Paper dolls have been around for a long time, and in many different countries. They were most popular in the United States from the 1930s to the 1950s, when the Great Depression and World War Two meant many supplies, like cloth, were in short demand. In this time period paper was still affordable to most, and paper dolls could provide a relaxing break from thinking about the difficult times in the world.

**PAPER DOLLS AT HOME:**
Paper dolls are one of the easiest toys to make! You can make your own using paper doll template, like the one on the next page, or by creating an outline of a person on your own. Once you've created your doll, you can use colored paper or scraps of fabric to cut out clothes for them. You can decorate them any way you want!

When you’re done, create a story or play using your dolls. You can even host a paper doll fashion show for your family!