the unsightly black printing and bar codes before starting construction.

Steel wool does the trick in most cases ... simply get your pad wet and then rub the printed area until the markings are removed. Stubborn inks may take a bit more elbow grease than others, but most printing will eventually rub off entirely.

If steel wool doesn't work, there are chemical PVC ink removers which may also be used. Just be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions, including working in a well-ventilated area.



Planning to Paint?

If you are planning to spray paint your pipes and fittings, either before or after construction, it is often recommended that you sand all visible areas first to help the paint adhere to the surface.

Start with a small piece of medium grit sandpaper and wrap it around the pipe, rubbing it up and down the length of the pipe to sand the entire surface. In addition to roughing up the pipe, this will also generally remove any printing.

After the entire surface has been sanded, go over it again with a finer grit sandpaper for a smoother finish. Wipe off any dust with a soft cloth before painting.



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