Mini Furniture

Kids in the Shipp family of Durham played with this store-bought wooden doll furniture around 1930. Use your imagination and bits and pieces of things you find to make your own furnishings, like the examples shown here.

Suggested Supplies: paper, tagboard (like from a cereal or cracker box), paperclips, wallpaper scraps or leftover scrapbook paper, construction paper, pages from magazines, pipe cleaners, bamboo skewers, bottle caps, flexible drinking straws, cardboard tubes (like toilet-paper and paper-towel tubes), pencils, markers, tape, glue

Table
1. Cardboard tube “legs” taped to . . .
2. . . a tagboard circle glued to . . .
3. . . a larger paper circle folded down over the edges to make a tablecloth.

Broom
1. A square of paper cut into a fringe, then . . .
2. . . twisted around a skewer and . . .
3. . . taped to the skewer handle.

Clothes Closet
1. Paperclip twisted into a hanger . . .
2. . . to hold a pair of paper jeans . . .
3. . . to be hung on a pipe-cleaner bar in . . .
4. . . a cardboard-tube closet.

Sink
1. A tagboard rectangle bent at one edge and glued to . . .
2. . . a wallpaper rectangle of the same size with . . .
3. . . a hole cut through both layers for . . .
4. . . a plastic bottle-cap sink, and . . .
5. . . a bit of flexible straw taped to the back as a faucet . . .
6. . . and a cardboard tube attached as a base.

You’ve got a good start! What other furnishings can you create?