

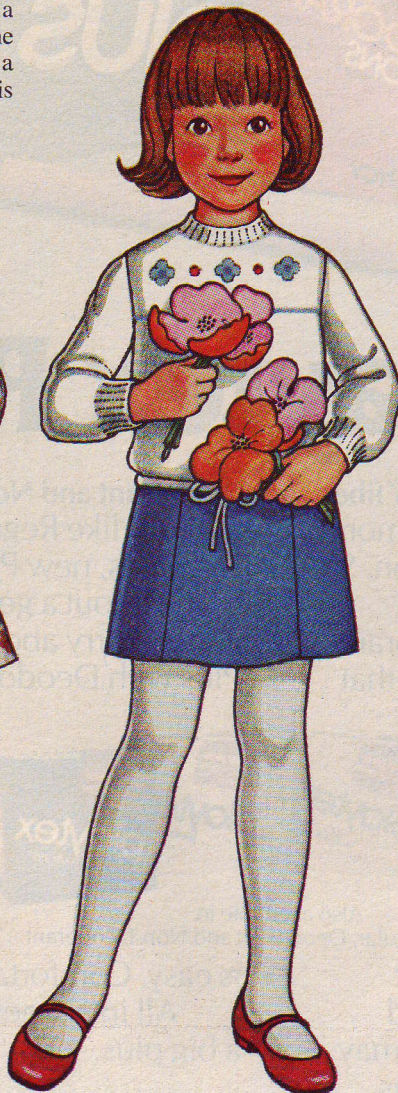
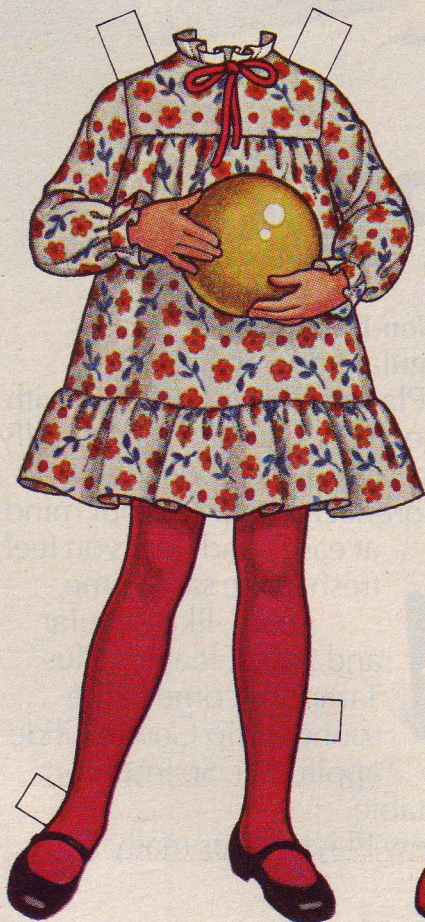


For my birthday, Mommy and Daddy took Sukie, Dru, Merry, Kerry and me to see a magic show! With two taps of a wand (and AB-RA-CA-DAB-RA) a magician made some *amazing* things happen. A red scarf turned blue, one small ball appeared, grew larger and—POOF!—disappeared again. For the best trick of all, he asked everyone to think about bunnies. Sure enough, he pulled a plump white one from his black top hat. Suddenly two, three, four bunnies popped out, and he cried, “Okay! You can stop thinking about bunnies now!” We clapped and giggled while he took a deep bow. At home Mommy gave me my own book of tricks, and now I’m a magician, too! Why don’t *you* try this

trick? I took two paper cups of different sizes and put the smaller inside the larger and taped it tightly to one side.

I filled a third cup with water. Then it was SHOW TIME! Merry and Kerry sat on the floor in front of my magician’s table. “May I borrow your bow, young lady?” I asked Merry. She handed me the bow, and I tucked it into the bottom of the big cup next to the little one. Carefully, I poured water into the little cup hidden inside the larger one. Merry gasped, “My bow, you’ve ruined it.” But with a few magic words I pulled it out—perfectly dry! Then I poured the water out into the other cup again to prove that it was still there. Merry and Kerry were amazed, and neither of them could guess my trick. Except for telling you, I’m keeping it under my hat—my black top hat, that is!

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