

# How to make... a bear puppet

Suitable for ages 7 - 11

## You will need:

- Thin card (with the template printed on if you want to use it)
- A paper cup
- Tissue paper, coloured paper or magazine pages
- Puppet rod (you could use a chopstick, wooden skewer, lolly stick or an old pencil)
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sticky tape



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

## Instructions

### Step 1:

Use the template and add facial details and colour in or draw your own bear head, arms and legs. You could also use things like stick on googly eyes if you have them. Cut them out.



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## Step 2:

Using a paper cup for the body, cover it with glue then stick tissue paper or a collage of magazine pages or coloured paper all over the cup so that it is completely covered. If you want to give your bear a little tummy you can scrunch up some paper and stick it onto the cup before you cover it.



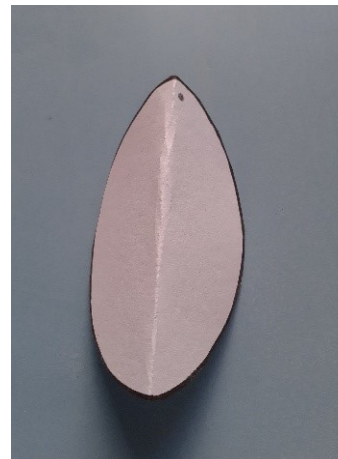
## Step 3:

Decorate the body with cut out paper shapes to add any accessories or details you would like.



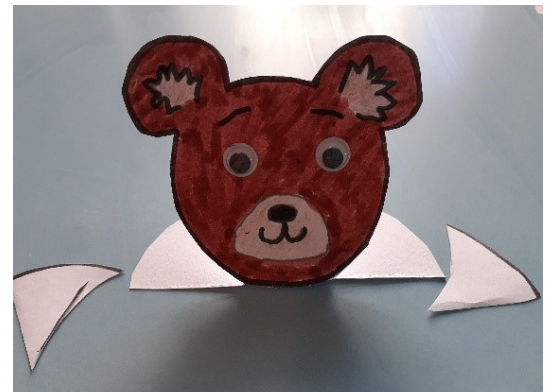
## Step 4:

Cut out the circle on the template sheet or draw your own. Fold it in half. Stick the bear's head onto one side of the folded circle.



## Step 5:

Cut off the excess around the bear's head on the half of the circle that the head is stuck on to (making sure the head is still attached to the other half of the circle).



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## Step 5:

Put lots of glue on the top of the cup and stick the head on using the other half of the circle.



## Step 6:

Fold down the corners of the half of the circle that are sticking out over the edge of the cup. Stick the arms on to them. Glue the legs into the bottom of the cup.



## Step 7:

Attach the rod into the back of the inside of the cup with tape.



## What next?

**Make all three bears:** Can you make Mummy, Daddy and Baby Bear from the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*? Decorate them differently and you could even make Baby Bear a bit smaller by cutting the template shapes and the cup down.

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

Template:

