

How to make... a goat marionette

Suitable for ages 7 - 11

You will need:

- Access to a printer
- Paper
- Inside of a toilet roll
- String
- Beads/buttons for hooves (if you don't have these you could cut them out of cardboard or use pennies as it is good for the hooves to have a little bit of weight)
- Stick (a bamboo skewer works really well or you could use a pencil)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colouring pencils or felt tip pens



If you enjoyed Ruth Calkin's reading of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, why not try making your own goat marionette puppet? This activity sheet includes a template to help you with cutting out your goat.

Instructions

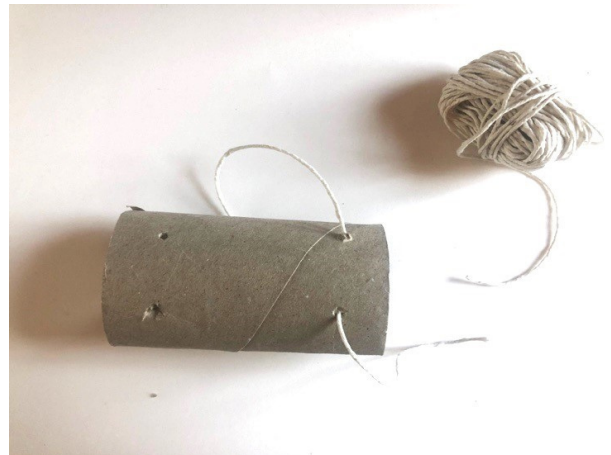
Step 1:

Print out your template and colour in. Cut out all your pieces and put safely to one side.

Step 2:

Using a sharp pencil, pierce four holes in one side of your toilet roll tube. These are for your legs so space them out like in the picture.

Cut two 30cm lengths of string. You are going to thread the string through the set of holes for the back legs. In one hole, through the inside of the tube and out the other. Repeat for the front legs.



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Step 3:

Tie your beads or buttons on to the ends of the strings for your hooves. Try to make the strings even if you can.

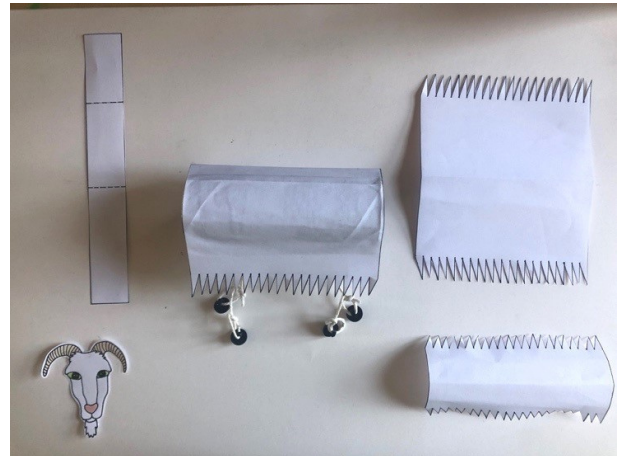


Step 4:

Fold all your coat pieces in half and open up. This fold will help guide you later.

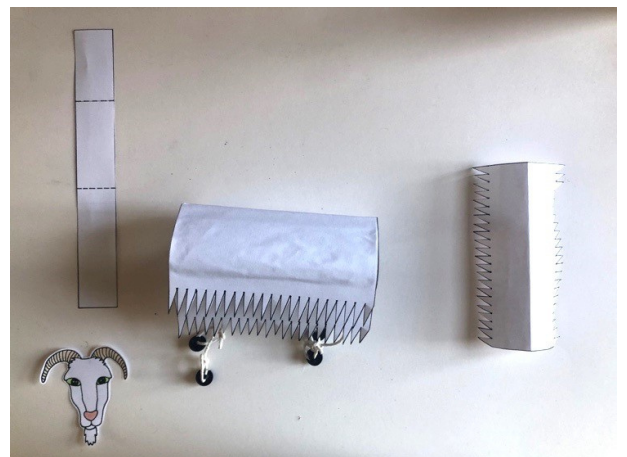
Step 5:

Take the largest coat piece (coat 1) and glue it on to the top and sides of the toilet roll tube, leaving the edges of the paper unstuck. Try to get the centre fold along the top of your tube. This creates the main body of your goat.



Step 6:

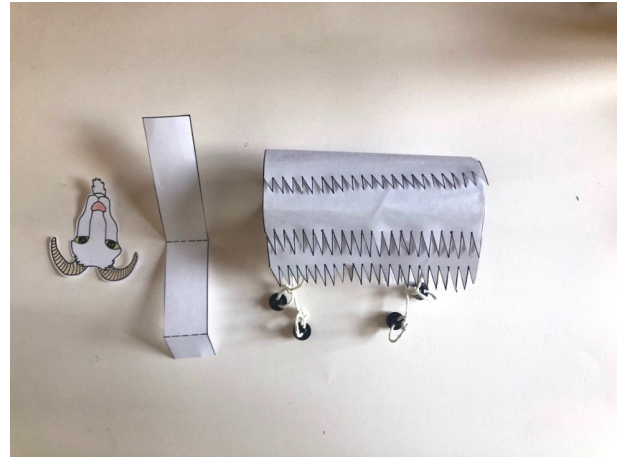
Next, glue on coat 2 in the same way over the top. You can line up the two folds in the middle to help get them centred.



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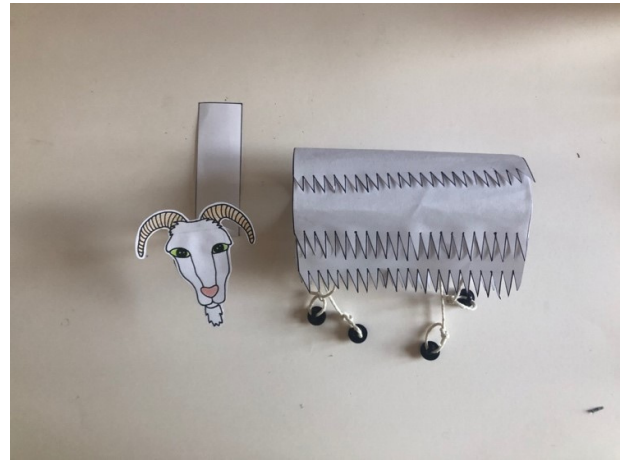
Step 7:

Repeat with coat 3.



Step 8:

Next, glue the head on to the neck. Then fold your neck along the dotted lines to create a 'Z' shape.



Step 9:

Glue the long strip onto the inside of the toilet roll tube.



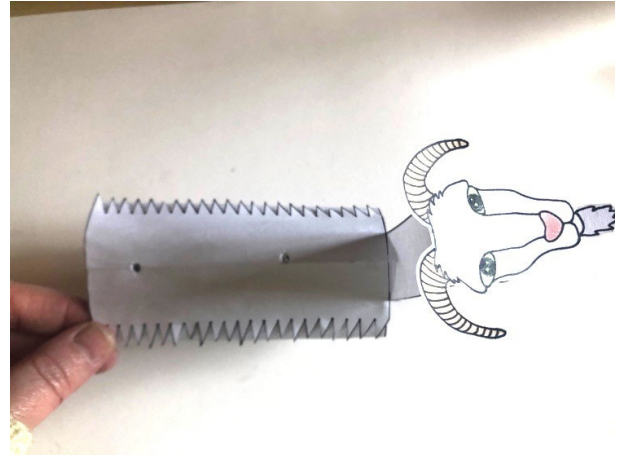
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Step 10:

You are almost done. Now all you need to do is string it up.

Cut a 60cm long piece of string.

Using a sharp pencil, pierce two holes on the top of your goat's back. You are going through more layers than before so you may need to get an adult to help. They could start off the hole with a needle and then you can make it bigger with your pencil.



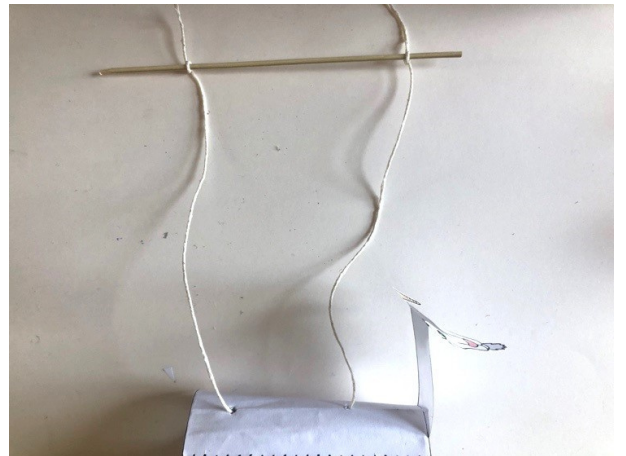
Step 11:

Thread the string through the holes, just like you did with the legs. In one hole, through the inside of the tube and then out the other hole.



Step 12:

Tie the ends of your string onto your stick or pencil. Pull the string through the holes until the ends are even.



Now go and take your billy goat for a clip clop around the house. Fingers crossed you don't meet any trolls!

Template

