



JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN: SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

We recently received this message from one of our most distinguished readers:

Okay, I'm a little stumped with the Blackmun bobblehead. I have a stand, figure, one hole drilled all the way through, a second hole which is not, a bat, and a screw and washer. What am I doing wrong?

We have had quite a few inquiries of this sort, which suggests that we ought to do something about the confusion. So, here is our reply to our distinguished reader and to all the other Blackmun bobblehead assemblers who could use a little guidance:

Nothing. You have all the right pieces. We probably should have posted some sort of how-to-assemble instructions when we first put this thing out. Here they are.

First, make sure you have all the pieces: the bobblehead, the base, the bat, the screw, and the washer.



Second, make sure you have the necessary tool: a paperclip.



Third, put the washer in the recess on the unpainted (not-green) side of the base, and then insert the screw through the washer and the base, with the head of the screw on the unpainted side of the base and the tip of the screw projecting through on the painted side:



Fourth, align the screw with the hole on the underside of the bobblehead itself (in our experience this is the tricky part) and then tighten the screw – not too tightly or you might strip the threads – with a regular paperclip (if you are one of those high-tech, web-savvy, multi-tasking types, you might try using a screwdriver):



Fifth, make sure the bobblehead is facing toward the wider expanse of base, where the two blue golf tee markers are:



not good

good

Sixth, place the bat (which has a magnet in its handle) under the bobblehead's right elbow (which also has a magnet inside), so that the bobblehead appears to be leaning on the bat:



Finally, there is an optional seventh step: You can display either a baseball or a golf ball and a tee with your Justice Blackmun bobblehead. Between the golf tee markers there is a wide shallow hole, with a narrower and deeper hole in the middle. The idea is that you can rest a baseball in the wide hole, or slip a golf tee into the narrower hole.



How's that?