A fun and smell-good method of dying doll hair

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Prepare Angora Hair (or whatever your choice of hair) by soaking it in hot, soapy water for 1/2 hour to remove the natural oils.

(Just a squirt of dish soap is fine). Rinse.

To make dye:
Mix 1 Tablespoon vinegar and 1 Tablespoon water with 1 Kool-aid packet total

(You can use 1/2 of one packet and 1/2 of another...or 1/4 and 3/4...just so it equals one packet).

Stir until Kool-aid dissolves.

I used the flavors Grape and Berry Blue.
To dye hair:

Put hair in a microwavable container (I used a glass bread pan) and pour dye mixture over hair.

My mix was blue with a bit of purple to tone it down.
Cover with plastic wrap (you don't want dye splatters all over the microwave, right?)

Cook on high for 3 minutes in microwave.

Here's how it looks afterward. Notice the water remaining is **mostly clear**.

I've heard of wrapping the hair right in the plastic wrap, so you could try that too. This method worked great except the 3 minutes result in the water boiling and the hair was all tangled. But, it brushed out easily, as you'll soon see.
Wash again in soapy water, then rinse under tap water.

Let the hair dry on a dish cloth or paper towels. Notice how colorfast it is...the towel stays perfectly white.
Here I've laid out the pieces I plan to use for my doll. The blue ones still need to be brushed out.
I used a toothpick to brush them out, but a little comb would have worked as well.

Let dry and then wig your doll.
Ta-da!

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