

EASY PAPER TOWEL TUBE FIGURES OF LAURA, PA, MA, MARY, CARRIE, AND GRACE INGALLS



LAURA

MARY

PA

MA

CARRIE

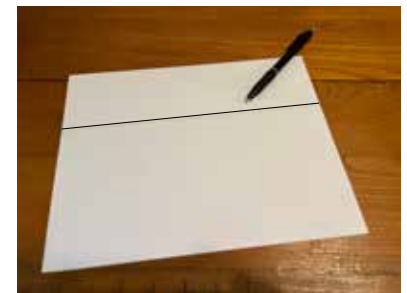
GRACE

Basic supplies for six characters:

- Three paper towel tubes cut in half
- 6 pieces of plain white printer paper
- tape
- beige crayon
- pink marker (for lips)
- blue, gray, and brown markers for eyes; black or dark brown for mustache

Instructions for body for each character:

1. Measure the height of a paper towel tube that has been cut in half. It will be approximately 5 1/2 inches. Measure that distance from a long edge of a piece of white printer paper. Draw a line across the paper, as seen in Diagram A.
2. Draw a line 6 1/2 inches from one of the short edges of this same piece of paper, cut along that line, and discard smaller piece of paper. See Diagram B.
3. Use the beige-colored crayon to color an area about 3 inches wide and 1 1/2 inches tall, as seen in Diagram C. This will become the face. Cut along the line and discard the smaller piece.
4. Wrap the white paper around the tube and fasten with tape on the back of the figure.
5. Repeat for all six figures.



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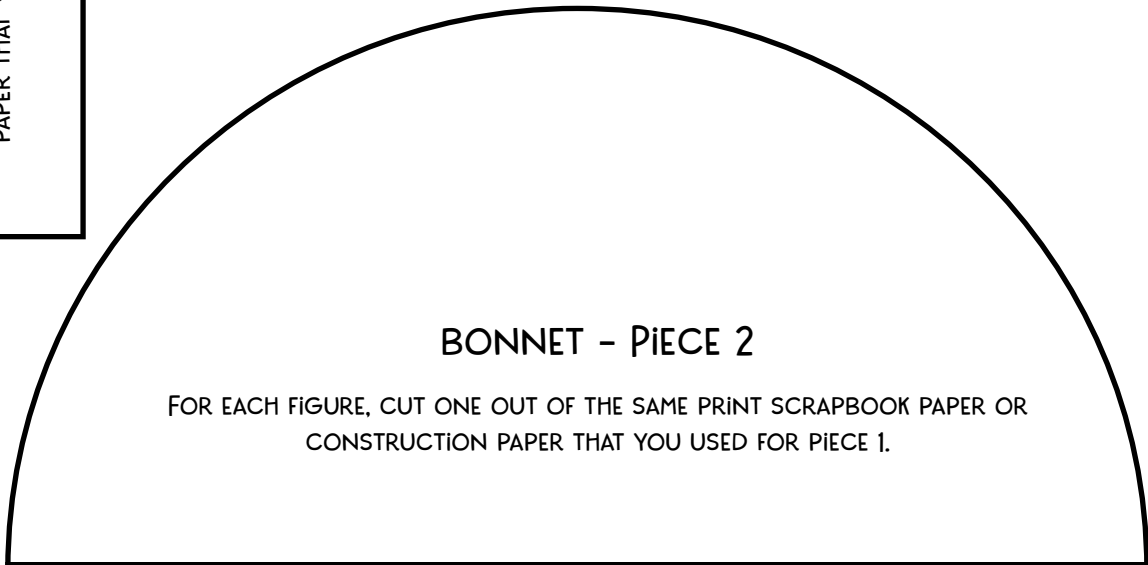
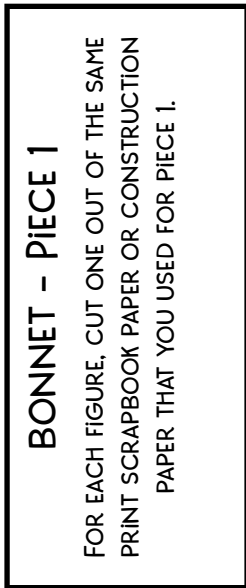
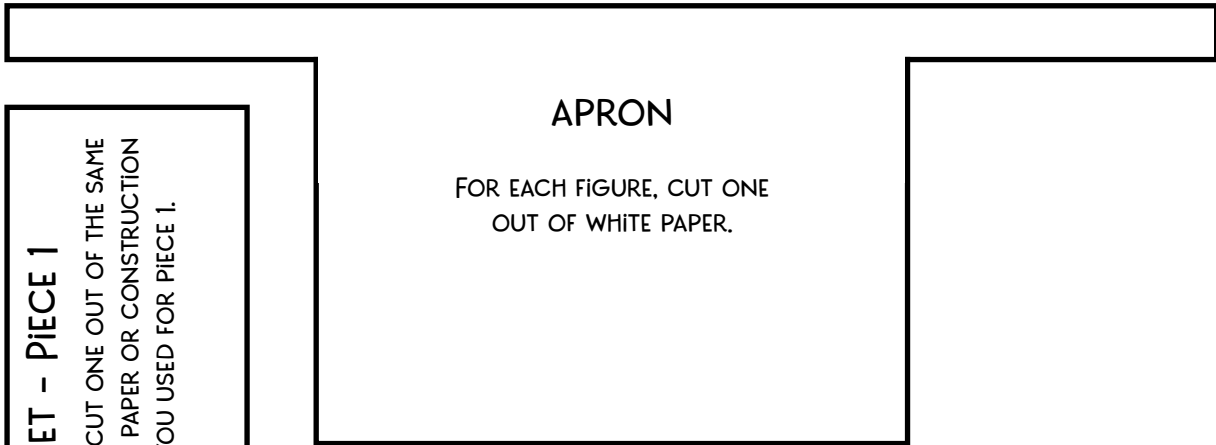
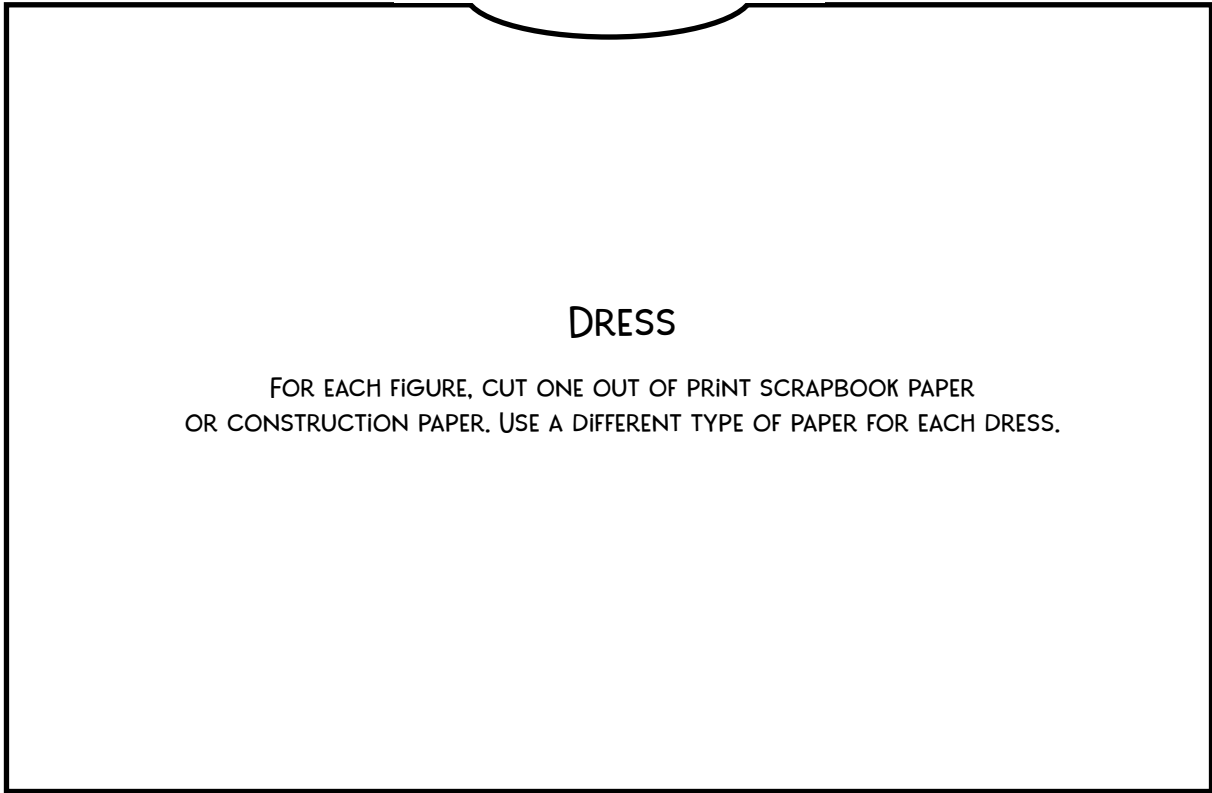
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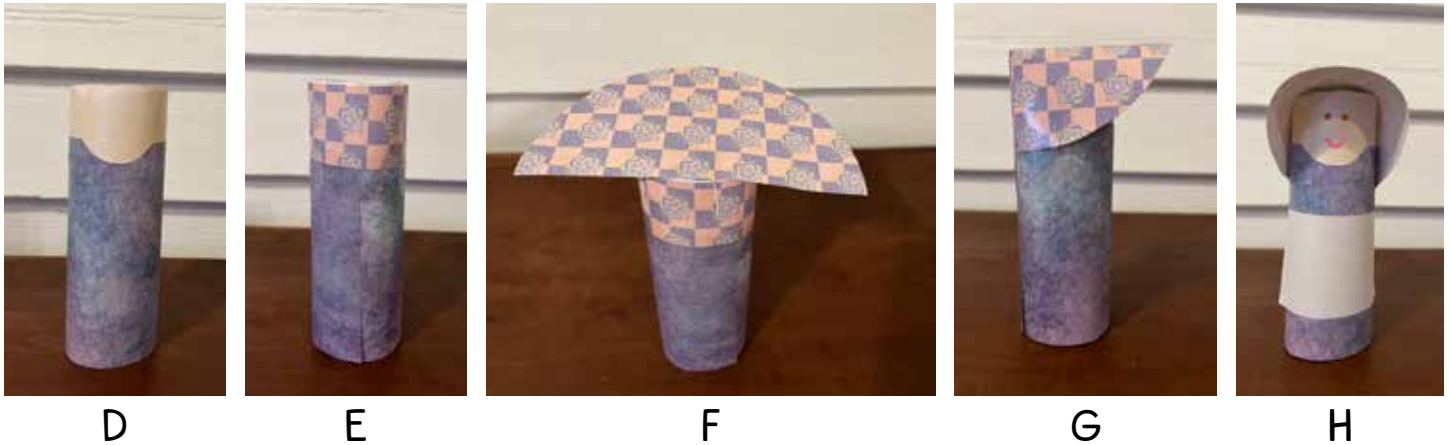
See pages 2-5 for patterns and instructions for dressing the figures.

PATTERNS FOR MA, LAURA, MARY, CARRIE, & GRACE INGALLS FIGURES



Additional supplies to make Ma and her four daughters:

- patterned scrapbook or wrapping paper for dresses and bonnets (or pieces of various colors of construction paper; I used vintage designs from Paper Pizzazz™). You can mix and match different patterns for different dolls; I used the same paper for Mary's bonnet and Grace's dress, for instance.
- plain white paper for aprons
- golden and brown yarn for braids for Laura, Mary, Carrie, and Grace
- short pieces of various colors of ribbon or yarn to tie at the ends of the girls' braids



Instructions for Ma and her four daughters:

1. Use various papers to cut the dresses and bonnets.
2. Cut aprons from white paper.
3. Line up bottom of dress at bottom of tube. Wrap dress around doll, placing neckline over the beige-colored area. Fasten with tape on back of figure. See Diagram D.
4. Tape rectangle bonnet piece to the back of the head. See Diagram E.
5. Center the straight side of the curved bonnet piece on the top of the tube on the side opposite of the face. Fasten with tape. See Diagram F.
6. Pull one side of the straight edge down and tape to the dress on the left side; repeat on the right side. See Diagram G.
7. Wrap apron around the dress, placing the top edge at the waist. Fasten with tape. See Diagram H.
8. Use markers to draw lips and eyes: brown for Laura, gray for Ma, blue for Grace and Mary, and color of your choice for Carrie. We don't know her eye color. See Diagram H.
9. Cut yarn into 9-inch pieces. You will need three pieces for each braid. Use brown for Laura and golden for Mary. I'm not sure what color Carrie and Grace's hair was. I made one golden and one brown.
10. Line up 3 pieces of yarn side by side. Pick up all the pieces and tie together in the center. Have someone hold one end while you braid one of the braids. Switch sides and braid the other side. Tie yarn or ribbon at ends of the braids, as seen in Diagram I. Lay the braid between the top of the face and the bonnet, as seen in picture of Laura figure.



LAURA



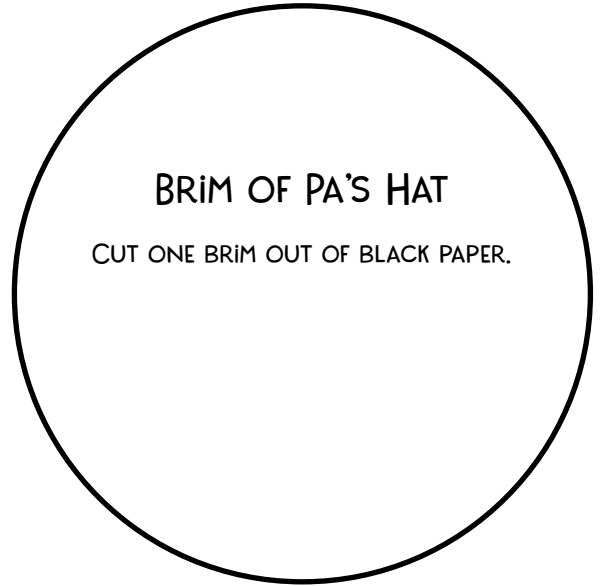
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PATTERNS FOR PA INGALLS FIGURE

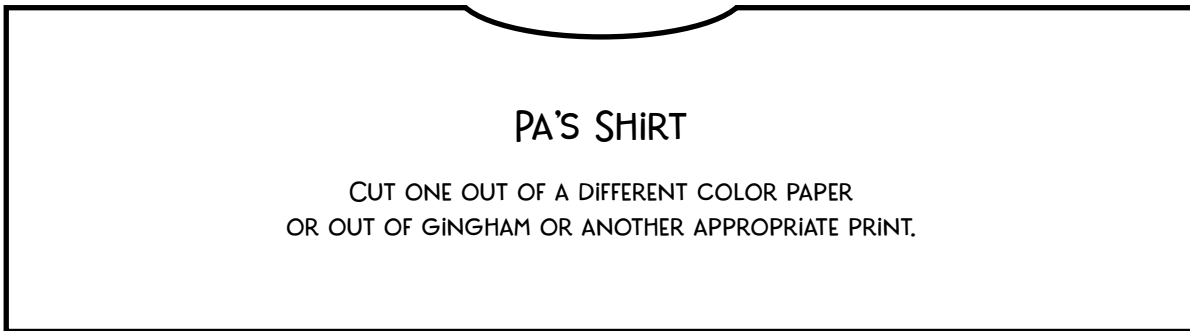
PA'S SUSPENDERS
CUT TWO OUT OF BROWN PAPER.



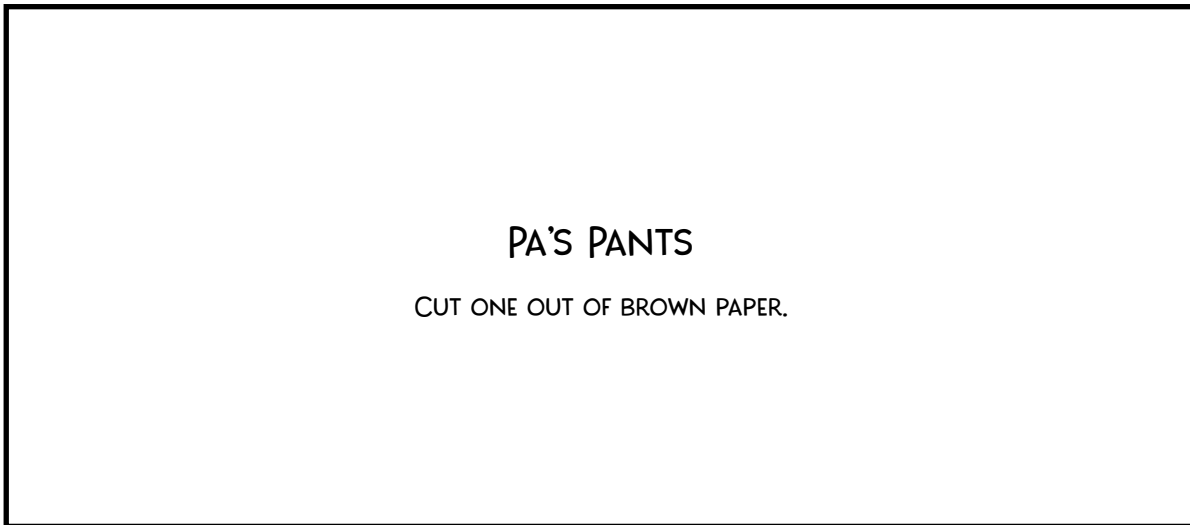
BRIM OF PA'S HAT
CUT ONE BRIM OUT OF BLACK PAPER.



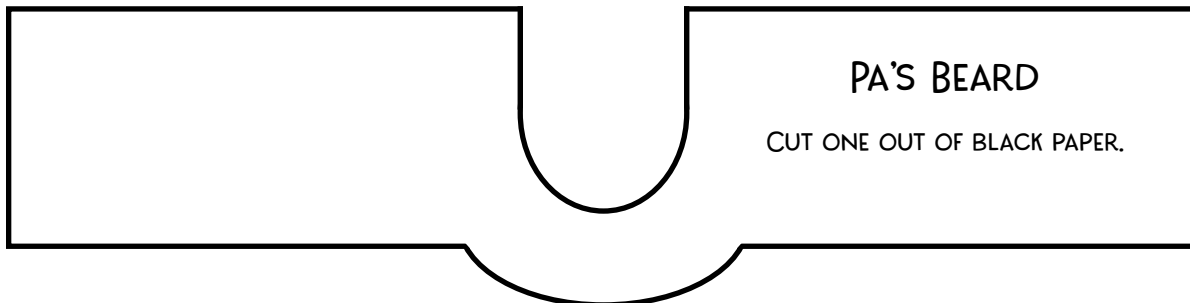
PA'S SHIRT
CUT ONE OUT OF A DIFFERENT COLOR PAPER
OR OUT OF GINGHAM OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE PRINT.



PA'S PANTS
CUT ONE OUT OF BROWN PAPER.



PA'S BEARD
CUT ONE OUT OF BLACK PAPER.





Additional supplies to make Pa:

- black construction paper for hat
- bottle lid approximately 1 1/2 in. across for hat
- dark brown construction paper for beard (I used black but dark brown would be more authentic.)
- brown construction paper for pants and suspenders
- patterned scrapbook paper for shirt (or a different color of construction paper)

Instructions for Pa:

1. Use patterned paper or a different color construction paper to cut shirt from shirt pattern.
2. Cut the beard from dark brown or black construction paper.
3. Use brown construction paper to cut the pants and suspenders from pants and suspenders pattern.
4. Use black construction paper to cut the hat brim.
5. To make the crown of hat, trace the top of your bottle lid onto black paper and cut out. Measure the height of your bottle lid and cut a strip that is wide enough and long enough to go around the brim. See Diagram J.
6. Wrap shirt around the figure so that the shirt neckline is below the face. Fasten with tape.
7. Wrap pants around the figure as seen in picture of the Pa figure. Fasten with tape. Use brown marker to draw stitching details, as seen in picture.
8. Slip suspender pieces into waist. Fasten with tape at the top (beard will cover tape).
9. Wrap beard piece around figure and fasten with tape.
10. Draw the face using pink marker for lips and blue marker for eyes and black or dark brown marker for the mustache.
11. Tape the hat brim to the top of the figure.
12. Roll tape to fasten black circle of hat crown to the top of the bottle lid. Wrap black strip around the bottle lid. Fasten with tape. Fasten crown to center of hat brim. See Diagram K.



J



K