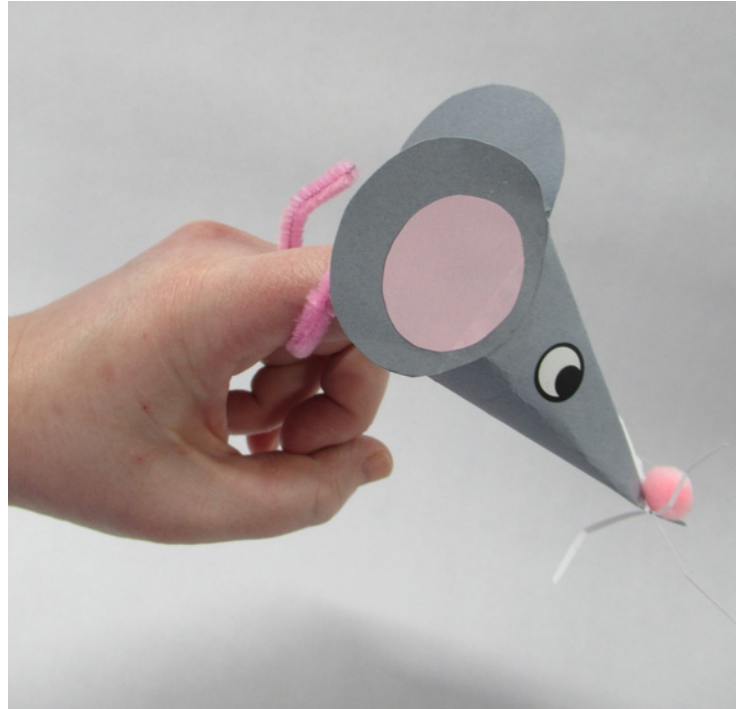


## You will need:

- Paper (in grey/brown/white and pink)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape

## Optional:

- Access to a printer
- One small pompom
- A pipe cleaner
- Googly eyes



If you enjoyed Rachel Leonard's reading of *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse*, why not try making your own mouse finger puppet? This activity sheet includes a template to help you with cutting out your mouse.

## Instructions

### Step 1:

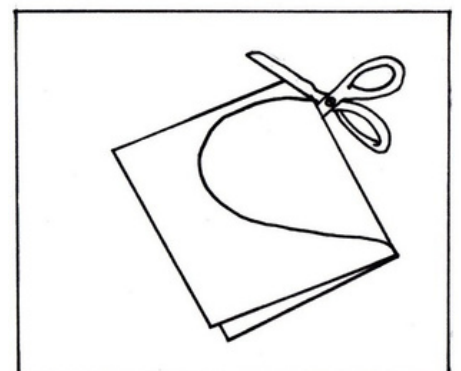
If you are using the template, print it out on to your choice of paper and cut out. Fold the heart shape in half.

OR

Take an A4 piece of paper and cut it into quarters. You could fold it up to help guide you. We are going to make a heart shape with one of these quarters.

### Step 2:

Fold your piece in half and draw out one half of a heart shape up against the folded edge. Try and fill the paper. Cut out this shape. This technique will help you create a symmetrical shape.

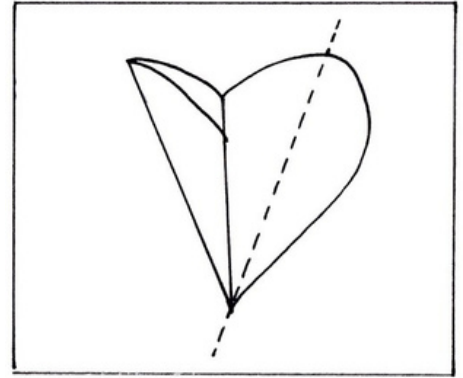


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## Step 3:

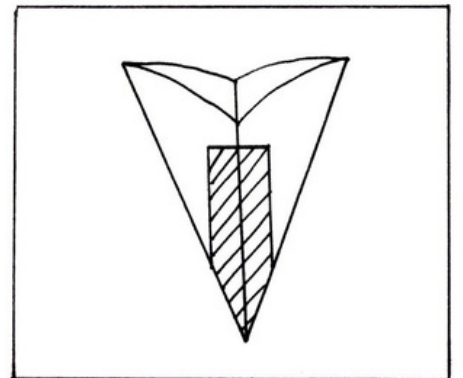
Open up your heart. If you would like to colour in your mouse, now is the time to do it.

Fold the edges of your heart shape into the centre so that they meet at the centre fold.



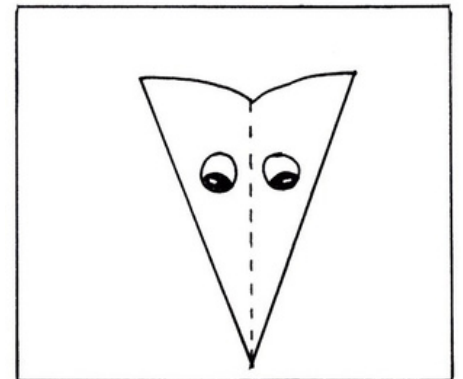
## Step 4:

Tape these edges together. Then turn over.



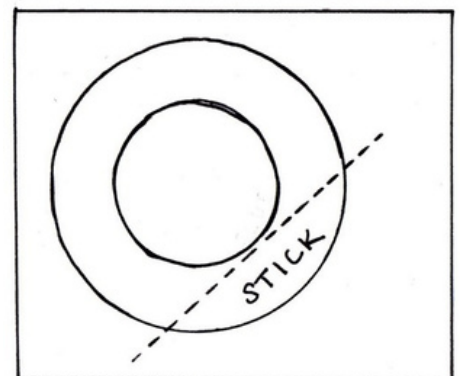
## Step 5:

The centre fold of the heart is now the ridge of the mouse's nose (the tape is running along the bottom). Draw on eyes either side of this fold or stick on googly eyes if you have them.



## Step 6:

Cut out two circles for the ears (you can use the template or draw round a small roll of tape). Fold up a small corner of the circle and use this to stick on to the mouse.



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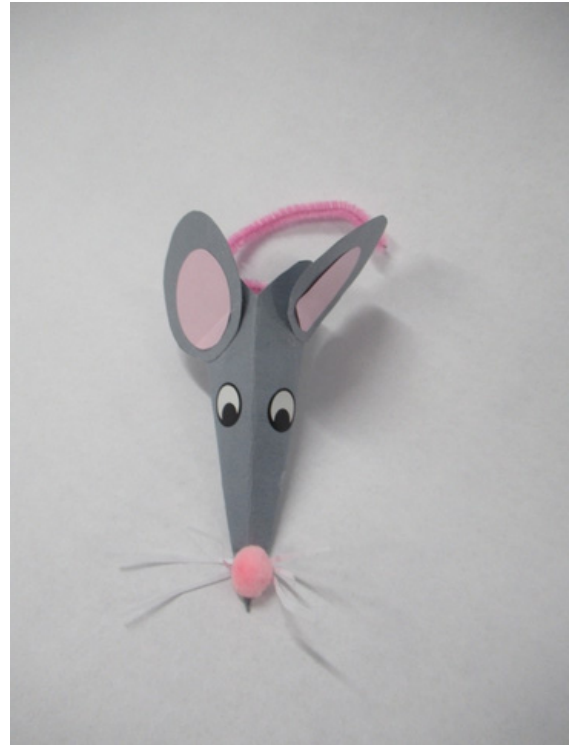
## Step 7:

Flatten the tip of the nose a little to allow you to glue on a pompom for a nose if you have one. If not, you can colour the nose in or try rolling up a little ball of paper instead.

Glue thin strips of white paper under the pompom or on the underside of the nose for whiskers.

If you have a pipe cleaner, tape this to the inside for a tail. You can wrap this around your finger to help you puppeteer your mouse. If not, you could use a piece of wool or string to create a little tail.

Open up your cone, put your finger inside and say hello to your beautiful little mouse.



## What next?

Now you've made one mouse finger puppet, why not make another so you can have a Town Mouse and a Country Mouse.

How can you make the Town Mouse and the Country Mouse look different?