

How to make... a Little Snow Person

Suitable for ages 6 - 11 independent working

Suitable for ages 3 - 5 with adult help

You will need:

- Paper or card
- Pencil
- Scrap materials
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 3-5 small elastic bands
- Wool
- Skewer/string/thread

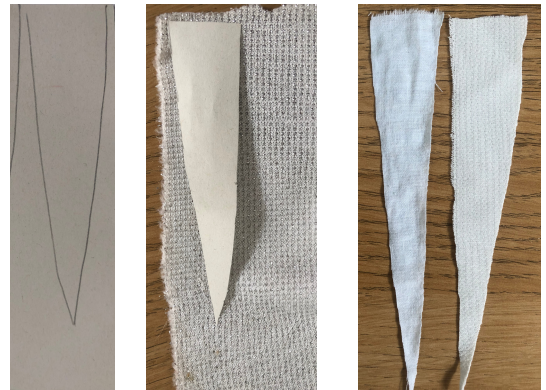
If you enjoyed Elaine Hartley's reading of *The Little People of the Snow*, make your own Little Snow Child floating puppet to retell this haunting tale...



Instructions

Step 1:

Decide how big you'd like your puppet to be, then draw a long triangle onto some card or thick paper. The longer your triangle, the longer your puppet will be. Once you're happy with the shape, cut it out. This will be your template.



Step 2:

Place your template onto your scrap materials, draw around it, then cut these out too. Make between 5-8 strips. We've used icy colours like light blue, silver and white like snow, but you can use whatever scraps you have from old clothes.

*If you don't have any scrap materials, you could try using plain paper, tissue paper or tin foil.



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Step 3:

Place the strips of material on top of each other, with the flat edge at the top, and the pointy side at the bottom. Tie an elastic band around the top of your bunch of material.



Step 4:

To make the head, fold the pointy strips over the elastic band to make a ball. This is the head of your snow child. Then tie another elastic band around the ball to make the neck.



Step 5:

Cut out another long strip of material for the arms. You can tie an elastic band around each wrist to make hands, or keep them loose.



Step 6:

Tuck the long strip of material between the flaps below the head to make arms.



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Step 7:

Now make the hair. In the poem, the snow child's hair is long and silvery, but again, you can choose any colour. We used roving/felting wool for the hair, but you can use normal wool and try unraveling it.

Glue your hair in place or drape it around the head and tie it in a knot at the back to keep it in place.



Step 8:

Tie another elastic band under the arms to keep them in place and make a waist.



Step 9:

To make your puppet float, tie a skewer to the neck elastic band. Alternatively, use invisible thread or cotton, so that your Snow Child appears to float magically.

You could also try sewing some eyes on your puppet if you wish.

