

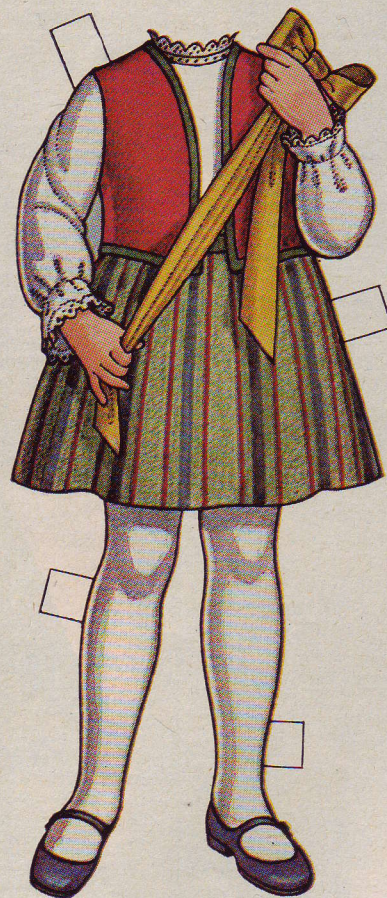
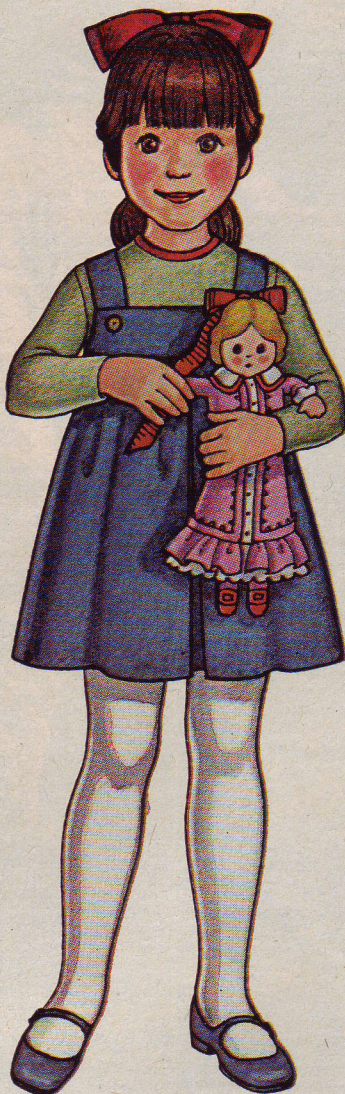
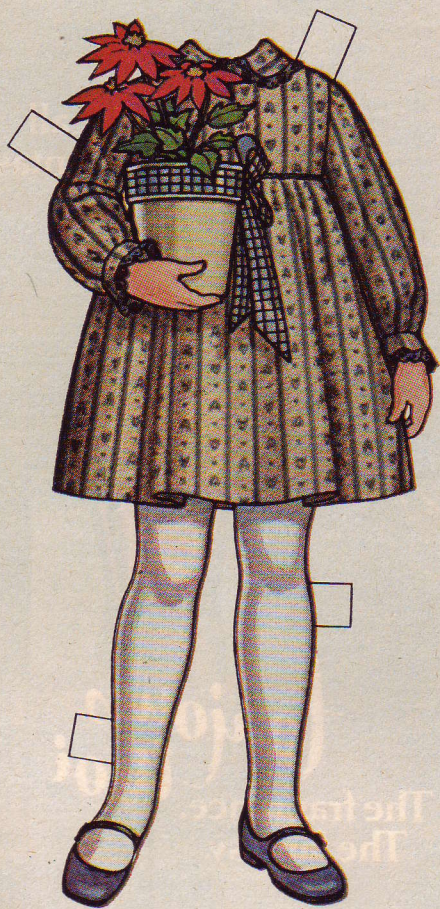


Setting up the Christmas decorations has always been fun, but *this* year Mommy decided that each of us should try and "put something of ourselves" into the holiday. "We're a family of collectors," Daddy said, "so why don't we bring all our collections into the living room for Christmas and share them with everyone?" That sounded like a *great* idea! Soon Kerry's electric trains were whizzing around the Christmas tree, while Merry's doll family sat smiling quietly nearby. Mommy brought in all of her potted plants and placed them on the windowsills, the coffee table and the floor. Daddy brought out

his stamp collection, and we were amazed at how colorful and—well, *Christmasy* it looked! Then Daddy asked, "Why, Betsy, where's *your* collection?" "I don't know what to bring," I admitted—I wanted to do something

different—and suddenly I had an idea. "Be right back!" I called. I came downstairs again—looking *very* mysterious—holding a covered box. Then I pulled off the cover for everyone to see. "Your hair ribbons!" Merry cried. "What a wonderful idea!" And quicker than you can say "Merry Christmas," everybody was tying ribbons and bows onto the branches of the tree, in the dolls' hair, around flowerpots. And instead of tacking up the stockings, Daddy attached them to the mantel with ribbons. Everyone loved "decorating the decorations"—and agreed that this was our prettiest Christmas ever!

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