DAVID PARR JUMPING JACK

David Parr was a Victorian artist and after a hard day's work would paint the interiors of his home with beautiful patterns in the style of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Paper Jumping Jack Dolls were a popular favourite with Victorians as they were very easy to make and lots of fun when the string was pulled to make the character jump up and down. Dandies, dancers, princesses and even animals were turned into jumping dolls.

Now David Parr can take a place in your home and bring you lots of fun and laughter. If you enjoy making this doll of David then why not make Mary Jane, his wife to keep him company?

Begin by sticking the template onto some card, a cereal box is perfect. Carefully cut out all the pieces and pierce the holes for the paper fasteners and strong thread. A push pin is ideal for starting the holes off but be sure to place the pieces onto something soft to make it easier. If you don't have thread you can use dental floss as it is strong but not too thick to pass through the smaller holes. The holes requiring the fasteners can be made bigger with the point of a pencil using a twisting motion. The bigger the holes, the more movement your doll will have. Read on for more tips to help you make your doll.
If you don’t have coffee stirrers or bamboo BBQ skewers then cut around this section. Fold in half and glue together. Next glue the string arm and leg sections to it for strength.

Paper fasteners can be bought from your local hobby shop. To make holes a bradawl is good but a knitting needle or pencil will help too. A cotton reel comes in handy when making the holes bigger. With your card on the cotton reel pierce a hole. Be careful with the smaller holes. A pushpin can make a hole too but get things started. If you don’t have a cotton reel, use a padded surface. Use a pencil to make the holes for the paper fasteners bigger. The joints should be able to swing freely but not so big that the paper fastener falls out! Do not make the other holes smaller.

If you cannot get paper fasteners, string will work just as well. If you place a sharp object where you need a knot, tie the string around it and your knot will fall where you place the point.

1. Make knots on the front and the rear of the joints. Use a longer length of string than you need to make it easier to tie the knots. Victorian Jumping Jack dolls used string in this fashion.
2. Now the upper and lower leg sections have been attached. Carefully tie string through the smaller holes as below. This is where dental floss or strong thread may be of use.
3. Repeat with the arm sections and now use paper fasteners to attach the limbs to the main body of the doll. String can used if you do not have paper fasteners just like the original dolls.
4. The limbs must be in an at rest position. Glue the strings to the stick or strip. Finally, attach a loop of string to the head. Hold the loop, pull down gently but firmly and enjoy your paper doll!
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