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Royals fan spends two months turning £500 lifelike doll into replica of Prince George



An overjoyed royal baby fan has created a reborn doll that she claims is an exact replica of Prince George.

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Natalie Lawrence, 44, ordered the doll's silicone body from Germany before she spent more than two months painstakingly painting on George's face and sewing on his golden locks with Angora goat hair.

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The former florist from Barrow-Upon-Soar, Leicester, says she doesn't have any children of her own, so decorating replica babies is something she 'really enjoys'.

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Now that her little Prince, worth an estimated £500, is complete, Natalie revels in knitting him replicas of George's real-life clothes - as well as forking out for designer items to match his real-life wardrobe.

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Her ultimate dream would be to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge so she could show them her princely creation.

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Talking about what inspired her to create Prince George, Natalie said: 'Whenever, there's a new royal baby I get really excited. He has such a gorgeous face that I just had to try and make him.'

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When she was ordering the base doll from Germany, she sent off a newspaper cutting featuring a photograph of the young Prince so manufacturers could match his eye colour. She said: 'Prince George has got such unique chocolate brown eyes. I sent them a cutting from the paper so the glassmaker could get them just right.'

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When it came to the hair, Natalie bought four different colours of Angora goat hair to get mimic Prince George's blonde tones. Each hair then had to be inserted into the silicon base separately by a needle.

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'I'm a real perfectionist. All in all it took me four weeks just to get his hair right,' Natalie said. 'And I wanted to get his skin tone just right, which took 27 layers of specialist paint.'

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Natalie bought some of the doll's clothes - such as a Ralph Lauren T-shirt - but she's also had some of his clothes handmade.

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Natalie says she would love to take her mini Prince George out and about, but he's just too precious. 'I'd be devastated if he got damaged, so I just keep him in the house, and sometimes sit out in the garden with him.'

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In the past, Natalie has sold her reborn dolls for hundreds of pounds but this time around she has no intention of letting George go. She concluded: 'From all of the work I'd put in someone would have to pay at least £500 for him. He's so special to me I wouldn't dream of giving him away.'

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Vocabulary

lock: ??(??)

revel in: ???

fork out: ????

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