

# How to make... a fox puppet

Suitable for ages 7 - 11

## You will need:

- Access to a printer
- Plain paper
- Colouring pencils or felt tip pens
- Sharp pencil
- Toilet roll tube
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape
- String
- Bamboo skewer, lolly stick, pencil or old paintbrush for the control bar
- Two milk bottle lids
- Orange pipe cleaners or wool
- Tissue paper (optional)

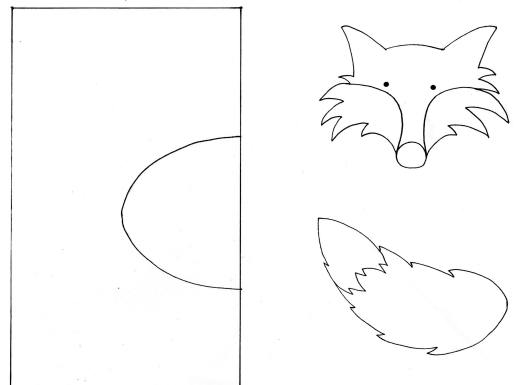
If you're feeling inspired by Daisy Porter's reading of *The Greedy Fox*, why not make your own fox puppet?



## Instructions

### Step 1:

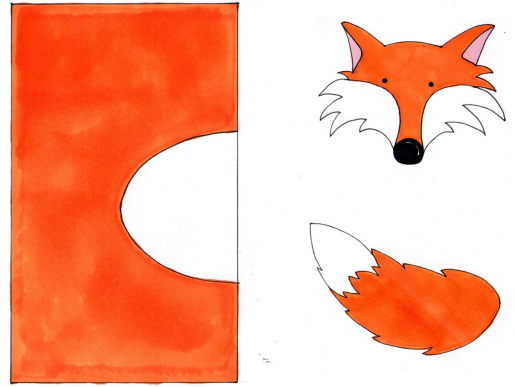
Print out our template or draw out your own little fox face and tail.



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## Step 2:

Colour them in with felt tip pens or colouring pencils.



## Step 3:

Cut out all your pieces.



## Step 4:

Put glue all over the square for the body and cover your toilet roll tube with it.



## Step 5:

Think about where you would like the arms to be and with a sharp pencil make a little hole in the toilet roll tube.



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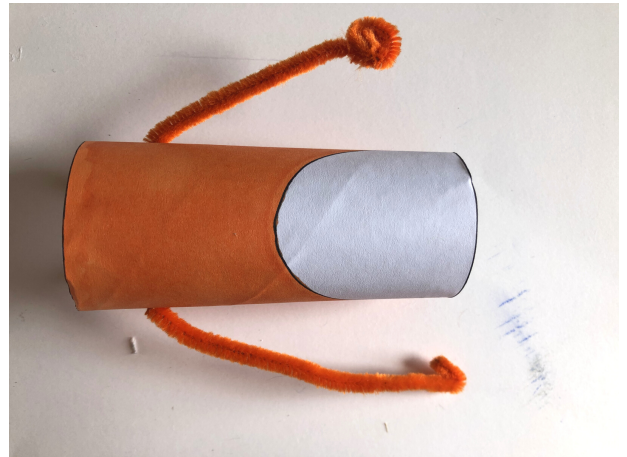
## Step 6:

Thread a pipe cleaner in through one hole and out of the other to create the arms. If you don't have a pipe cleaner you could use wool or string.



## Step 7:

If you are using a pipe cleaner, put a little bend in the end and roll the pipe cleaner around it to create little paws.



## Step 8:

Cut out a square of black tissue paper much bigger than your bottle top. Completely cover your bottle top in glue, inside and out. Place it in the middle of your tissue paper square.

If you don't have tissue paper you could always colour your bottle tops in with a Sharpie or perhaps some paint. Or just leave them however they are and continue to Step 11.



## Step 9:

Gently scrunch up your tissue paper and push it against the sides of your bottle top to glue it in place. Trim off some of the tissue paper so that you have about 2cm of excess all the way around.





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## Step 10:

Tuck all the ends into your bottle top and secure them down with a little extra glue if you need. Repeat for the second bottle top.



## Step 11:

Use a sharp pencil to poke a hole in the middle of both of your bottle tops.



## Step 12:

Thread the end of a pipe cleaner through the hole, bend the end over and tape in place. If you don't have a pipe cleaner you could use wool or string for your legs. We have used lots of strands of orange wool plaited together to make them a little thicker.



## Step 13:

Tape the other end of your pipe cleaner or wool legs to the inside of your toilet roll tube. Repeat Steps 12 and 13 with the other bottle top to create the other leg.

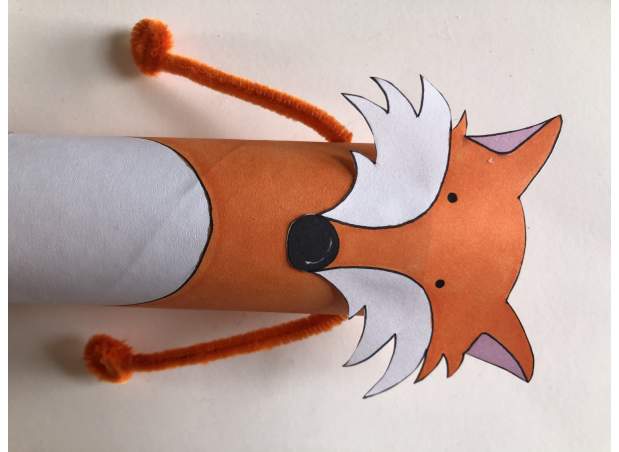




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## Step 14:

Glue the head on.



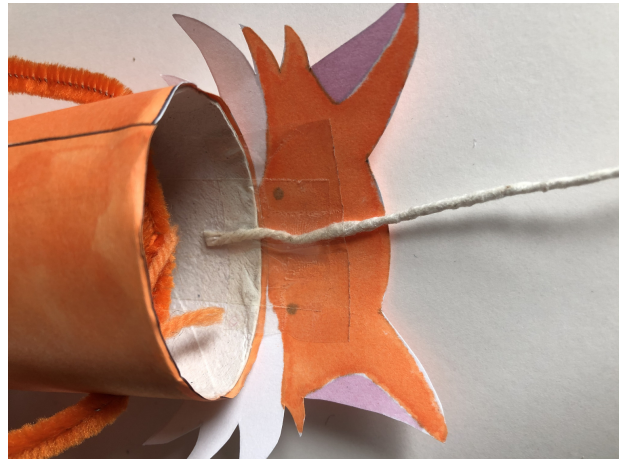
## Step 15:

Glue the tail onto the back of the body so that it curls round to the side.



## Step 16:

Cut a length of string 40cm long and tape it to the inside of the back of the head.



## Step 17:

Tie the other end of the string in the middle of your bamboo skewer, lolly stick or whatever you are using for your control bar.



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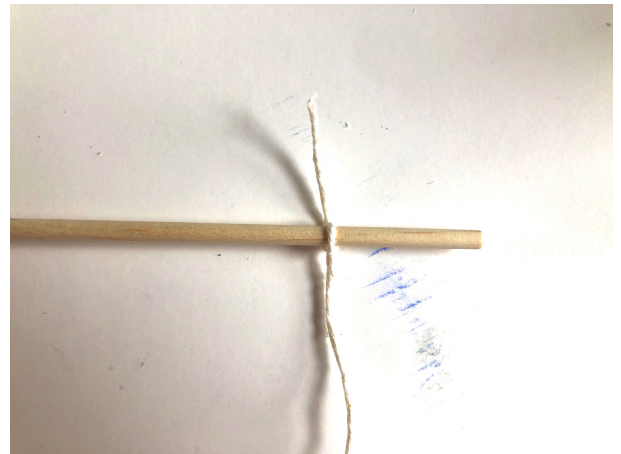
## Step 18:

Cut two 60cm lengths of string. Tie one end of the strings to your legs, as close to the bottle tops as you can.



## Step 19:

Tie the other end of the strings to the outer ends of your control bar.



Congratulations, you've made your own little fox puppet!

Rock your control bar up and down to make it walk, dance and have fun!

You may need to adjust the length of the strings. It's a little tricky to do by yourself, so maybe get someone to help you.

Hold your puppet up and let the feet lie flat on the floor or table. You want the legs straight and all the strings taut at this point in order to get the best movement.



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Template:

