

## *Why Snibbles?*

My older sister and I became interested in paper dolls at a very young age. I have fond memories of meticulously cutting along the dark lines to produce wonderful wardrobes for cardboard populations. We called them ‘cut-outs’ because that’s what our mother called them. We spent hours playing cut-outs together, but I must admit that being allowed to cut these delicate pieces with the sharp, pointy scissors was the best part. After a session of tediously snipping away we’d always have a few tiny pieces that were strewn about the floor, sometimes more than a few, Mom would ask us to, “Pick up the “snibbles.” Why snibbles? Because that’s what they were. Mom said so. Whether there were traces of paper clippings or fabric scraps from a craft project, she would always remind us, “Pick up the snibbles.” A definition of snibbles: little bits and pieces cut from their normal, accepted, intended use. We always threw away our snibbles like Mom asked, but the ones in this book are here for you to explore the possibilities beyond the usual. “Enjoy your snibbles!”

