

Charlie finds out Bobby got arrested. "Now is the time for Helter Skelter," he tells the group, and sends a few of the women to buy Armageddon paraphernalia--but the credit card is stolen and they get arrested. That night, he gathers Pat, Sadie, and Linda, and puts Tex in charge. They need to get their brother Bobby Beausoleil out of jail. They're going to kill some people--make it look like the Hinman murderer has struck again.

Charlie gives instructions: "Leave a sign. You girls know what to do. Something witchy."

Tex and the women pile into the car. Tex knows where to go. Just past midnight, they pull up to the gate at 10050 Cielo Drive. Tex scrambles up a telephone pole and cuts the telephone lines. Tex and the women climb over the gate, into the yard. A car appears. Tex walks up to the driver-side window and shoots the man at the wheel, Steven Parent, four times--shoots him dead.

Inside the house, Tex makes an announcement to the occupants, Sharon Tate, Abigail Folger, Wojciech Frykowski, and Jay Sebring. "I am the devil," says Tex, "and I am here to do the devil's work." With Tex leading the assault, the group murders Tate, Folger, Frykowski, and Sebring: 102 stab wounds. Tate is eight months pregnant. Charlie and another family member (or two) return to the scene to wipe for fingerprints and make sure the crime looks like it was committed by the same Black Power murderers who killed Hinman.

In the morning, the housekeeper discovers the bodies and the bloody message, "PIG." The Cielo Drive murders hit the news--the talk is of Satanism, rituals, and orgies. The Family follows the developing

Here's Leslie.



Here's Sadie.



Here's Pat.



Leslie, Susan, and Pat were tried together. Charlie was tried separately, as was Tex. When Charlie shaved his head during the course of his trial, the women shaved their heads. When he cut a cross in his forehead, they carved crosses in theirs.

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story. While not everyone in the Family knows what happened, everyone knows something happened. After dinner, on the porch, Charlie talks to Tex, Pat, Sadie, Clem, and Linda. Sadie is on cocaine and methedrine. Leslie is on acid. She's tripped hundreds of times; since she joined the Family, she's been tripping every few days. When Charlie is ready, he assembles the chosen ones.

Leslie: "Pat Krenwinkel and I were in a small room taking care of the children, and Manson came in and said to Pat to leave with him."

Leslie: "Charlie came up to me and asked me, did I believe enough that I could go with them and that I could kill. Was I crazy enough to believe in him, and I said: 'Yes.'"

Charlie doesn't like a few things about the murders: the victims were too scared and it was too messy. The Family will commit a second group of random, copycat murders. Charlie will have to show his "children" how to "do it right." Leslie hadn't been there when Bobby killed Hinman, and she hadn't been there at Cielo Drive, when Tex killed everyone. Leslie still had to prove her love for Bobby, for Tex, for Charlie, and for the Family. And she wants to.

Leslie: "I felt that, if they went again, that I wanted to go. I wanted to go and be a good soldier and surrender myself for what I believed in."

Leslie: "He asked me, 'Do you believe enough in what I say to know that this is something that has to be done?' ... and I said, 'Yes I do.'"

Tex, Clem, Sadie, and Leslie cram into the back seat of the 1959 Ford Galaxie, almond and chrome, that was also used the night before. Linda rides in the front with Charlie, who drives them to Los Angeles. Leslie and Sadie nod out. Charlie tries to find some satisfactory victims (or makes a show of it); he gets thwarted at a church, turns down one house because there are kids in it, turns down

Here are two dresses that Leslie wore to her trial.

They fit the young Leslie doll.



For a new look, try new hair or even a new head!

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another house because it's too close to a neighboring house and someone might hear something. After tailing a sports car that gets away, Charlie decides where to go.

Just past one in the morning, Charlie, Sadie, Linda, Clem, Pat, Leslie, and Tex pull up to 3301 Waverly Drive, the home of Leno and Rosemary LaBianca. Charlie goes in, ties up the couple, and comes out. The LaBiancas think it's a robbery and aren't frightened.

Charlie takes the car and drives off with Sadie, Linda, and Clem. They're looking for more victims. Pat, Leslie, and Tex remain at Waverly Drive--to do the deed. Charlie has told Tex to be sure the women participate in the killings.

Leslie: "When Tex handed me the knife, I knew he wanted me to do something, and at that moment I lost all sense of my humanity."

Leslie is reluctant at first, but stabs/slashes Rosemary Bianca in the buttocks and possibly the back.

Leslie: "I had a knife and Patricia had a knife. We just started stabbing and cutting up the lady."

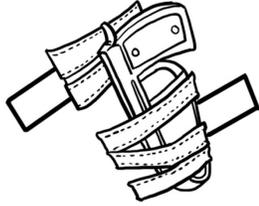
Sandra: "The crimes; those weren't crimes, it was war. That was a Holy War. And that has nothing to do with Manson. This was society's children taking lives and at the same time giving their lives to make change in this country. My friends who did the killings, I stand by them. I stand by them because I didn't see anyone else willing to go to war; in war there's death, there's killing and sacrifice. They were willing to go to the gas chamber. I hand it to them. I don't see anyone else with the heart."

Leslie strikes sixteen times. The wounds are not mortal. According to a later autopsy, Rosemary may be dead already. In all, Rosemary is stabbed forty-two times. Leno is also stabbed to death. Tex delivers the killing wounds to both victims. Pat carves the word "WAR" on Leno's stomach, and swipes the bloody words "DEATH TO PIGS" on the wall, and "HeLter SkeLter" on the refrigerator. Before leaving,

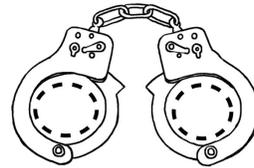
the killers clean up and help themselves to cheese and chocolate milk.
They hitchhike home. Leslie tells one Family member that the more she
stabbed the more fun it was.



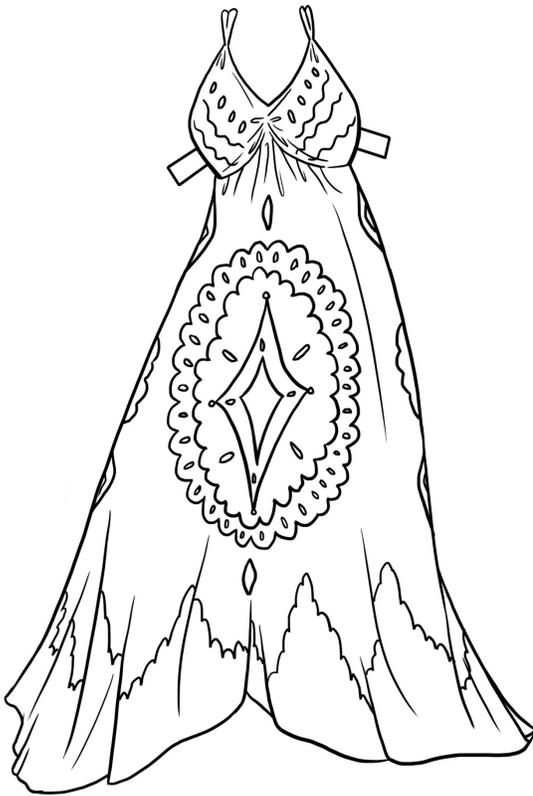
This is the gun that Squeaky used in her attempt to assassinate President Ford.



Squeaky got the gun from Harold "Zeke" Boro, a sugar daddy of hers. The gun was a 1911 Colt .45. That's a really big gun to hide. She strapped it to her lower leg, and the gun reached pretty much from her knee to her ankle. The gun is now displayed at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library + Museum.



You can put the dolls in handcuffs, or handcuff them to each other. Follow the guides to cut out holes for their hands.



Here's a Kissinger head to use with the dolls. Put it somewhere special!

And here's a tie-dye dress. It fits the Be-In Leslie doll, and Gypsie, and Squeaky, and Sandra, and the small dowel-body man.

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