

Dolls from Around the World!



What are dolls?

A doll is a small figure having the likeness of a human, especially for use as a child's toy.

Who uses them?

Both children and adults. For children, dolls teach them what adults do. A doll can be a friend to a child, someone to talk to and tell your worries to. Some adults will make and sell dolls to tourists to earn an income for their household.

Where do they come from?

The tradition of making and using dolls is universal. People all over the world practice this tradition in their own way.

How are they made?

Dolls are often made to look like the people who use them. Dolls wear clothing typical of traditional dress in that region. The designs and embellishments (decorations) can be simple or elaborate (fancy), often using materials found in the local environment. Can you tell what the climate is like in the region where these dolls come from? What are the clues?

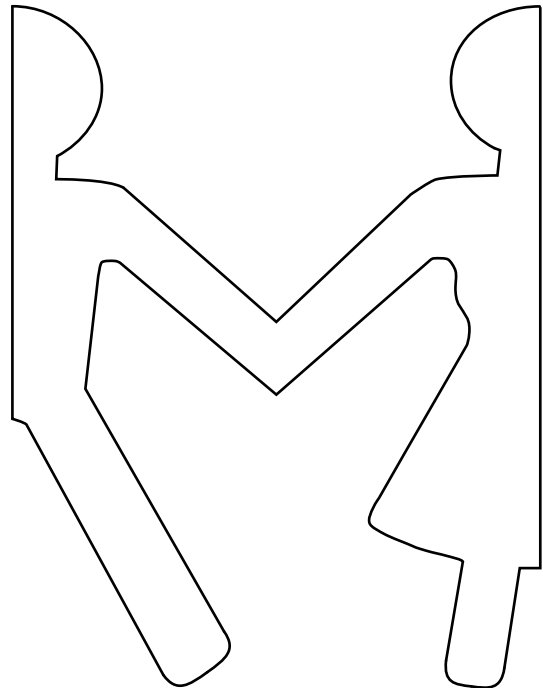
Make your own Paper Dolls from Around the World!

Materials needed:

1. Doll template, printed (on heavy paper if possible) or hand drawn figures
2. Paper strip 4.5" high by 11" long
3. Scissors
4. Pencil, markers or crayons
5. Ruler (optional)

Instructions:

1. Print off the template shown at right on heavy paper if possible, or draw your own figures.
2. Cut out the template.
3. Line up a straight edge of the template with the short edge of your paper and trace around it. Or if you prefer to hand draw your own dolls, skip to step 4, then draw your figures.
4. Accordion fold the paper strip so that the full image of your figures shows. Your folded paper should measure 4.5" high by 2.75" long.
5. Cut the folded paper along the figure and carefully unfold.
6. Decorate as desired. Use the Maxwell Museum doll collection pictures as inspiration to make Dolls from Around the World!



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Dolls from Around the World from Maxwell Museum Ethnology Collection

1	64_37_6	Alaska, US
2	2005_92_2_1	Diné, Southwest, US
3	2011_4_36	Rarámuri (Tarahumara), Mexico
4	2011_4_30_29	Mexico
5	73_30_16_15	Ecuador
6	73_30_17	Bolivia
7	58_5_1	Wallis Island
8	2011_4_15	Seminole, Florida, US
9	2011_4_4	Spain
10	2011_4_17	Portugal
11	2011_4_32	Denmark
12	2011_4_8	Poland
13	2011_4_13_14	Yugoslavia
14	2011_4_23	Greece
15	2011_4_22	Israel
16	88_65_6	Bantu: Zulu (Amazulu), Southern Africa
17	2011_4_2	Russia
18	2011_4_20	China
19	2011_4_40	Hong Kong

Dolls from Around the World Resources

Worry Dolls

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6RDfQa_Mo4

Silly Billy by Anthony Brown worry doll story

<https://www.amblecote.dudley.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Worry-Doll-Instructions.pdf>

https://wales.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2017-03/Download_A4%20Activity%20Pack%203%20-%20Worry%20Doll_0.pdf

Make your own worry doll instructions

Paper Dolls

<https://www.education.com/slideshow/exploring-cultures-paper-dolls-world/>

<http://www.activity-sheets.com/cutout/world-children/>

Instructions to make paper dolls from around the world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiLNxuljkk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbD0UT9HaPw>

Video tutorial to make paper dolls

Native American Dolls

https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/SiYC_Dolls.pdf

Lesson Plan from the National Museum of the American Indian on Native American Dolls



Lulu with her worry doll friends from Guatemala