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“Celia” that was the name she was given, it just seemed to fit. I knew I wanted to make a girl for my art project but didn’t know exactly how I was going to do it. The first thing I thought of was a strainer. I knew I wanted to use a strainer for her skirt because it twirls when you spin it just like a real one. I wanted to continue with the kitchen theme so, days before I started making “Celia” I would walk into the kitchen and just look around. I would look at all the tools and gadgets that make up a kitchen and would think about how I could use them. I saw the spoons and spatulas sitting out on the counter and started thinking. A whisk for the torso, spatula’s for the arms and hands, forks for the legs, a tea ball for her head, a glazer for her bangs, cups for her feet, and magnets from the fridge for a little frosting. When I started to design her I had to figure out how to make this all stick together. I decided that hot glue, some foam under her skirt, and thin wire would hold her up best.

The construction process went surprisingly smooth. I first made her head and glued on her bangs, and then the eyes and then coiled thick wire for her hair. I then glued on her neck, made from an empty spool covered in wire. I then placed the chunk of foam under her dress and then stuck in the prongs from the whisk. With lots of hot glue she finally stuck together. I then shoved two forks up into the foam for her legs and attached the bottom of two cups for her feet. Finally I added the embellishments. Using thick wire for her ruffles, metal magnets for design, and thick wire to make a bow for her hair she was about done. The only challenge was to get her to stand on her own.

The biggest challenge I faced was making “Celia” proportional enough to stand on her own. She kept falling over because of weight imbalances and not enough stability at her base. I ended up using another magnet on the opposite side of her skirt to balance out the weight and then added extra pieces of foam inside the cups at her feet to make the base more stable. But after all that “Celia” stands 19 inches tall and can stand on her own.