

Wish Dolls

Originally shared by us for the Get Creative celebration in May 2020, this family activity will show you how to make Wish Dolls!

You can create a paper chain of people, decorate them and write your wishes on the back - maybe all the things you'd like to do in the future, or even use it to write a note to someone.

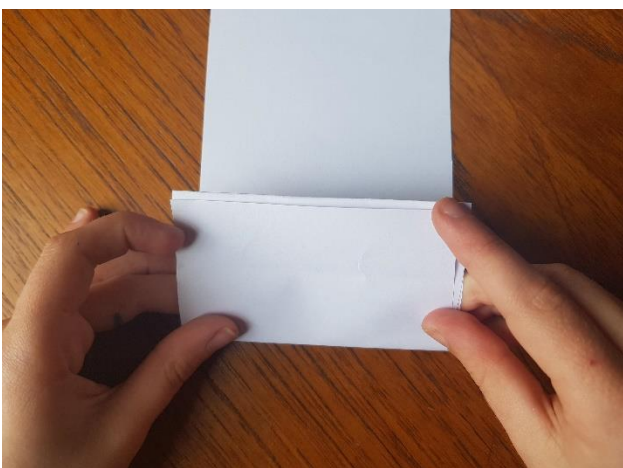
You can keep them like a tiny time-capsule, or send them in the post to a special person.

Look through the photos below for more detailed instructions. Don't forget you can get lots of ideas on our facebook group [NCCD Family and Community](#), you can share your creations with us across all our social media pages, or by tagging us on Facebook [@The National Centre for Craft & Design](#).

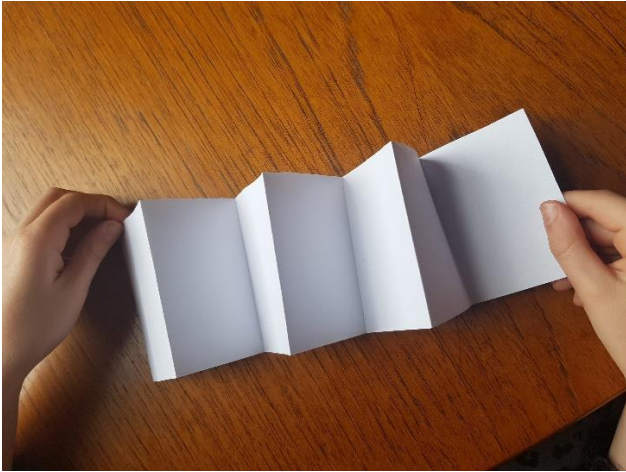


- 1) You need to start with a long strip of paper. Ours was 8cm wide, for the full length of an A3 paper

Cut your long strip of paper carefully, so it is the same width all the way along (you might need an adult to do this).



- 2) Fold the paper back and forth, to create a 'concertina'



3) You can unfold your paper, to check it is folded correctly and looks like this. This will make sure all the people are holding hands.



4) If you have an extra bit at the end, you can trim it off carefully.



5) Fold your strip back up and draw your person. You need to make sure their arms go right to the edge of the paper, so that they will be holding hands. We also tried another design, with a dress going to the edge of the paper.

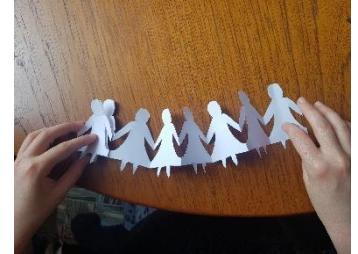


6) Cut your people out carefully (perhaps with an adult helping you - as it is stiff cutting through all those layers). You need to make sure you leave the folded paper at the edge of the arms and anywhere else you want your people to be touching.



- 7) This is the exciting bit! Unfold your people to see how they look, and check they are all holding hands! If they aren't, you can always stick the broken ones together.

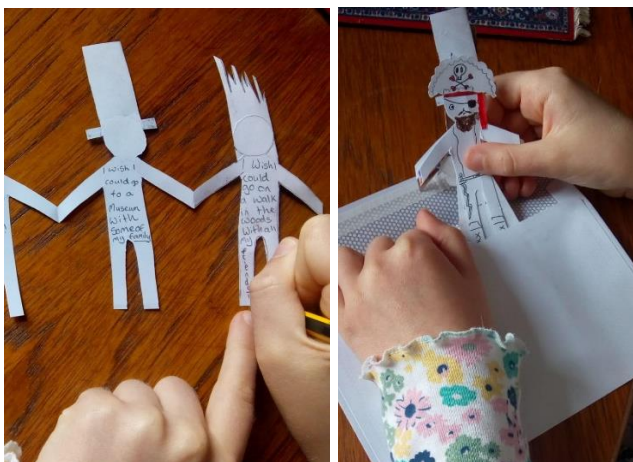
This is the version with the arms and dresses touching.



- 8) You can now decorate your people - they can be anything you like!



- 9) You can add colour, pattern, collage materials to create characters, and even add funny faces!



- 10) Turn your people over to make your wishes!

Keep them in an envelope, for the future, or to send to someone special!