

Paper Dolls

Paper dolls have been around for as long as there has been paper. The first paper dolls were used for advertising in magazines and newspapers. The Japanese used paper for Origami. They folded paper into figurines the shape of Kimono. Balinese people used paper to make puppets. Early types of paper figures differ from today as no clothes were made to be used with the dolls.

The first manufactured paper doll was “Little Fanny”, produced by S&J Fuller in London in 1810.

Early paper dolls, published in magazines or newspapers, had to be glued onto card, (like a cereal box). This allowed the doll to be played with and last longer. The clothes were cut out from the original paper and used on the doll.

We have tried to represent the original dolls and suggest the doll be glued onto card, such as a cereal box.



Little Fanny