

Fashion & Costume Design In Quarter Scale



Basic Mini-Mes

The Mini-Mes in this book were made from poster board and tape. The patterns for these Mini-Mes start on page 74. The instructions for creating the Mini-Mes begin here.

The First Step

The patterns for Mini-Mes have some very detailed shapes. The easiest way to apply these patterns to poster board is to print the patterns using self-adhesive paper, then attach the paper to poster board. These patterns can be printed directly by placing the book onto a copy machine, the patterns are also available as free ready-to-print patterns in PDF format on the website Fashion-Design-in-Quarter-Scale.com.

Working with Self-Adhesive Paper

When working with full sheets of self-adhesive paper, peel off a corner of the backing before positioning the pattern on the poster board. Gradually peel off the rest of the backing while smoothing the pattern onto the poster board.

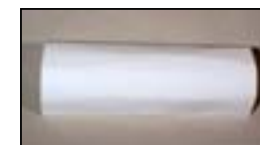


Shaping Poster Board

Poster board bends more smoothly in one direction than another. First establish which direction provides the smoother shape. This is the direction to use for patterns that go around the body.



Bent in the 4" Direction



Bent in the 8" Direction



Mark Best Direction of Bend

Taping Cross Sections

Some patterns show a Mini-Me's cross sectional view, such as its waist or hips. These cross sections hold the Mini-Me in a three-dimensional shape with tabs that alternate between the inside and outside of the body.



1. Put double-sided tape around the Mini-Me's body.
2. Using reference lines such as CF and CB, align the pieces. Tape these locations first.



3. Continue taping the remainder of the form.



4. To secure the initial taping, apply a second taping around the form.

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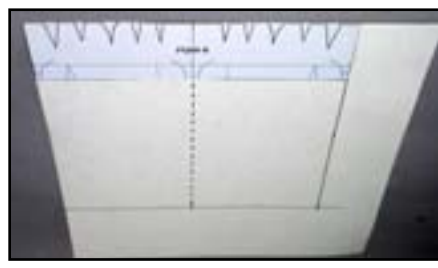
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Waist-to-Floor Form



1. Cut out the Waist-to-Hip pattern on the self-adhesive paper.
2. Remove the backing and attach this pattern to a corner of the poster board.



3. Draw lines to extend the pattern down the poster board by the Waist-to-Floor length specified. (See page 58 page 107.)
4. Draw a dotted line to indicate center front.



5. Roll the poster board.



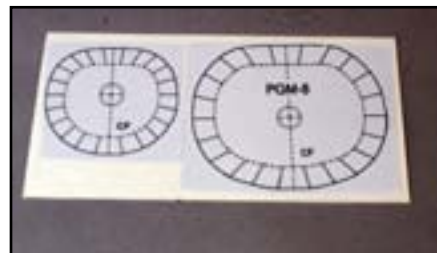
6. Cut out the darts.



7. Tape the darts closed.



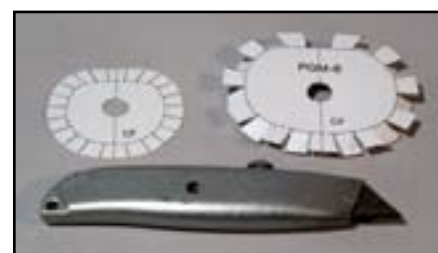
8. Tape the Center Back seam closed.



9. Cut out the Waist and Hip Cross Sections from the self-adhesive paper.
10. Paste them to the poster board.



11. Cut out the patterns.
12. Using a grommet punch, make holes in the patterns where indicated.



13. To separate the tabs, cut with a mat knife.
14. Fold down every other tab.



15. Apply double-sided tape around the top of the Waist-to-Floor Form.
16. Tape the tabs of the Waist Cross Section at Center Front and Center Back to the top of the Waist-to-Floor Form.



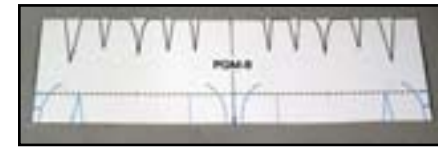
17. Tape down all the remaining tabs from the Waist Cross Section.



18. Repeat Steps 15 through 17 for the Hip Cross Section.

Lower Torso Form

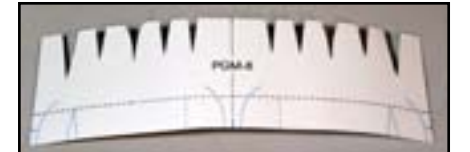
The Lower Torso Form extends from the waist down to below the hips. All these forms are made 3" (7.6 cm) deep regardless of the Waist-to-Hip measurement so they can be used to add legs. The lines needed for the legs are shown in light blue.



1. Cut out the Waist-to-Hip pattern on the self-adhesive paper along the top, sides, and bottom.
2. Remove the backing and attach this pattern to the poster board.



3. Roll the poster board.



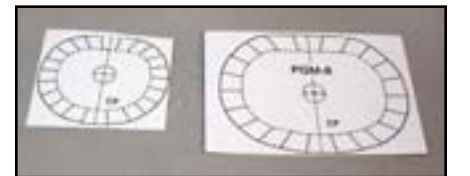
4. Cut out the darts.



5. Tape the darts closed.



6. Tape the Center Back seam closed.



7. Cut out the Waist and Hip Cross Sections from the self-adhesive paper.
8. Attach them to the poster board.



9. Cut out the shape of the patterns.
10. Use a grommet punch to make holes in the patterns where indicated.



11. Using a mat knife, cut to separate the tabs.
12. Fold down every other tab.



13. Apply double-sided tape around the top of the Lower Torso Form.
14. Tape the tabs of the Waist Cross Section at Center Front and Center Back to the top of the Lower Torso Form.



15. Tape down all the remaining tabs from the Waist Cross Section.

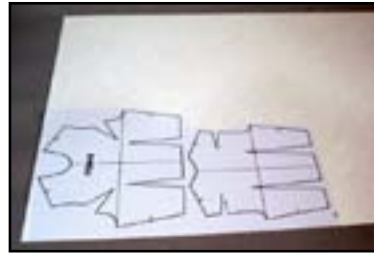


16. Repeat Steps 13 through 15 for the Hip Cross Section.



The Finished Form

Upper Torso Form



1. Cut out the Upper Torso patterns on the self-adhesive paper
2. Paste them onto the poster board.



3. Cut out the patterns except for the darts.



4. Roll the poster board.



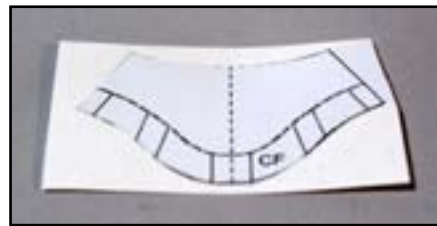
5. Cut out the darts.



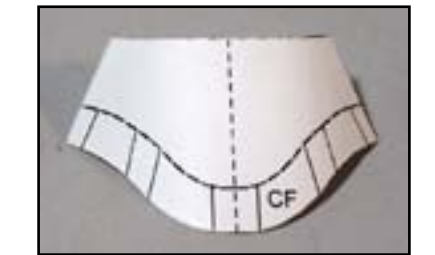
6. Tape the darts closed.



7. Tape the Shoulder Seams.



8. Cut out the Neck pattern.
9. Paste it onto the poster board.



10. Roll the Neck pattern.



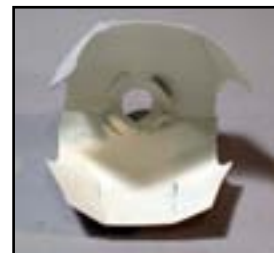
11. Tape it at Center Back.



12. Cut the tabs with scissors.
13. Starting at the Center Front, fold up every other tab.



14. At the Center Front and Center Back, tape the tabs to the body.



15. Tape down all the remaining tabs on both the inside and outside of the body.



16. Tape the Side Seams closed.



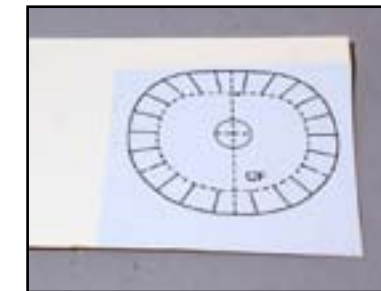
17. Cut out the Arm Cross Sections.
18. Paste them to the poster board.



19. Cut the tabs. Fold down every other tab.
20. Tape the tab of one Arm Cross Section to the shoulder seam.



21. Tape the remain tabs down.
22. Repeat steps 19 to 21 for the other arm.



23. Cut out the Waist Cross Section.
24. Paste it to the poster board.



25. Cut out the shape of the Cross Section.
26. Use a grommet punch to make a hole as indicated.



27. Cut the tabs. Fold down every other tab.



28. Apply double-sided tape around the bottom of the form.



29. Tape the tabs of the Waist Cross Section at Center Front and Center Back to the Upper Torso form.
30. Tape down all the remaining tabs from the Waist Cross Section.



31. To attach the Upper Torso and Lower Torso Forms, apply double-sided tape to the Waist Cross Section.
32. Insert a 1/2" (1.3 cm) dowel through the Lower Torso Form.



33. Insert the Upper Torso Form on the dowel.
34. Tape the Center Front and Back of the Upper Torso to the Lower Torso Form.
35. Tape around the combined form.



The Completed Form