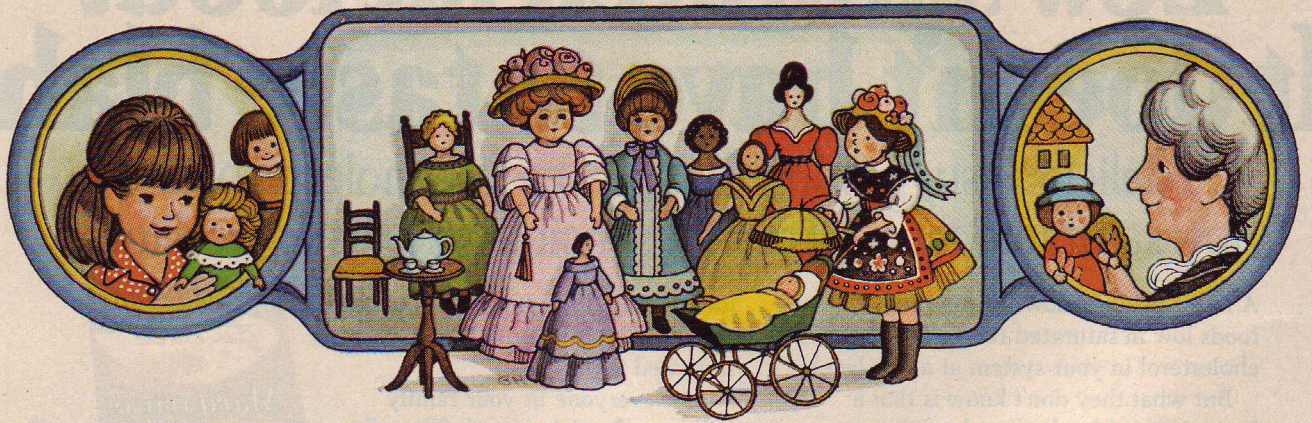
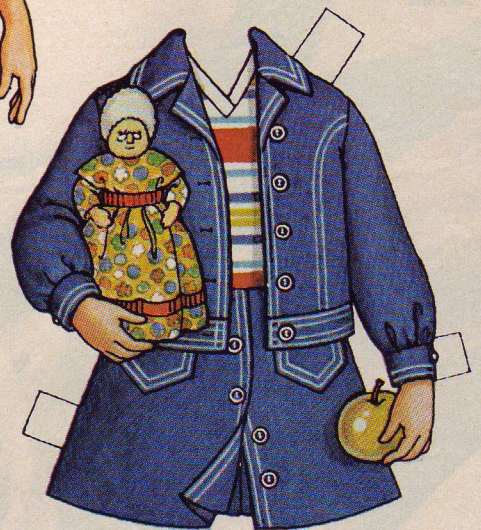


# BETSY McCALL MAKES AN APPLE DOLL



Guess what! My grandma is famous! She had her picture in our newspaper, and last week she was on television—all because of her doll collection. What kind of dolls? Well, antique dolls, in the *greatest* costumes: dolls of all nations, and especially folk dolls. (She calls them that because they were not made by doll factories, but by *people*, in the same way that folk dances and folk music are.) There are dolls made of corn husks, wool, wood, rags, clothespins, yes, and even FRUIT! Honestly, *apples!* You wouldn't believe they were apples, to look at them. You'd guess wood, or even leather, and they look like little wrinkled human faces, no two alike. They're the easiest things to make. I really think that the hardest part is waiting for them to dry,

because you get so impatient to see what they'll be like. And the nicest part of all is dressing the doll. Grandma made an old-fashioned-looking gown of flowered-cotton material—long skirt trimmed with blue ribbon, and a sash of the ribbon. She made a pair of picture-wire eyeglasses, and, just for fun, she gave the doll the teeniest little key to carry. I wouldn't call it a doll to *play* with, really, but Grandma says that children used to play with these homemade dolls because they had no others, and that in some parts of the country, they probably still do. I'm going to give my doll to Mommy as a Mother's Day present. You could make one for your mother, too. Why don't you! She'd *love* it! Right now, turn to page 181 for the directions.



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