

How to make... The Owl and the Pussy-Cat Puppets

Suitable for ages 5 - 11

You will need:

For the Puppets:

- 2 Toilet roll tubes
- Paper (coloured if you have it)
- Paint/tissue paper/wrapping paper/felt tip pens/crayons
- Felt tip pens or colouring pencils for details
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (optional)
- Access to a printer (optional)

For the Boat

- Access to a printer
- Paper
- Card (a cereal box works well)
- Bamboo Skewer (optional)
- Cork (optional)



If you enjoyed Ronnie Le Drew's reading of *The Owl and the Pussy-cat*, recreate this wonderful story at home with your very own Owl and Pussy-cat puppets. Don't forget their beautiful pea-green boat. This activity sheet includes templates you can use to make the boat and the characters' features.

Instructions for the Puppets:

Step 1:

Slightly flatten your toilet roll.



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Step 2:

Fold down one end of the tube.



Step 3:

Repeat with the other side and glue into place. It might help to put something inside the tube to press down onto, like a glue stick or felt tip pen.



Step 4:

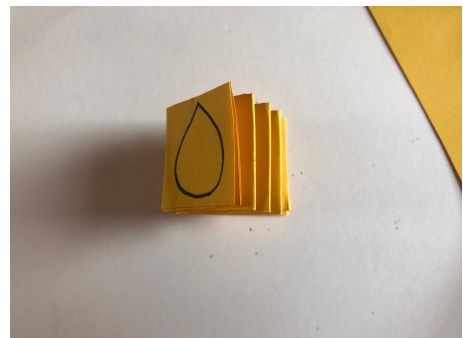
Using whatever you have (paint/tissue paper/wrapping paper/felt tip pens/crayons) colour in your tube.



Step 5:

Take a strip of paper 2cm wide and fold it up backwards and forwards all the way along, just like when making a paper fan or little spring.

Draw a tear drop shape on the top fold (or use our template) and cut out through all the layers to create lots of feather shapes.



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Step 6:

Glue your first feather down on the bottom centre of your toilet roll and gradually work your way up in layers. Try putting glue just on the top part of your feather so the bottom remains loose for a little texture.



Step 7:

Print out our template and colour in your eyes or draw your own. Remember to make them nice and big.



Step 8:

Glue your eyes in place. Make a little beak by folding a small piece of paper in half and cutting out a triangle. Glue this into place under your eyes.



Step 9:

Repeat the same process for your Pussy-Cat. You could use thin strips of paper for whiskers and a pipe cleaner taped into the inside of the tube for a tail.

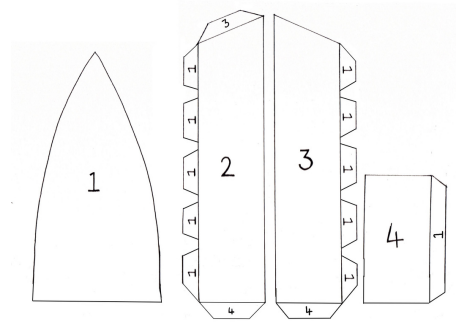


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Instructions for the Boat:

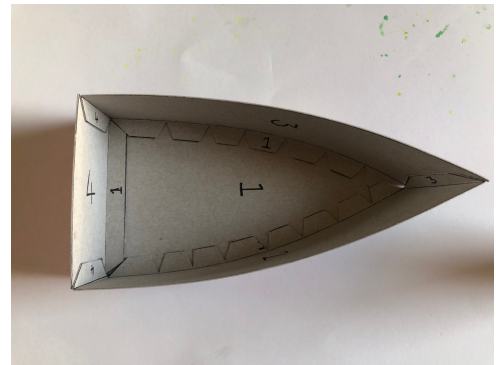
Step 1:

Print out our boat template and glue it to some card.
Cut out the pieces.



Step 2:

Assemble your boat by glueing the numbered tabs to the corresponding piece.



Step 3:

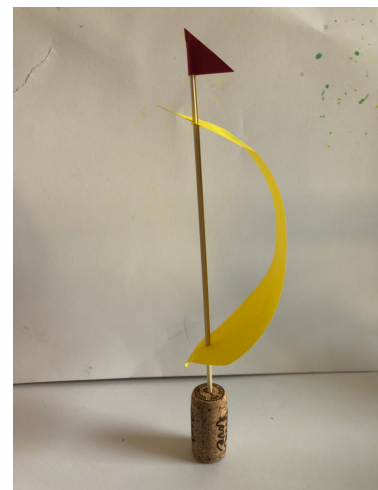
Decorate the sides of your boat using whatever you have. You could glue paper on and colour them in or use coloured paper and stickers.



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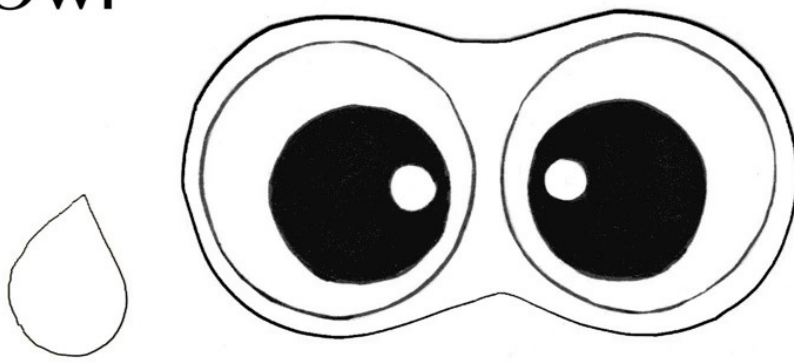
Print out the sail template and decorate with colouring pencils or felt tip pens.

Cut out and pierce the paper at the marked points with the bamboo skewer to create a billowing sail. Fold the triangle in half and glue around the top of the skewer. Push the pointed end of the skewer into a cork. Glue the cork in place in the boat.

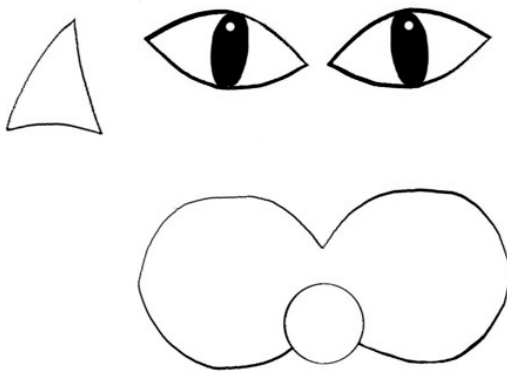


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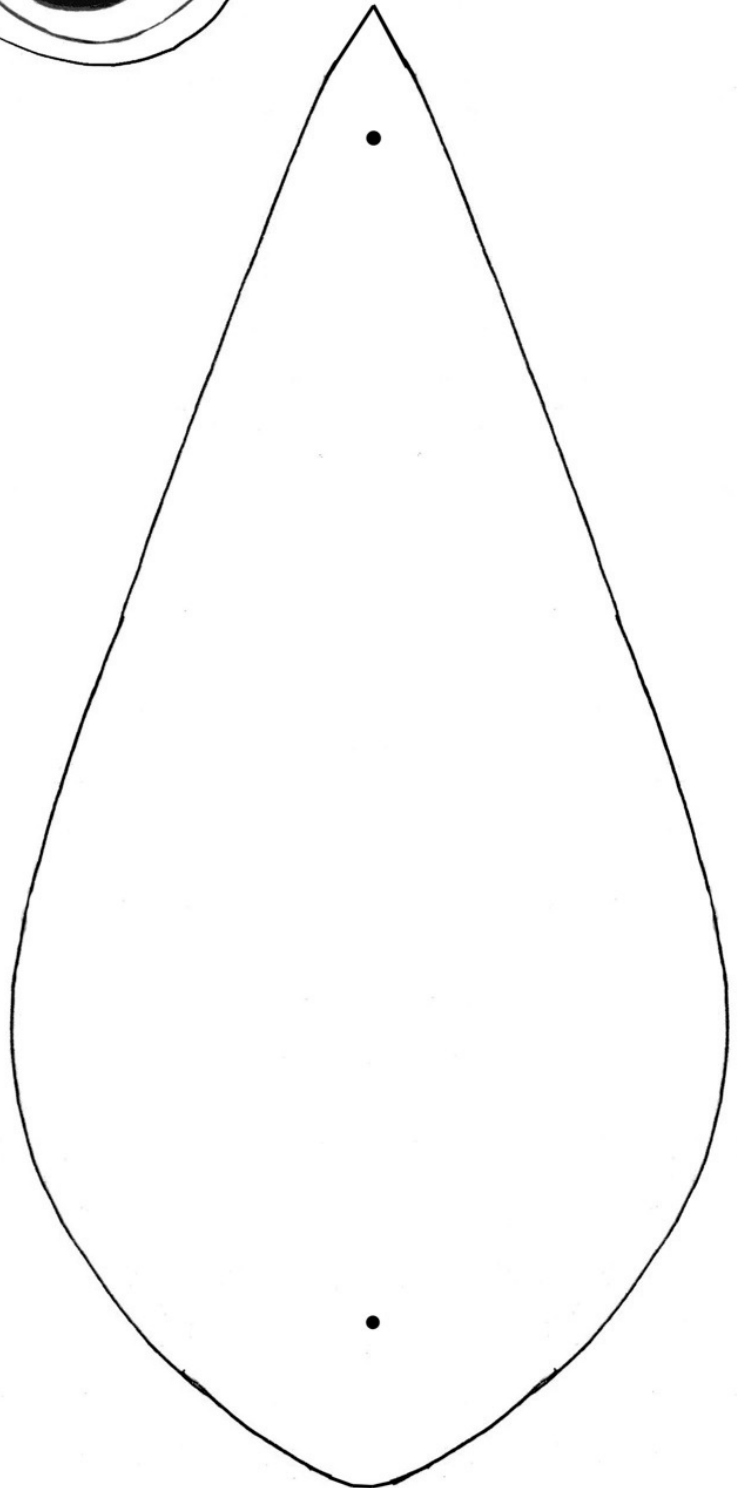
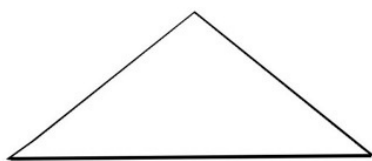
Owl



Pussy-Cat



Sail



Templates:

