

Paper Dolls

These days there are some great paper doll kits around, but sometimes it's fun to simply make your own. Draw the shape of a figure on a reasonably sturdy piece of card. Make sure there are places for the clothes to 'hang' from, such as good shoulders, trim waists or even a hand on a hip. Once you're satisfied with the shape, colour it in, giving it a face and hair (and maybe some underwear, or swimming togs!). Then carefully cut out the doll and use it as a template to trace around, creating a whole world of new clothes. The clothes can be anything you like and can be coloured or decorated as you wish. The key is to get them to fit snugly around certain parts of your figure like the shoulders, arms and waists, and to remember to add tabs to each item to fold over the shoulders, wrists or around the waist of your doll when you've cut them out. Once you're done, the clothes can be cut out and your doll can be dressed.

