

Robin & Friends

a paper doll that survives being played with

Most printable paper dolls fall apart in an afternoon. The paper is too thin, the pieces are too small, and the clothes never quite fit. This one is drawn to fix all three. Step 3 is the one that matters most.

How to make it

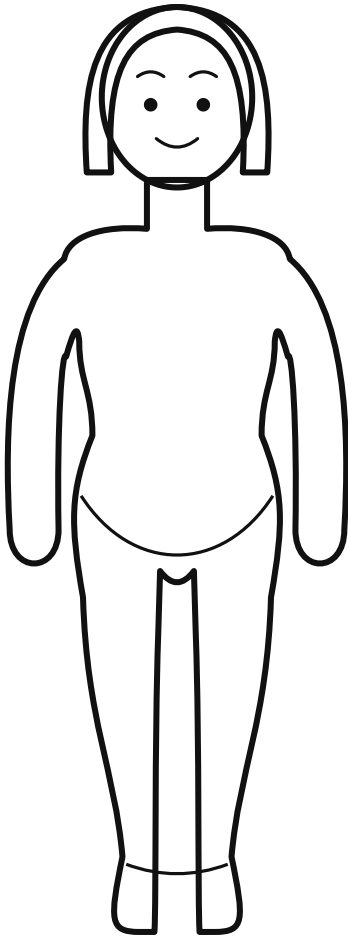
- 1 Colour first, cut second.**
Pencils and crayons beat felt tips here. Felt tip soaks straight through thin paper.
- 2 Cut out both Robins on page 2.**
There are two on purpose. They are mirror images of each other.
- 3 Glue the two Robins back to back.**
Now she is double thickness and looks right from either side. This is the whole trick.
- 4 Cut out the clothes on pages 3, 4 and 5.**
Leave the little tabs attached. The dotted line is where each tab folds.
- 5 Fold the tabs over her shoulders and waist.**
No glue, no tape. Change outfits as often as you like.

Make it last

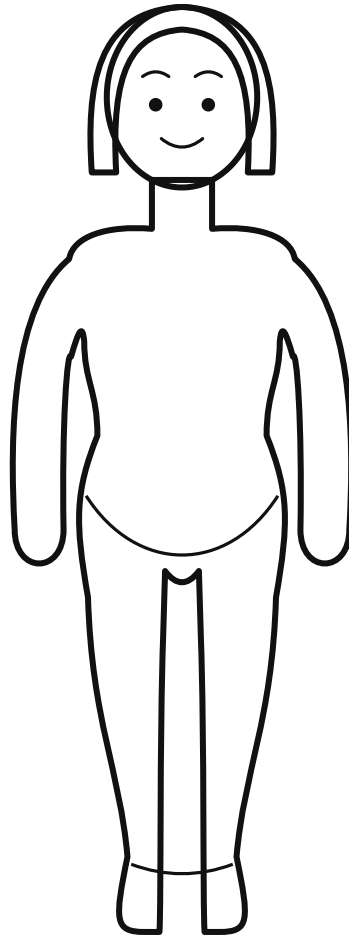
- Print on the thickest paper your printer takes. Card stock is a treat, but plain paper is fine because of step 3.
- Want her to last for years? Glue the finished doll onto a cereal box, then cut round her again.
- For small hands, cut roughly around each piece first, then go round again slowly. Two easy passes beat one hard one.
- Print page 2 twice and she has a friend. Colour the second one completely differently.

PAGE 2 • CUT OUT BOTH • GLUE BACK TO BACK

*They are mirror images. Glued together they make one sturdy, double-sided Robin.
Colour her skin and hair however you like. She is meant to look like whoever you decide.*



ROBIN • FRONT

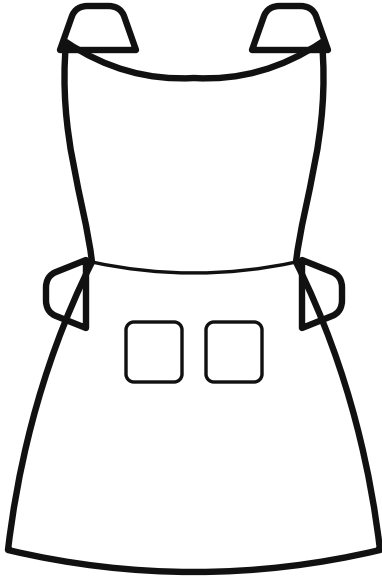


ROBIN • BACK

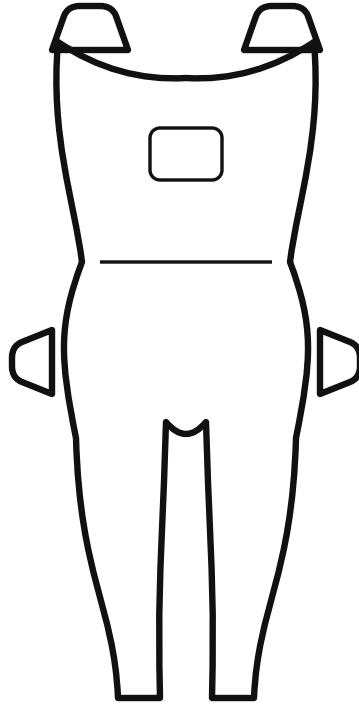
Glue tip: lay them face down, spread glue on one, press the other on top, then flatten under a book for ten minutes. Cut round the pair once more if the edges do not quite line up.

PAGE 3 · EVERYDAY

Cut round the outside. Keep the tabs. Fold on the dotted lines.



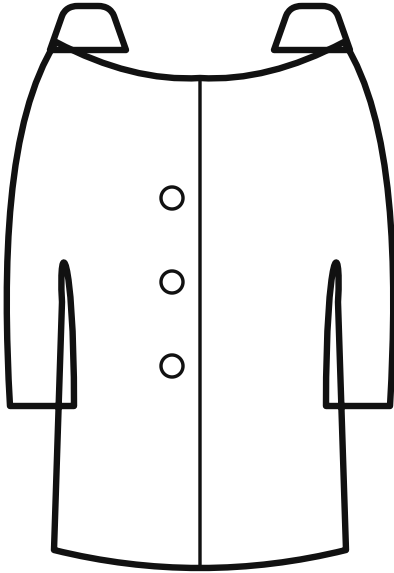
GARDEN DRESS



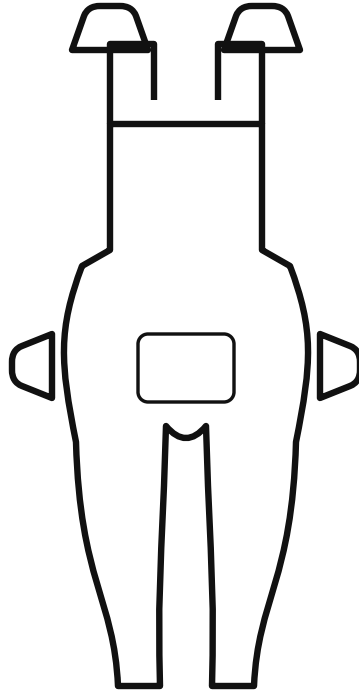
PLAY SUIT

PAGE 4 • OUT AND ABOUT

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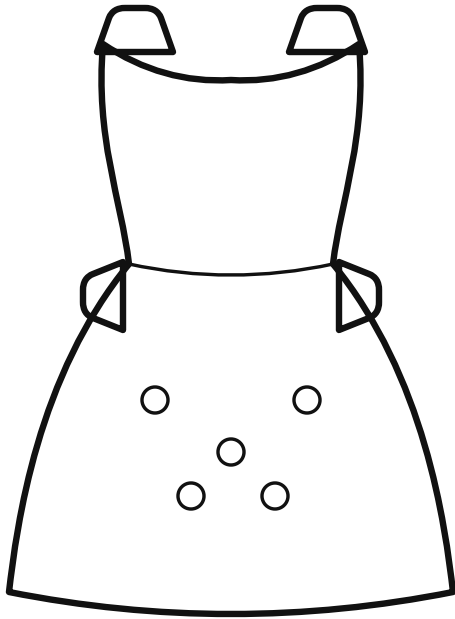
RAINY DAY COAT



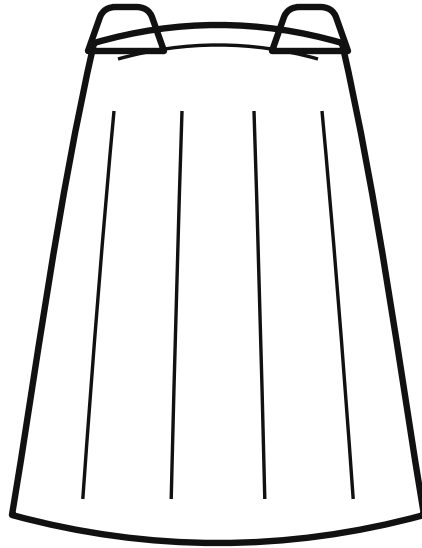
DUNGAREES

PAGE 5 · DRESSING UP

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PARTY DRESS



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