

How to make... a bear puppet

Suitable for ages 3 - 6 with adult help

You will need:

- Thin card (with the template printed on if you want to use it)
- Wooden skewer or sharp pencil
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- String or split pins
- Decorations, stickers and googly eyes (optional)



If you enjoyed Amy Tweed's reading of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, why not try making your own bear puppet? The last page of this activity sheet is a template to help you with cutting out your bear.

Instructions

Step 1:

Colour in the bear body parts on the template. Give the bear a face and decorate it with stickers, or anything else you have at home.

Cut the shapes out, or ask an adult to help you cut them out.



Step 2:

Ask an adult to help you make holes to attach the arms, legs and head. You can use a wooden barbecue skewer or a sharp pencil to do this.



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Step 3:

Ask an adult to help you attach the arms, legs and head. You can use split pins if you have them, but if not you can use string.



Step 4:

Stick your barbecue skewer or pencil that you used in step 2 on to the back of your puppet so that you can hold it up.

Watch its arms, legs and head jiggle as you make it dance!



What next?

Make all three bears: Can you make Mummy, Daddy and Baby Bear from the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*? You could decorate them differently to show who's who.

Make some props: Can you use boxes to make beds or chairs for the bears?

Template:

