

Printing Tips, Etc.

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Printing

Paper

White cardstock works best. Use the smoothest you can find at the heaviest weight that you comfortably cut and that passes easily through your printer. I like 110 lb weight because it's heavy enough to have some body and withstand colored pencils and markers and even a little bit of watercolor painting, especially with watercolor pencils, but it's not heavy enough to be expensive or hard on the printer. It's also very widely available.

Settings

Open the pdf and click on the word "file" in the menu bar at the top of the screen. Do not simply click the printer icon. If you click the printer icon, you may not have the opportunity to adjust the settings of your printer.

Printers vary and so do their menus, so you may have to do some hunting here. You're looking for a place that will lead you to some advanced printer settings that will allow you to adjust the quality of the printing.

When you find the right menu/s, select high quality printing and heavy matte paper. The images print best at 300 dpi. On some printers, they do better printed as color images; on other printers they may do better as black and white or gray scale images. I usually have the best results with color or gray scale.

*For non-collectors ? yes, there are parties, clubs, conventions, and publications. A ?helper? is a raffle item or door prize. For more information on paper doll collecting a great place to start is with the online group, [PaperDollNews](#). PaperDollNews is a friendly group of over 500 collectors, enthusiasts and artists begun in 1998 by Kim Brecklein (I know, I?m referring to myself in the third person, but I thought you might have forgotten my name by now.) Over the years, the original group has inspired several spin-off, invitation-only groups and at least one mini-convention of it s own.