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This pair of early pantins represent Pierrot & Colombine. The sheet was printed in France by the Pellerin family at the Imagerie D' Epinal print works.

Below: Raphael Tuck & Sons, the British company, also produced die-cuts for creating articulated paper dolls.

# Let's Make It Move! Creating a Pantin This Summer

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Movement has always added to the pleasure of playing with dolls and paper dolls. Long ago people began to create jointed paper figures that could move. They were called "pantins." Pantins were jointed, and the arms and legs were joined with a piece of string that, when pulled, created many amusing poses. The first pantins were created for grown-ups, but eventually they became favorite playthings for children. People carried small pantins with them wherever they went and entertained friends with their tricks.

The earliest pantins were made before 1800. They were named for the community in the suburbs of Paris where the figures originated. These pantins usually represented either royal figures or famous performers.

By 1800 pantins were being made in France and England for children to enjoy as well as adults. Since then many different kinds of articulated paper dolls have been designed. Some of the most beautiful have been printed in Germany and are precut and embossed. In America during the 20<sup>th</sup> century these articulated dolls have appeared in many magazines and the Dennison Company offered many sets with articulated dolls and materials to create the dolls' wardrobes.



Probably also printed by Littauer & Bauer, this colorful American Indian has already been assembled and is dressed in leather.

You can create your own pantin or articulated doll with the parts printed on the last page. First, look at the various examples here, and this will help you to create your very own pantin.

To get you started "Jazzy Josie," a flapper-style doll, with her pieces, is included. You can mount the page on lightweight cardboard and then cut the pieces out. (If you want to make more than one doll or do not want to remove this page the doll with its parts is available for printing online in the latest online issue of the magazine.)

Assembly is easy. Go to your craft store and buy small grommets, pierce small holes where shown, insert the grommets, and your doll is ready to move. Then for more fun why not create extra dresses for her? Or at least make her some accessories. Accessories like a feather boa can be added. They can be made of various materials not just paper.

Have fun!



This girl, patented Aug. 24, 1880, was made by the Dennison Manufacturing Company. She has an elaborate, extra crepe paper dress. Dennison articulated paper dolls were assembled at the factory. They were designed to encourage girls to make wardrobes for their dolls out of Dennison crepe paper and other Dennison materials.



These pieces are for making pantins or articulated paper dolls. The prince and the maiden with doves #31113 was produced by Littauer & Bauer in Germany. The sheets are die-cut (stamped out) and joined with paper tabs sometimes called "ladders."



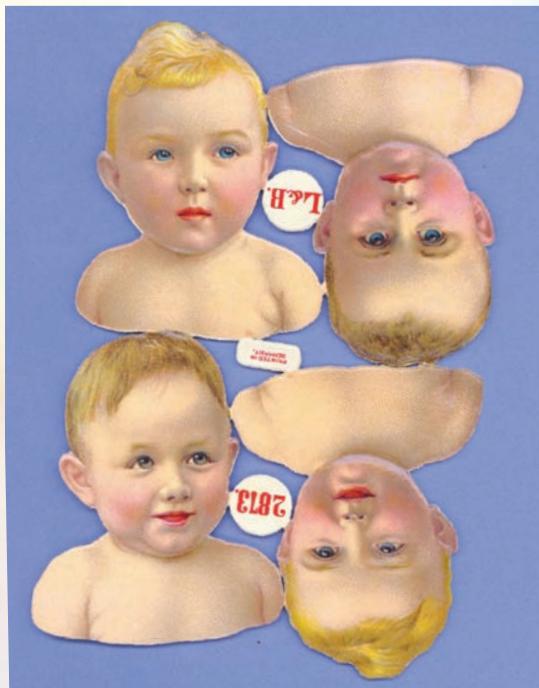
Scrap babies – happy and sad –with bonnets came in several sizes.



These babies are dressed in crepe paper and lace.



In the 19th century Littauer & Bauer produced the parts for these black babies that were designed to be made into articulated paper dolls as you see here.



Littauer & Bauer produced this variety die-cut of babies #2873. They are still joined by their tabs. A separate sheet would have held their arms and legs. They were printed in Germany.



Littauer & Bauer also created ballerinas after famous performers of the era.



Raphael Tuck's polar bear, measuring 13 inches, is an articulated valentine.



This pair of skiers is marked "L & B 31127."



The die-cut scrap nurses with their babies offer a chance for creativity.



These three Dennison Company paper dolls with clothes are part of a boxed set that probably dates from the 1920s. In addition to many small rolls of colorful crepe paper the box contained many materials for decorating the outfits such as crepe paper fringe, lace, gold stars, and colored dots.



Back of this pantin shows how to attach the strings to give movement to the arms and the legs.  
Raphael Tuck & Sons created many pantins. Some were inspired from the comics like "Little Nemo". "Little Nemo" measures 13 inches. Often these large pantins were valentines.



The "Baby Jane" paper doll book contains the pieces for assembling an articulated paper doll and costumes to cut out and color. This unusual book is copyright Gertrude Breed 1927.

Here you see "Baby Jane" is waiting to be assembled.

# Jazzy Josie

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Enjoy making "Jazzy Josie". She was created by  
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Pictured are the  
grommets you will  
need to assemble  
your pantins.

