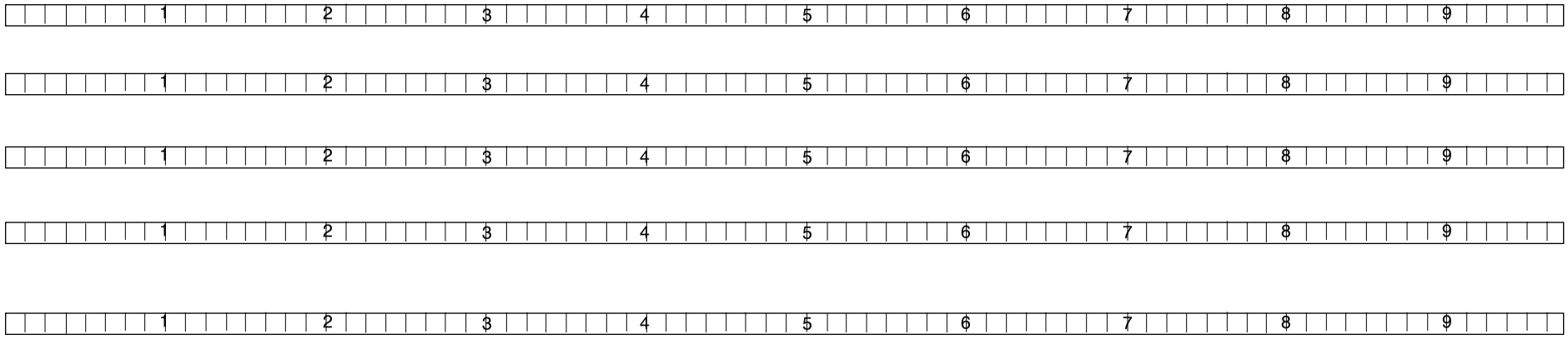
DOLL SIZE TAPE MEASURE - These work well in dollmaking due to their very thinness which makes them great for measuring small things where a people-sized tape measure won't do as it will not conform to the shape as well. You will find many uses for it in sewing for dolls.

If you have colored paper to run through your printer, all the better or use a colored hi-lighter to make it easier to find. Make sure when you go to print that the setting is adjusted that will print 100% and not selected to fit paper size (any boxes referring to fit paper size should not be checked) so that the ruler prints actual size - you should check your printed ruler against a real ruler to be sure it is 100% sized before using. Or, you can make one yourself on 1/8" grid graph paper in just a few minutes or on your computer.
Recut accurately on the lines. The inches are divided by eighths.



CHECK TO SEE THAT 1" = 1" ON A REAL RULER AFTER PRINTING TO BE SURE OF SCALE.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU CANNOT PRINT TO THE SCALE NECESSARY FOR THIS RULER OR FOR PATTERN PIECES? - This sounds far more complicated than it is, but one student's observation that PDF's are like electricity (we know we need it but we don't quite know how it works) is a good one.

(1) When you click on a pdf document, your browser automatically uses your application of Adobe Acrobat to "read" the file and pops it into your browser window.
(2) The settings you can see up in the tool bar of the browser header to make it be 100% or other sizes are *view only* selections - they do not touch what happens to the print-out and only affect the size you are looking at on your screen.
(3) To change the size of the print out, you need to do different things on different computers/systems. I have a Mac and so if I choose to print, I get the usual dialog box I always get for whatever printer I have chosen. In this box is a pulldown menu that allows me to select Acrobat Reader. Once I select that, there are some things that are checked off by default - one of them is "shrink to fit page". I like to leave this checked for normal page printing like lesson pages, because I want all the info to fit on the page. BUT, for patterns or a ruler where I need it to print to the exact size intended, I do not want the computer changing anything with the size as I want them to print out exactly 100%. On a PC, when you tell it to print the PDF, most people will get a dialog box that shows what the page will look like. On some computers there is a dialog box called "Page Handling". You can click number of pages wanted and underneath that it says "Page Scaling". Click on the arrow and then click "none" then click "OK" at bottom. This will give you patterns at true scale. Another option on some computers is to turn off the "fit to page" box. Yet one more version is in the printer preview and here you can uncheck "shrink oversized page" and then print. Make sure you check a known measurement or a scale on the printed out PDF to be sure you have the right scale. And always check each time you print a PDF if scale is important (as it is for patterns)because you think you have left your computer set the way you want and then your husband or teenager comes in and fiddles with it - this actually happens a lot! Even I check every time because I never remember whether the last PDF I printed was a pattern or a bunch of pages.

MORE INFORMATION - More information can be read on the Adobe Acrobat website.