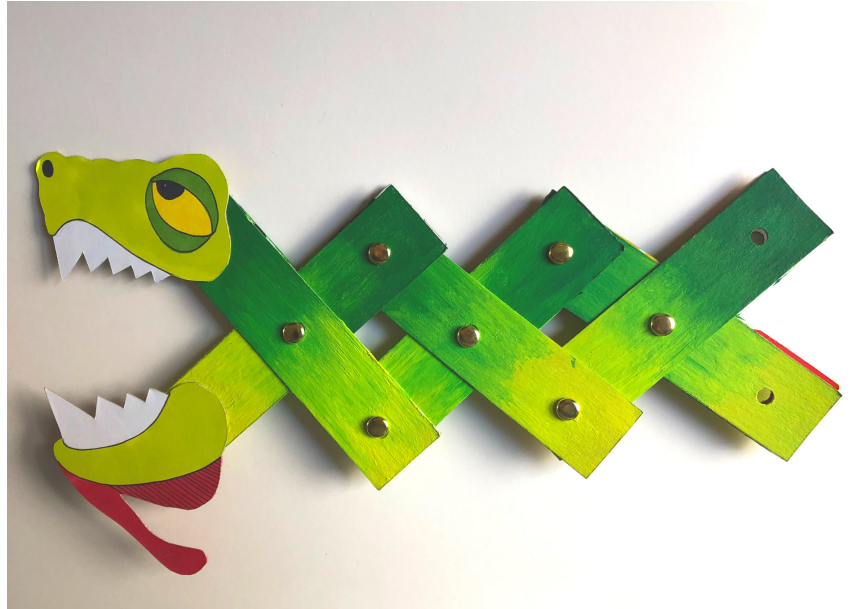


How to make... a snapping Jabberwocky puppet

Suitable for ages 7 - 11 or 4 - 6 with a little
adult help

You will need:

- Cereal box
- Paper
- Scissors
- Hole puncher
- Glue
- Felt tip pens, colouring pencils or paints
- Ruler
- Split pins
- Access to a printer (optional)

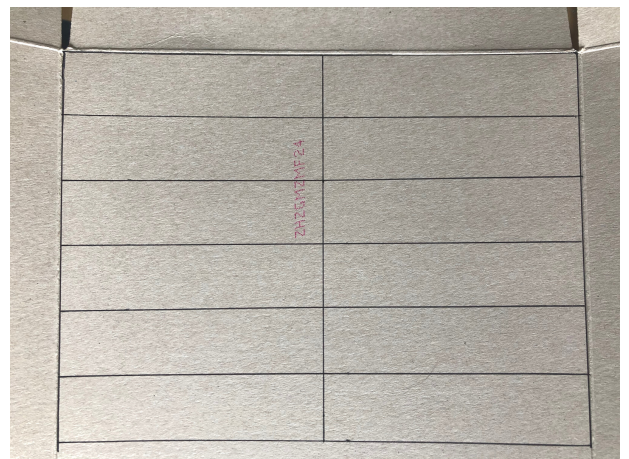


If you enjoyed Steve Tiplady's reading of *The Jabberwocky*, bring the terrifying jaws of the Jabberwocky to life with this snappy puppet.

Instructions

Step 1:

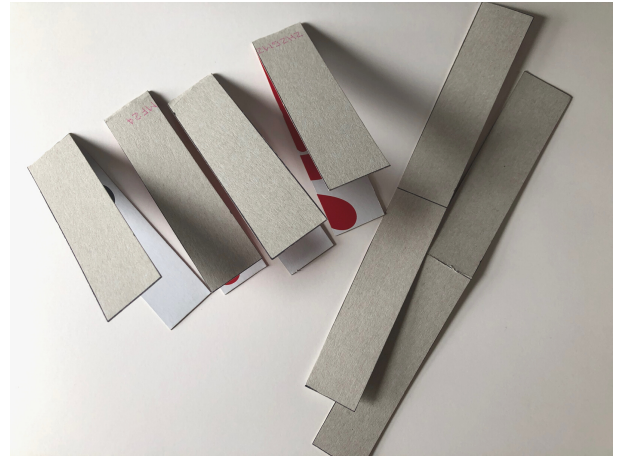
Open out your cereal box and measure out six strips 3cm wide. Also mark the centre point of your strips.



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Step 2:

Cut out your strips and fold them in half.



Step 3:

Open up your strips and punch three holes at the top, bottom and middle of the first half of each strip. Fold them back up and punch holes in the same places on the other half of the strip.



Step 4:

Colour in your strips with paint, felt tip pens, colouring pencils or crayons.

Tip:

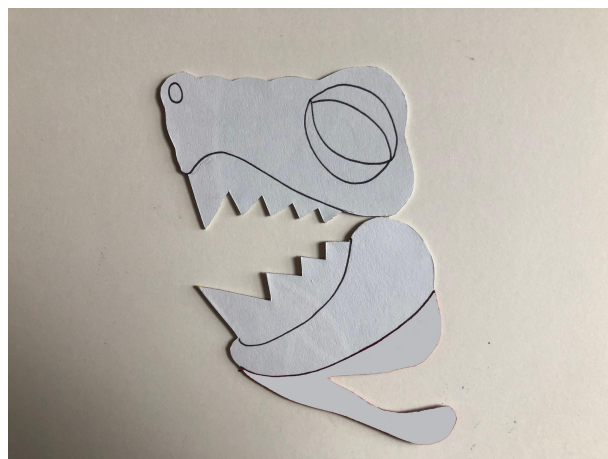
If you want to have two colours, one fading into the other from the bottom like in the photo, you need to colour in three strips one way and three the other so that they fade into one another in opposite directions.



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Step 5:

Draw out the top and bottom jaw of your Jabberwocky on a piece of paper or print out our template. Glue it to the coloured side of your cereal box and cut it out.



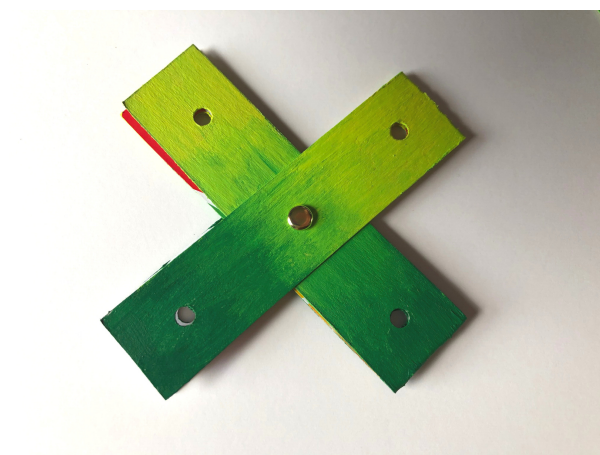
Step 6:

Colour in your Jabberwocky's head. Don't forget to colour in both sides.



Step 7:

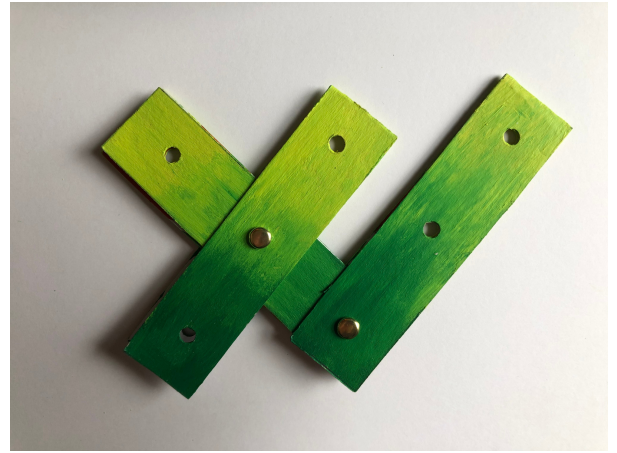
Take the first pair of strips. Slot one inside the other and put a split pin through the centre holes to join them together.



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Step 8:

Take the next strip and sandwich it over the folded end of the previous strip, then push a split pin all the way through the matching holes.



Step 9:

Take the next strip and sandwich it over the last so that they cross over at the middle and push a split pin through the matching holes. The holes at the bottom of this strip should line up with the top of another. Make sure that the folded edge is sandwiched in the middle and push a split pin through the matching holes.



Step 10:

Repeat this process with the last two strips.



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Step 11:

Glue the head on, so that the jaws close when your mechanism is at its most outstretched.



Tips:

- Open and close the bottom strips like scissors to loosen up the mechanism.
- Wrap a small elastic band around the outer middle split pins to help your jaws spring back open.

Template:

