



Thank you for buying a Reconstructing History Downloadable Pattern. Please follow these instructions for success assembling your RH Downloadable Pattern.

Step 1 – Assemble Your Tools

Reconstructing History Downloadable Patterns can be assembled with a minimum of tools and fuss.

You'll need:

- tape
- fine-tip marker
- ruler
- scissors
- a flat work surface

Step 2 – Print the Test Page

1. Before printing any of the pattern pages, please check that your printer is set to print at 100% (not scaled or "print to fit") and print the test page included in this zipped file.
2. Lay a ruler next to the inches or centimeters scale and confirm that your printer is printing at 100%
3. If your printer is not printing at 100%, DO NOT print the pattern pages. This will throw off the sizes of the pattern. Please refer to your printer's manual or support website to set it to print at 100%.

If you are a visual learner, please ctrl-click the link below to watch the instructional video or copy and paste this link into your browser window:

<http://www.reconstructinghistory.com/articles/downloadable-pattern-instructions.html>

Step 3 – Print the Pattern Pages

If your printer is indeed printing at 100%, please print the pattern pages. If you use US Letter paper, print the pages labeled “Model (1) letter”. If you use A4 paper, print the pages labeled “Model (1) A4”.

Print the file labeled “Model (1) letter scaled” for a US letter scale model of the pattern so you can see how it will look when fully assembled. Print “Model (1) A4 scaled” for A4 paper. (You may also use this scale pattern to make doll clothes. Just print the scaled pattern at whichever scale will fit your dolls.)

You may also print the file labeled “notes” for the covers, historical notes, and instructions at this time. Again, choose “letter” or “A4” according to the paper size you use. Or you can print that later. It doesn't matter.

Step 4 – Mark the Corners

Depending on your printer, the alignment marks may print out very lightly. Before you being assembling your pattern, it is a good idea to darken these marks.

1. Locate the marks in the corners of your printed sheets.
2. Using your marker, trace over each mark.
3. NOTE: Keep the sheets in order. If you don't, it will become confusing when you try to assemble the pattern.

Step 5 – Mark for Folding

In order to join the pages, you'll need to fold excess paper out of the way. Alternately, you can trim the excess paper with scissors. Either way, you'll need to draw lines on your printed sheets to show you where to fold or cut.

There will be at least one corner that will not have a mark. You'll have to make a mark of your own there.

1. Measure how far one of the marks is from the edge of the paper.
2. Make a mark in the unmarked corner that measurement from the edge.

3. Line up your ruler over these marks.
4. Draw a dashed line across the paper at the level of these marks. This is your cut or fold line.
5. Repeat for all left and top edges of your pattern pages.
6. Fold (or cut) each page of your pattern along its left edge.
7. Except the top row pages, fold (or cut) each page along its top edge.

Step 6 – Tape It Down

To prevent the pages from moving around while you place them, it is a great idea to tape them to your work surface as soon as you align them.

1. The upper left sheet will be your anchor. Securely tape this sheet to your work surface. Please note you may need quite a large work surface. Most of our patterns are 36-42 inches wide, and almost all of them are longer than 36”.
2. Once you've got the anchor sheet in place, you can start adding the next sheet.
3. Find the fold line mark and align it carefully with the corresponding mark in the upper-right corner of the anchor sheet. Also, use care to visually align any printed pattern lines on the sheets themselves.
4. Tape the second sheet in place.
5. Repeat across the top row of sheets. Be sure to double and triple check your alignment. One false move here will cause trouble later.

NOTE: the upper sheets should be the only ones taped to your work surface.

6. When you're ready, start the second row.
7. Carefully align the new sheet with the marks on the previous sheets. Don't forget to use the pattern lines as an assist.
8. When you've got it lined up, tape the new sheet to the others.

Keep a careful, cautious eye on alignment. If the pattern sheets begin to pucker or buckle or twist, something is wrong. Go back and tweak your alignment until the joined papers lie completely flat.

You can also use the printed words and secondary markings as alignment guides when joining sheets.

Step 7 – Tape It Together (or Trace It)

Once you've got all of your sheets tacked together, it's time to permanently join them.

This will involve a LOT of tape. Don't be afraid to tape the sheets along each “seam”, front and back.

Pay special attention to where the printed pattern lines are as you'll be cutting through them with scissors.

Once it's all solidly taped, cut out the pattern as usual. Then use more tape to ensure there are no corners flapping about.

Alternately, you can lay a large piece of paper over the assembled pattern and trace it. This means you won't need to use so much tape. There's also no need to worry about the pattern pages shifting.

Congratulations! You're done!

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