

Recorteen

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What is *Recorteen*?

Recorteen (cut-out teen) is a teenager who wasn't born in Spain. They are between 14 and 17 years old. There are eight of them: four girls and four boys; eight stories that unfold layer by layer, revealing their vulnerability.

Adolescence is a transition period between childhood and adulthood, an especially complicated phase characterized by the constant search of identity and the emergence of expectations regarding the rest of one's life.

Each of our characters has a background and a gender that will determine their future: if they migrate or not, if they run from war, if they leave their country in search of new opportunities or if they are victims of human trafficking.

How to Use

Recorteen consists of several layers. The first is the base, a figure with no attribute that represents the inherent vulnerability of all those teenagers that aren't children but are still not adults either. The second layer will assign them a characteristic as defining as gender. The following will depend on their background: skin color, clothes, hair, and their travel companions, if they're not traveling alone.

Where does Recorteen come from? From Morocco, Cameroon, Eritrea, Syria or Afghanistan. On each card you will find the necessary elements to build the characters. You can color and construct depending on their nationality, ethnicity, religion and customs. Cut, color, and discover their stories.

Recommendations for Adults

This is an opportunity for the whole family to learn in a creative and fun way. The Recorteen characters are models designed to represent especially vulnerable teens who due to their background, political, economic or family situation,

Don't worry if the kids that play with Recorteen get so creative to the point that they create some unrealistic characters based on their skin tone or clothing. Fiction and contradiction are also a means to explain reality and diversity.

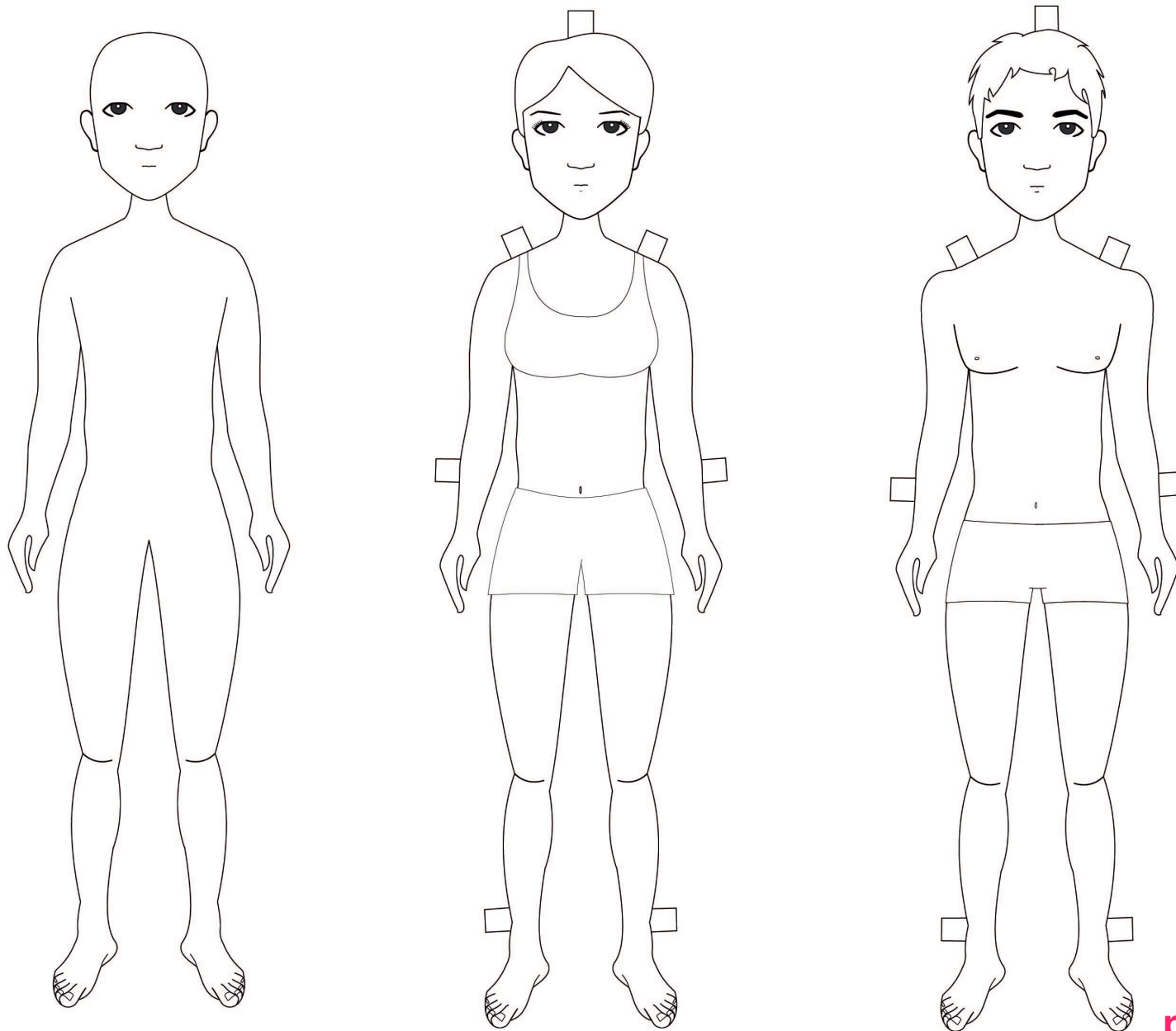
We encourage you to imagine, research, and discover, which context they come from, how they live, and what difficulties these teens face based on their background.

At **porCausa**, we promote awareness and understanding of the situation of migrant children. These are just some examples of the infinite stories behind teenagers globally, visit **porcausa.org** to learn more.

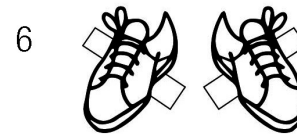
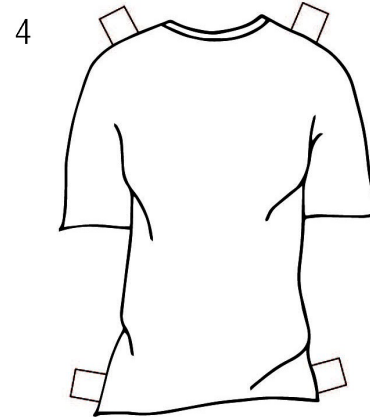
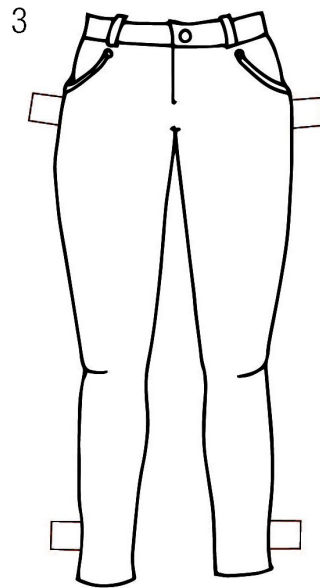
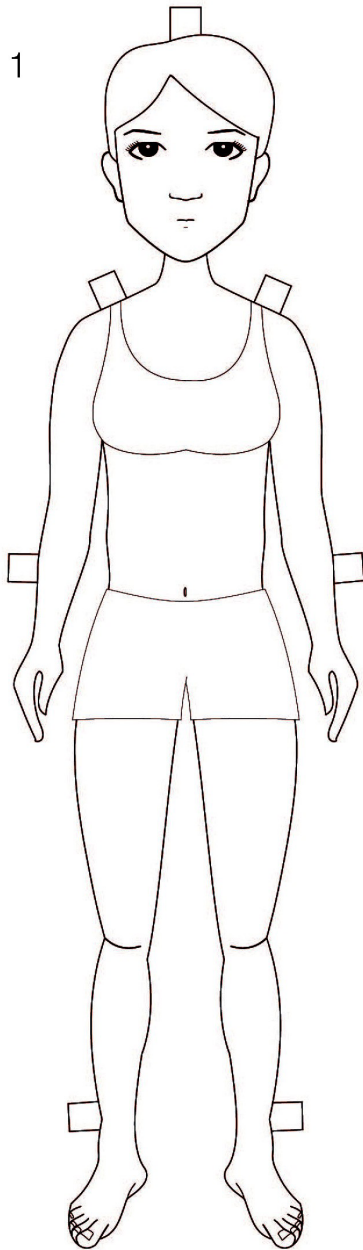
You can join us and ask the Spanish and European Government to comply with the law and to protect foreign minors represented by Recorteen through our petition <https://actua.porcausa.org/peticion/menores>.

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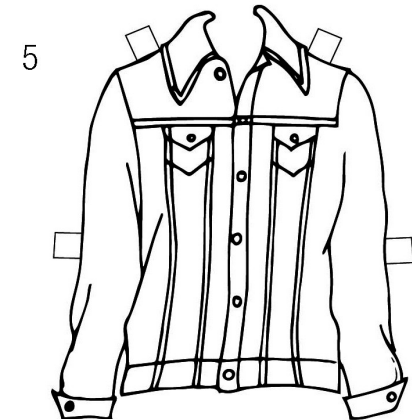
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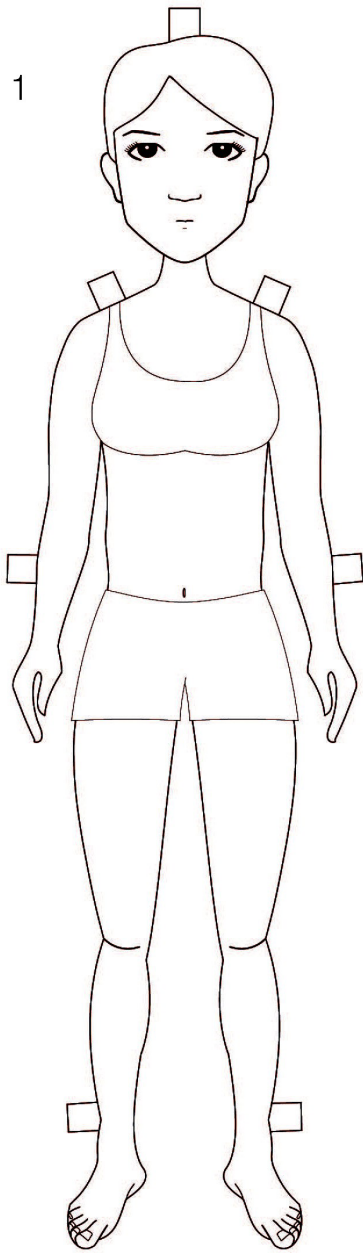
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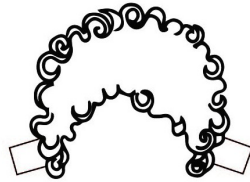
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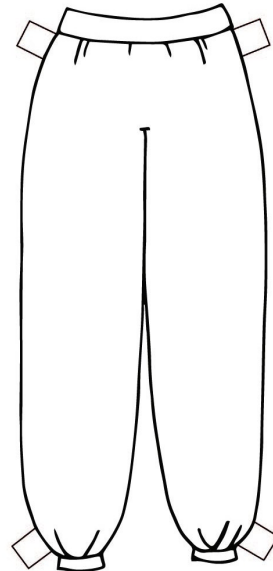
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- 2. Shayla
- 3. Jeans
- 4. Plain shirt
- 5. Denim jacket
- 6. Sneakers



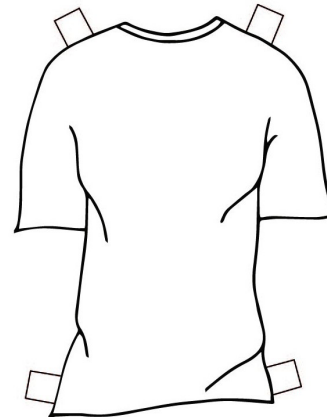
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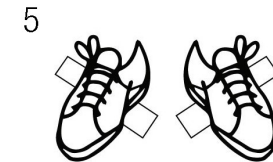
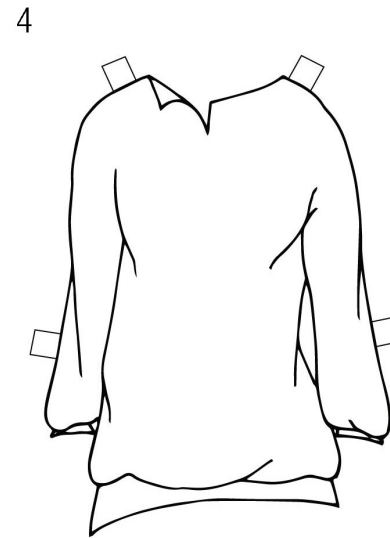
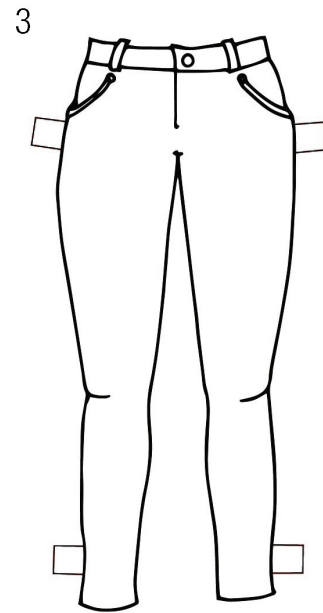
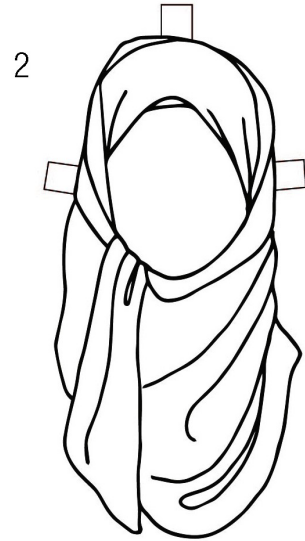
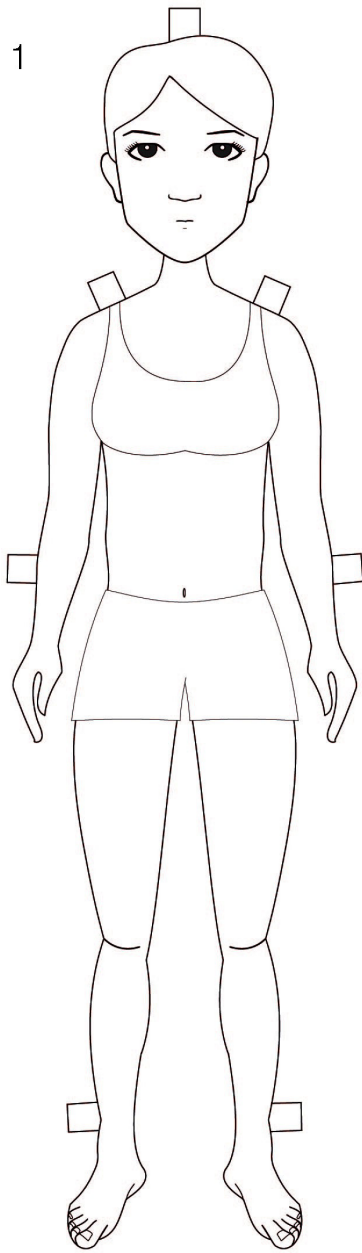
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Sälam! I'm Delina and I'm 16 years old. I've come to Spain with my mother and my brother to escape the indefinite mandatory military service, and the regime in my country, Eritrea. We're here seeking asylum.

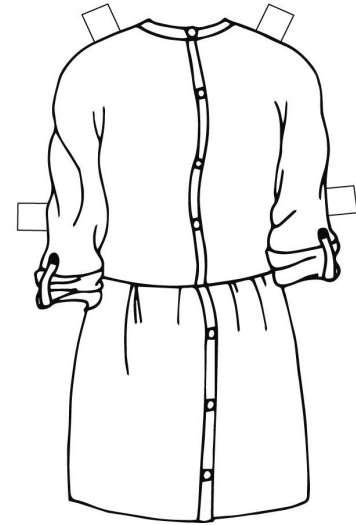
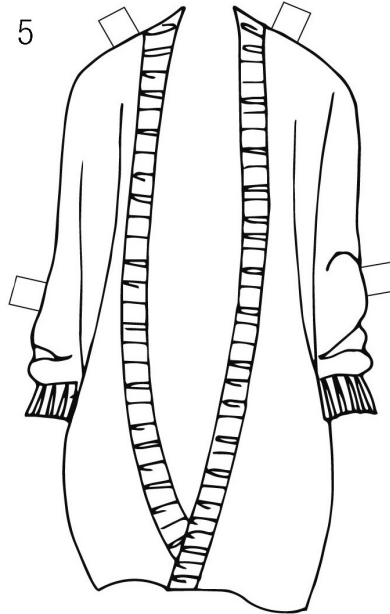
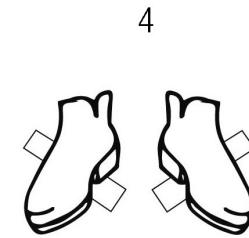
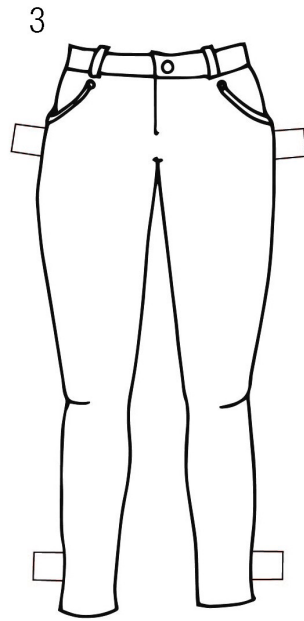
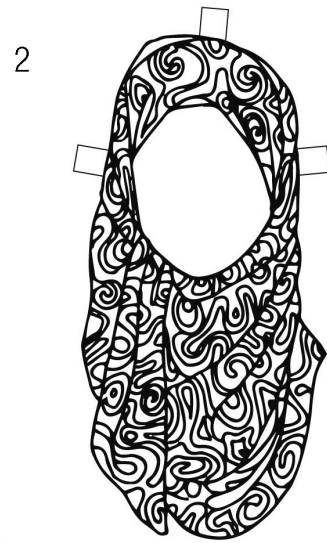
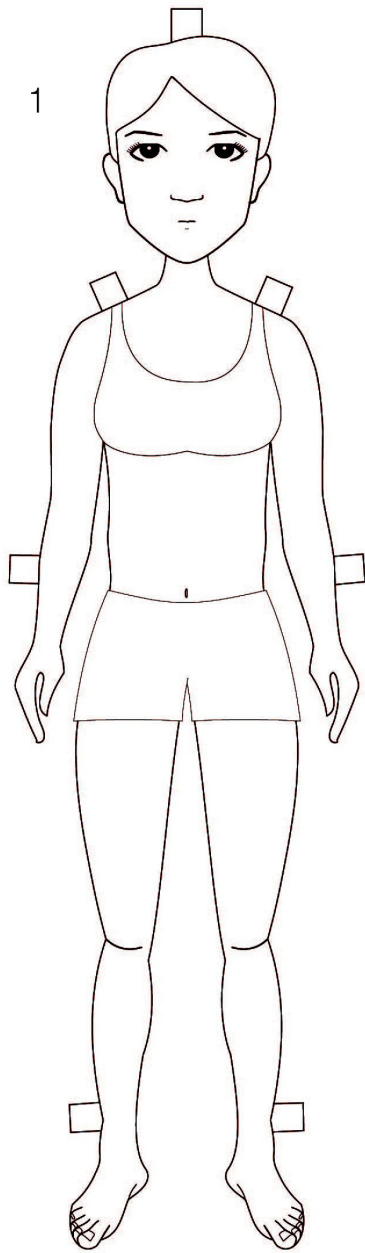
1. Black skin
2. Curly hair
3. Baggy pants
4. Plain shirt
5. Sneakers

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Salâm! I'm Anahi. I'm 15 years old, and I'm from Afghanistan, of the ethnic group Hazara. I've come to Europe to seek asylum with my mother and my brother to escape the war in our country, and the persecution that our ethnic group suffers.

- 1. Tan skin
- 2. Hijab
- 3. Jeans
- 4. Baggy shirt
- 5. Sneakers

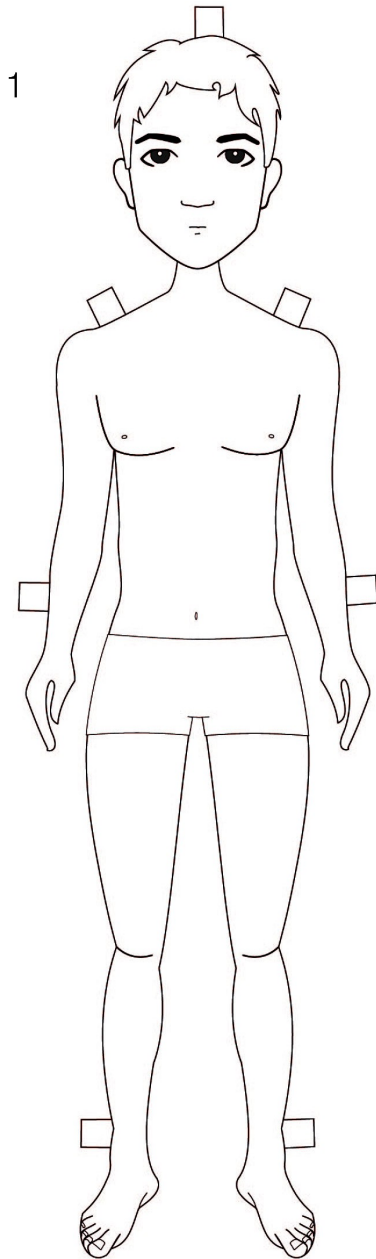


Marhaban! I'm Nada, I'm 17 years old, and I come from Syria. I had to escape the war with my mother and my brother, and we've arrived in Europe to seek asylum.

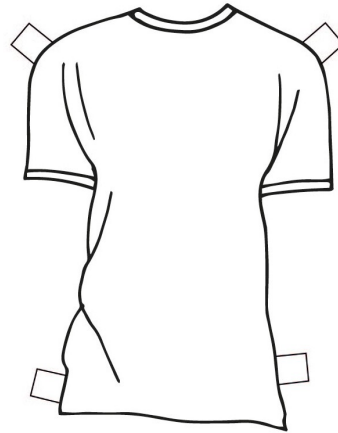
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- 2. Patterned hijab
- 3. Jeans

- 4. Shoes
- 5. Wool jacket
- 6. Fitted shirt

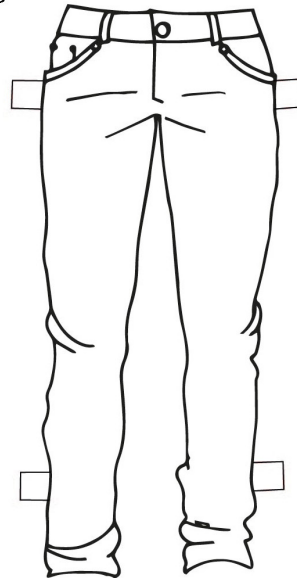
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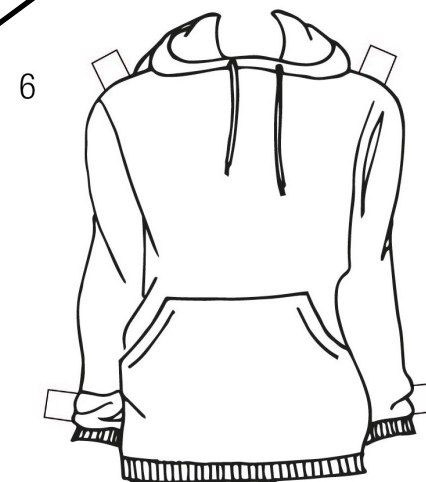
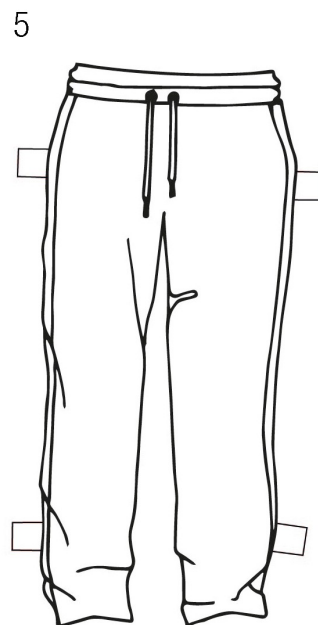
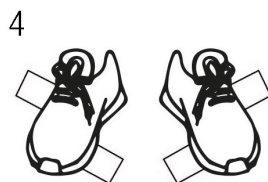
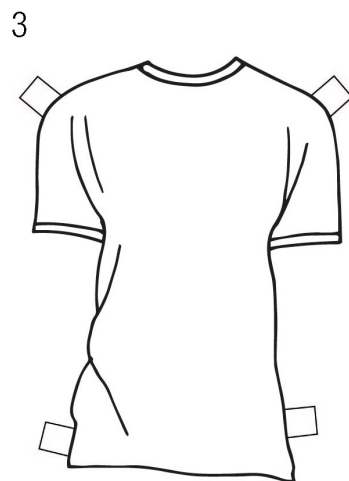
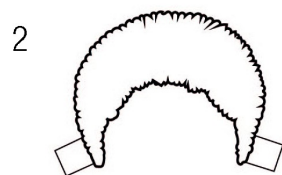
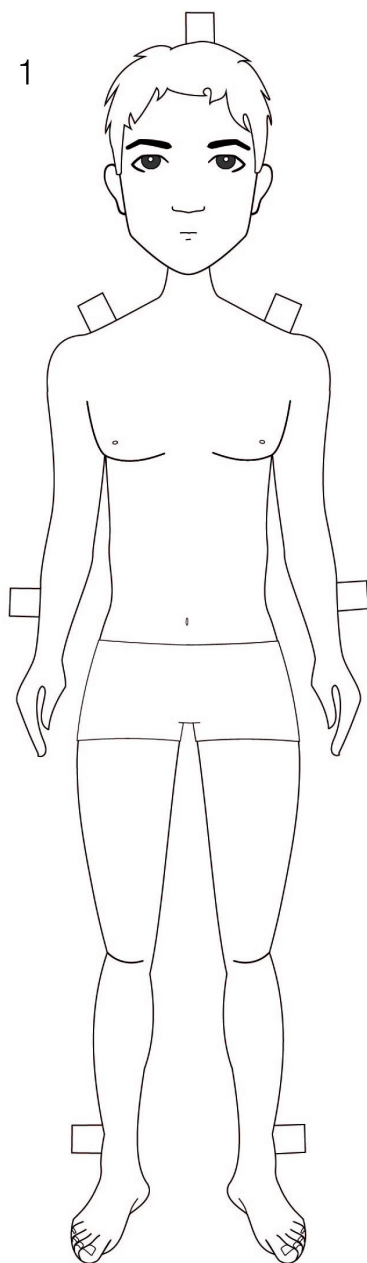


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Ahlam! I'm Mohamed, I'm 16 years old, and I've come alone from Morocco in search of a job and training. Even though I'm a minor, the authorities don't recognize me as such, and they will try to deport me.

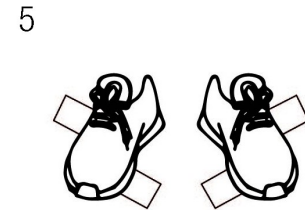
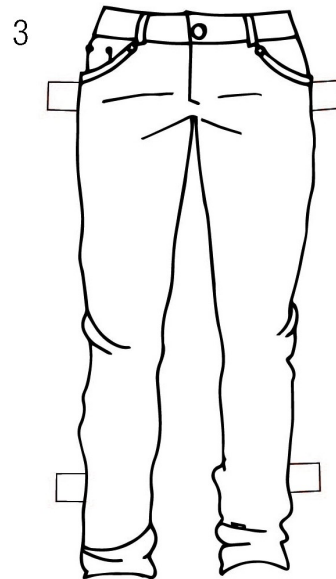
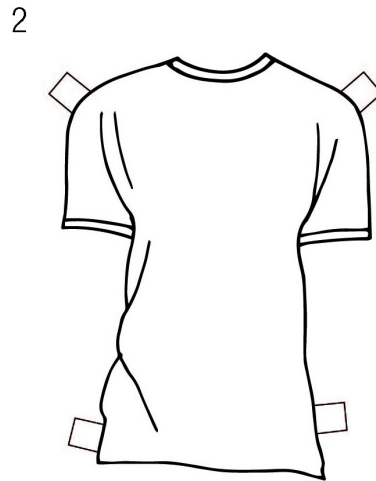
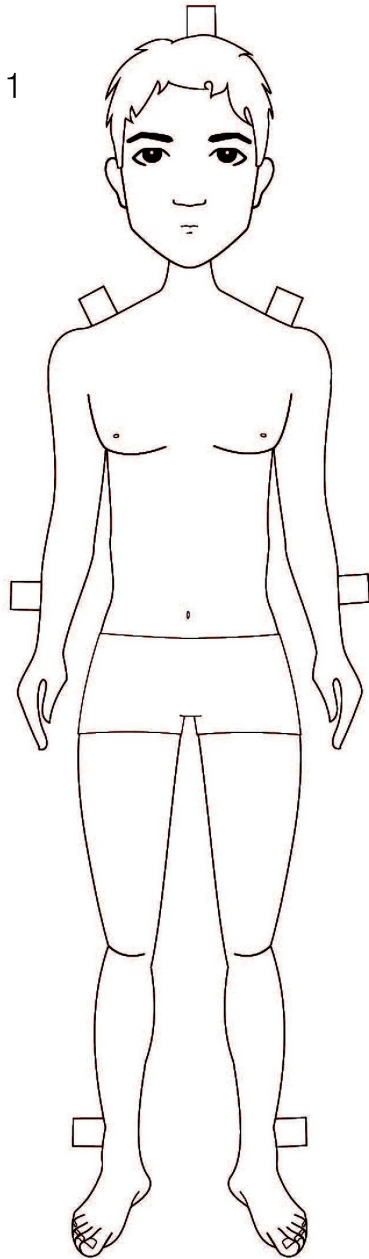
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- 2. Plain shirt
- 3. Jeans
- 4. Denim shirt
- 5. Boots



Salut! I'm Thomas, I'm 15 years old, and I come from Cameroon. I came to Spain to look for aa job. However, although I'm a minor and I carry documents accrediting me as such, the authorities don't recognize me as one.

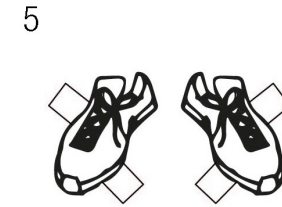
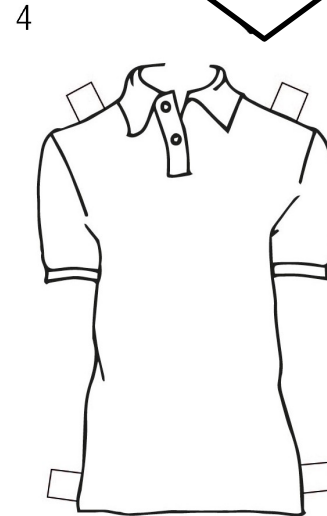
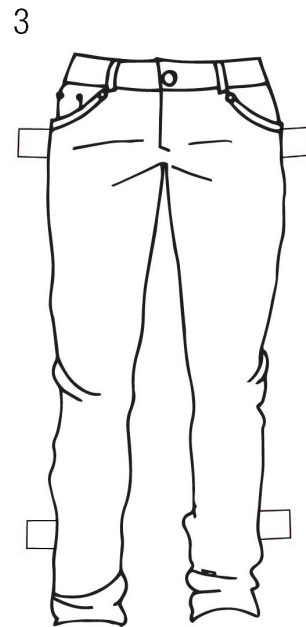
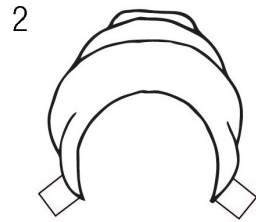
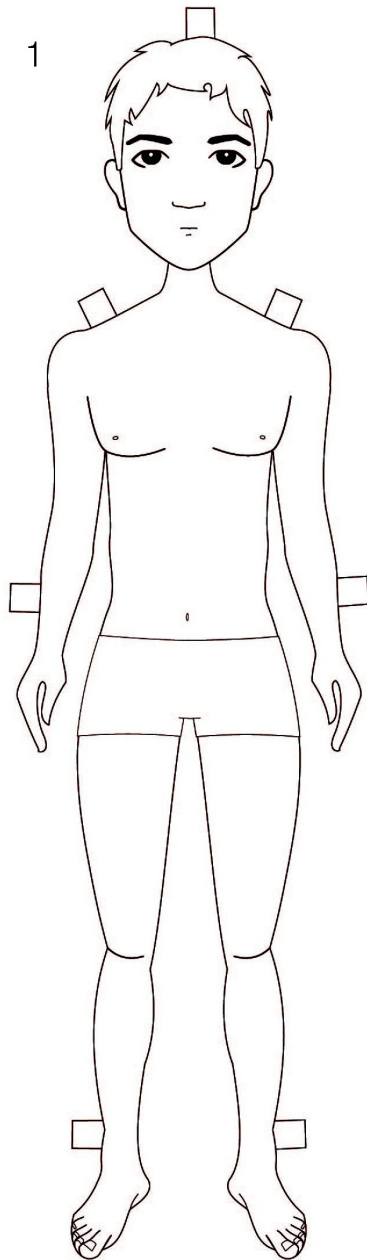
- 1. Black skin
- 2. Curly hair
- 3. Plain shirt

- 4. Sneakers
- 5. Joggers
- 6. Hoodie



Salam! I'm Alex, I'm 17 years old, and I'm from Afghanistan. My ethnicity is Sheik Mohammadi, and I was born east of Kabul, but I had to leave because of the war. I've come to Spain to seek asylum.

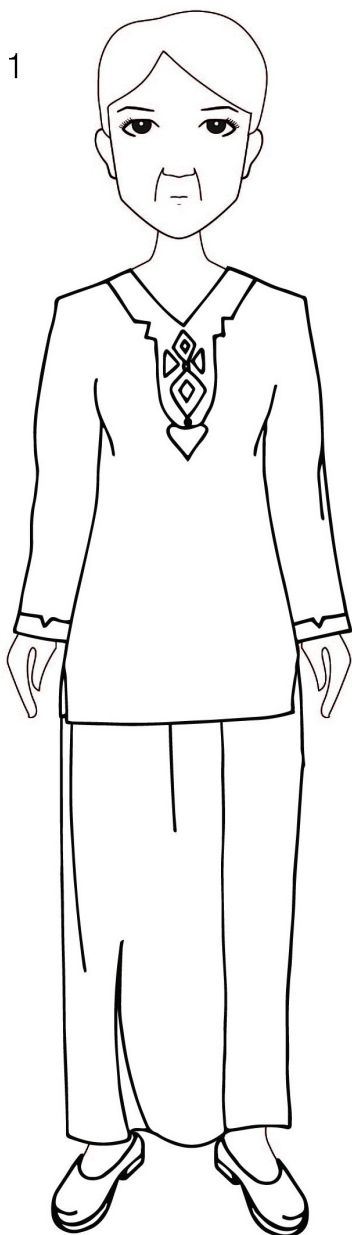
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- 4. Hoodie
- 5. Sneakers



Marhaban! I'm Khaled, I'm 14 years old and I'm from Syria. I've fled from the war, and I've separated from my family while leaving my country. I hope that one I will reunite with them in Europe, where I'm seeking asylum.

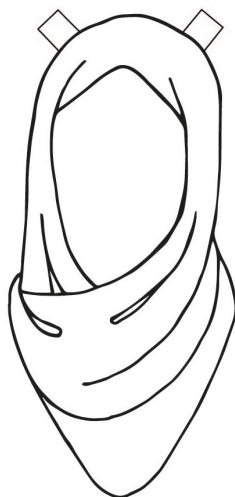
- 1. White skin
- 2. Hat
- 3. Jeans
- 4. Plain shirt
- 5. Sneakers

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**Marhaban! I'm Hiba's mother.
She and I won't leave
Morocco. But my son will
when he becomes a teenager,
but they won't recognize him
as a minor.**

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1. Olive skin

2. Shayla

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**Sälam! I'm Delina's mother.
With my daughter and son, I
traveled to Europe to escape
the mandatory military service
and our country's regime.
We're seeking asylum in
Spain.**

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1. Black skin

2. Curly hair

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Salâm! I'm Sayid, Anahi's mother. I've come to Spain seeking asylum with my daughter and my son. We escaped the war in our country, Afghanistan, but also the persecution and violence that we suffer from being ethnically Hazara.

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1. Tan skin

2. Hijab

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Marhaban!

I'm Nada's mother. I've come to Europe to escape the war in our country, Syria. Now we're seeking asylum in Spain.

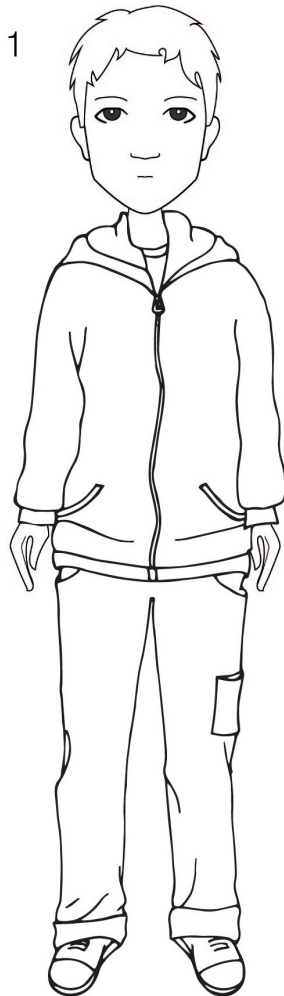
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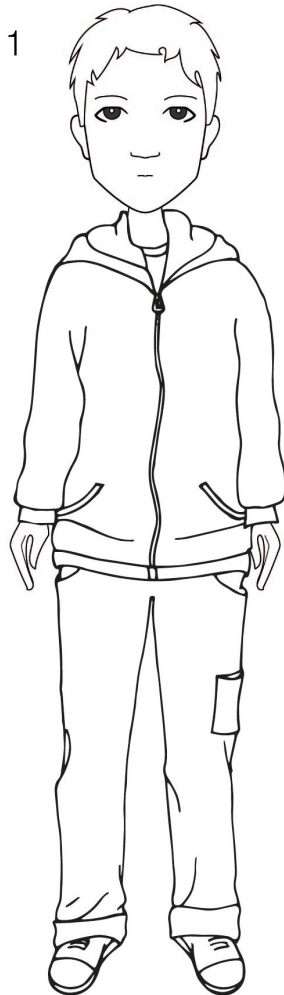
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Ahlam! I'm Abdel, Hiba's brother, and I live in Morocco. When I become a teen, I'll go to Spain to study and work. I'll travel as a minor, but they won't see me as such.

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Salam! I'm Esrom, Delina's brother. I'm seeking asylum in Spain with my mother and my sister. We fled from our country due to the regime and indefinite compulsory military service.

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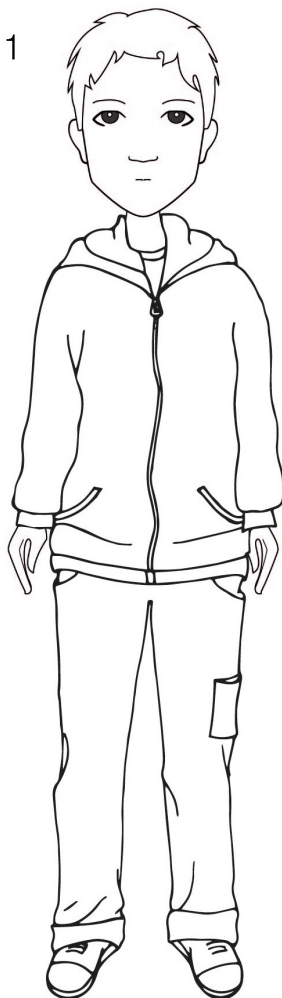


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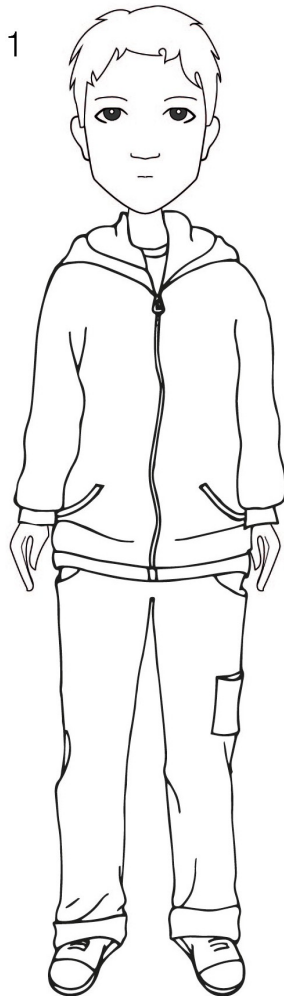


Salâm!

I'm Murtaza, Anahi's brother. I've come to Spain to escape the war in Afghanistan and the persecution that we Hazara people face in my country. I am seeking asylum with my father and my sister.

1. White skin

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Marhaban!

I'm Muhamad, Nadia's brother. I've come to Spain to escape the war in Syria to seek asylum with my mother and my sister.

1. White skin

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