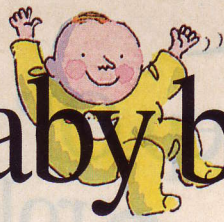
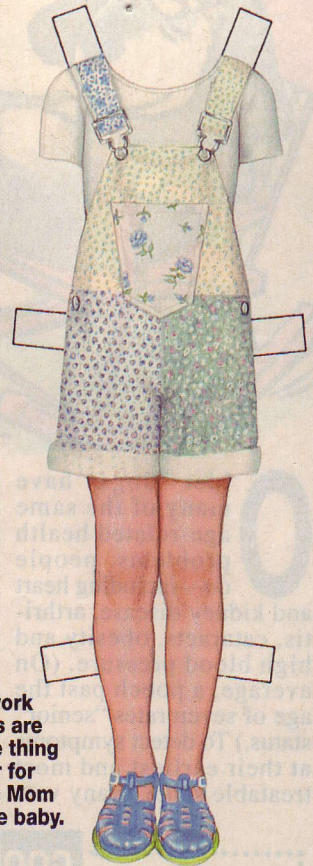
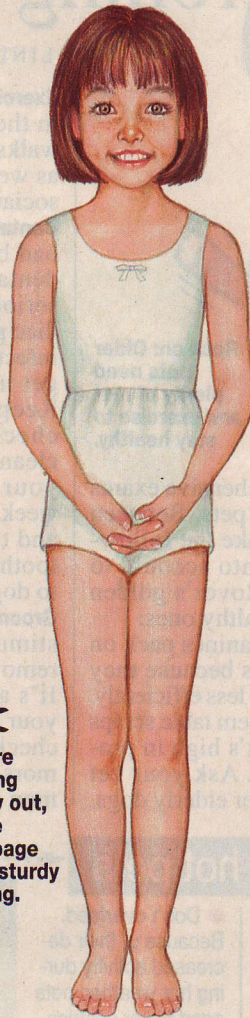


Betsy gets a baby brother



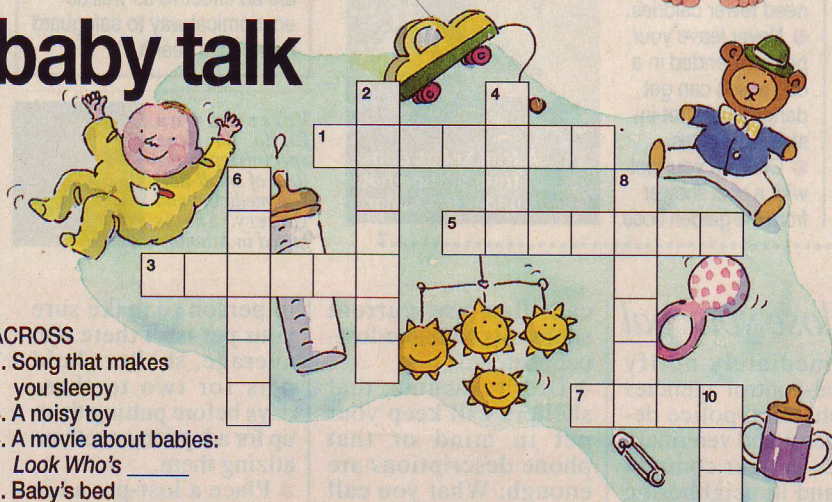
Meeting a new baby brother for the first time calls for flowers—on Betsy's dress and hat.

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Before cutting Betsy out, paste this page onto sturdy oaktag.



Patchwork overalls are just the thing to wear for helping Mom with the baby.

baby talk



ACROSS

- 1. Song that makes you sleepy
- 3. A noisy toy
- 5. A movie about babies: *Look Who's _____*
- 7. Baby's bed
- 9. What babies do most of the day

DOWN

- 2. Baby's bedroom
- 4. First word, if dads have their way
- 6. Baby drinks from a _____
- 8. Your nose knows when this needs changing
- 10. A soft color named after wee ones: baby _____

You know how sometimes you wish for something and then when it happens, you're not sure if you want it anymore? Well, that's how it was when I found out my mom was going to have a baby.

The bigger Mom's belly got, the more everyone asked about the baby and when it was due. I was excited too, but I wished someone would ask me about me! I didn't always feel like that, though. I loved to go into the nursery and line up all the stuffed animals, or read the book of baby names and write down my favorites.

When it's time for a baby to come, mothers go into labor, and that's what happened to my mom Saturday morning. Later, that night, my dad called from the hospital to say that I had a baby brother named Nicholas.

What's the first thing you say to someone you'll know forever? I just said, "Hi, I'm glad you're in our family!" When I touched his hand, he squeezed my finger like he never wanted to let go. That's when I knew I couldn't wait for him to come home. ■