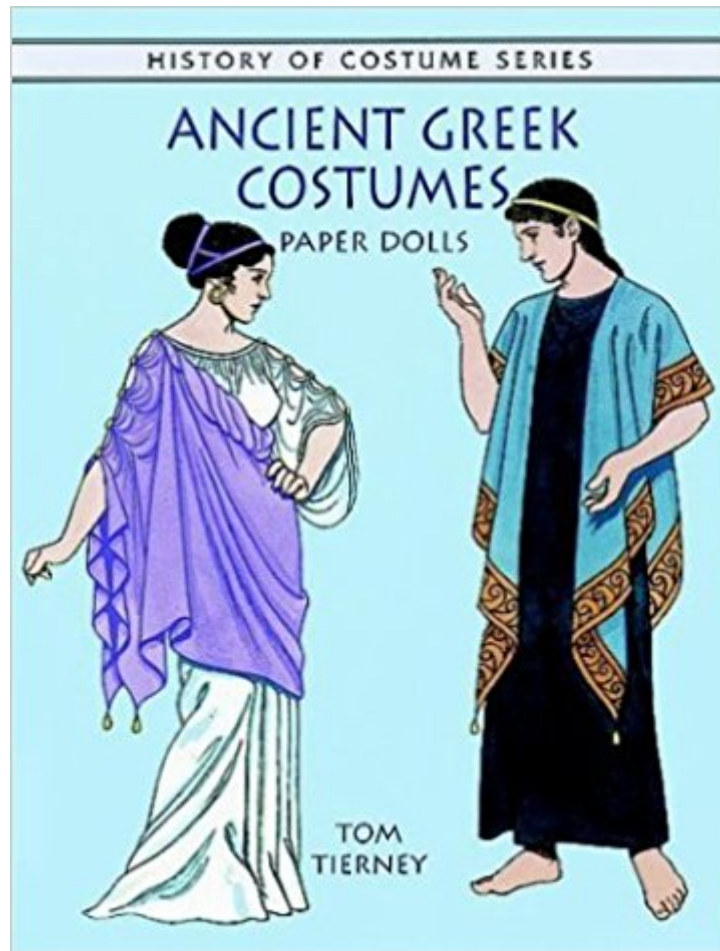




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Ancient Greek Costumes Paper Dolls (History Of Costume)



Synopsis

The grandeur of an ancient culture comes magnificently to life in this scrupulously researched book. Paper doll fans can dress 2 figures (male and female) in 16 elaborately embroidered and artfully draped costumes from major historical periods: Archaic (c. 750–500 BC), Classical (c. 500–232 BC), and Hellenistic (323–30 BC).

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Customer Reviews

One of the leading authorities on fashion history, Tom Tierney created over 150 paper doll books for Dover Publications. With subjects ranging from U.S. Presidents to popular movie stars, Mr. Tierney's books are famous for being carefully researched and meticulously rendered. His releases are prized by fashion professionals, collectors, and paper doll lovers all over the world.

We used paper dolls to make project on presentation board adding embellishments to each doll ex fabric stoles, jewelry, leather straps for sandals, etcGot rave reviews from teacher.

A high quality publication with exceptional detail. Bought this as a gift for a friend who is an art teacher. She was absolutely thrilled. A must have for anyone with an interest in the dress of this time period.

The drawings and costumes are exquisite, like most of Tom Tierny books are. The explanation of

each type of costume is well-done and easy to understand. My only exception to the product is the near nudity--tastefully done and, I'm sure, just done to show authenticity, but it may be something to consider if you are buying this for a child.

Although the costumes are quite lovely to look at in color, I have several objections to this book, which is trying to be both fish and fowl, as it were: to appeal to adults, who are interested in studying Greece, as well as to children, who like to play with paper dolls. The first paragraph will drive the former away: "In this paper doll book on the history of Greek fashion we will look at clothing worn by the inhabitants of Crete (the Minoans and the Myceneans), the Phrygians, and Greeks of the three principal periods in that civilizations's history: the Archaic, the Classical, and the Hellenistic." Newsflash! The Minoans may have dwelt in Crete (e.g., at Knossos), but the Myceneans were warlords who lived on the Peloponnesus (e.g., at Argos, Tiryns, etc). The statement that the "Archaic, the Classical, and the Hellenistic" were the "three principal periods in that civilization's history," constitutes drastic oversimplification. There is also a lack of pertinent dates in the annotations (e.g., the covered figure with the "Chinese" hat pertains to Tanagra figurines [ca. 4th c. BCE], although the author lumps it in with the "Classical period"--which the editor on the back has assigned the firm dates of 500-323 BC). Since this is a book of paperdolls, one assumes that it will find its way into the hands of children. And here again it fails, since "Diana" [why Diana? surely Artemis!] seems to have had implants, and the aptly-named Jason is wearing a silly chlamys that, although it may be designed to cover what should apparently not be seen by those who have never been to a National Museum, leaves as much to the imagination as Diana's figure does not--prompting the objection to the "nudity" that another customer has noted. Surely the nude male figures--not the ithyphallic ones--as depicted on Greek vases would have been more acceptable? And unless Diana is playing the part of a hetaira--an educated female companion, often a "foreigner," some of her outfits would not pass muster for Athenian women who were confined to the Gynecaeum--the women's quarters--and draped decorously. Fig leaves, anyone?

High quality paper dolls. The historical dolls are a really wonderful way to help kids really visualize history I really enjoy this set because it includes male figures for the paper dolls (usually a girl only sphere) I have made permanent paper doll stands from railings available from places like Home Depot or Lowes). If you have access to a table saw you can cut a groove into the top of the rounded part of the railing. I have found that 2" to 2-1/2" in length is good. Stain & varnish if you like. These really help to keep the dolls standing up & makes actual play more fun for children.

This is a well done book which shows illustrations of typical clothing of the ancient Greeks throughout several historical periods. The drawings are clear and accurate as are all of Tom Tierney's similar works. This was an invaluable aid to designing an historically accurate costume for my 6th grader's "Greek Festival".

This is another Girl Scout book that I bought. Lots of pretty costumes to cut out to put on the paper dolls. Got it fast and in great condition.

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