

## 30 Paper Dolls

- recycled cereal box
- red water-soluble marker
- flat brush
- gesso
- water-soluble crayon, an appropriate skin color
- water-soluble crayon, brown, black, gray, orange, or yellow for hair
- damp rag or paper towel
- pencil
- fixative
- scissors

*"What did you do as a child that made the hours pass like minutes? Here is the key to your earthly pursuits."*

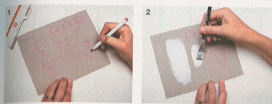
—Carl Jung

IT'S FUN TO PLAY WITH PAPER DOLLS! (It's even more fun to see grown men play with paper dolls, which happened in our household recently.) Indulge your inner child by creating a personalized set of paper dolls, complete with pets.



*This set of paper dolls was created for a gallery show in early 2009. Not all gallery art needs to be "serious!"*

## Instructions



1. Cut down your cereal boxes so that you are working with only flat pieces. (You can throw away the folded portions.) With your water-soluble marker, block in your figures. Since these lines will be mostly obscured, there is no need to be fussy with detailing at this step.

2. With your flat brush, paint a layer of gesso over the drawings. Try to get it as smooth as possible. Notice that the marker will show up through the gesso so you can still see your drawings. Let dry.



3. Color the face, arms, and legs with your choice of skin-colored water-soluble crayon.



4. Rub smooth with a slightly wet paper towel or rag.



5. Draw the hair with your crayons, using a paintbrush to soften if desired. Outline the entire figure in pencil.



6. If desired, add pastel cheeks with the end of your pinkie finger. Spray with fixative. Cut out your figures, and create stands for them by cutting a circle shape in half and cutting 1/2" (1.3 cm) slits in the stand and the figure.

7. Play!