

How to make... a raven puppet

Suitable for ages 4 - 7

You will need:

- Card
- Paper
- Split pins (paper fasteners)
- String
- Hole puncher
- Scissors
- Glue
- Access to a printer (optional)
- Colouring pens or pencils
- Tape

Are you feeling inspired by Laura Doble's reading of *The Seven Ravens*? Why not try making this charming little flapping bird puppet. You could make it an all black raven like in the story or make a colourful feathered friend.



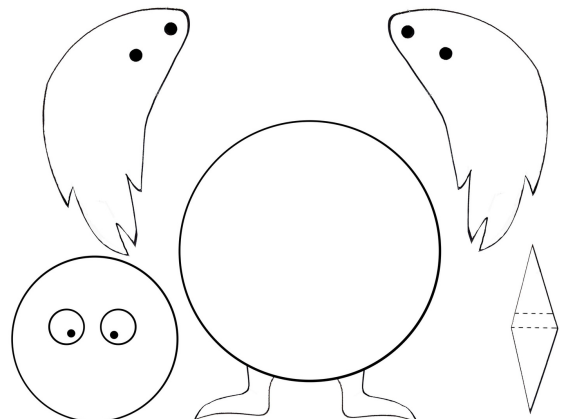
Instructions

Step 1:

On a piece of card, draw two big circles and one smaller one. (We drew around a roll of tape and a jam jar lid.) Divide one of the larger circles in half - these form your wings. You could draw more detail on these to create a feathery shape like in the template.

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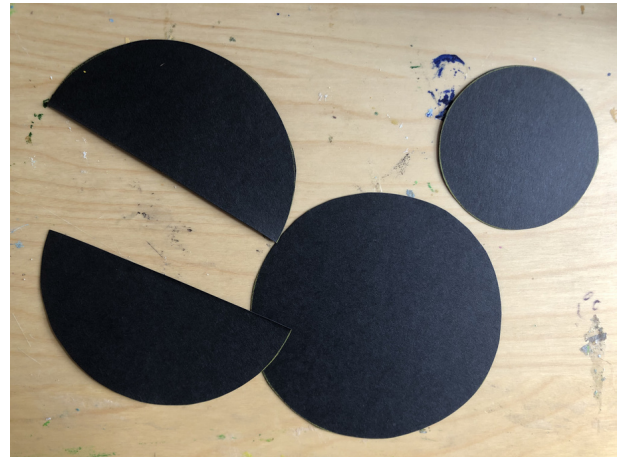
Print out our template and stick it to card.



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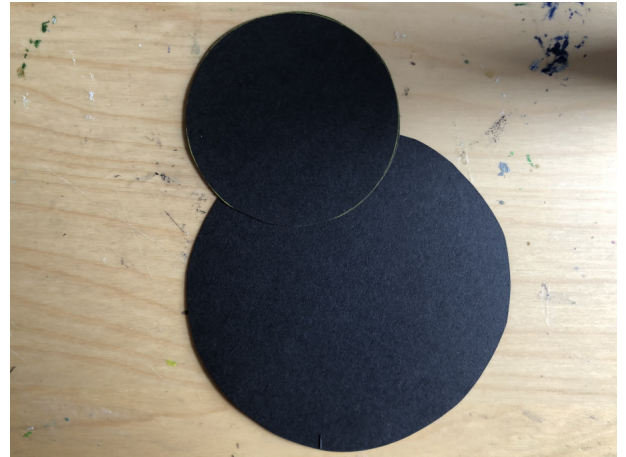
Step 2:

Colour in your pieces, then cut them out.



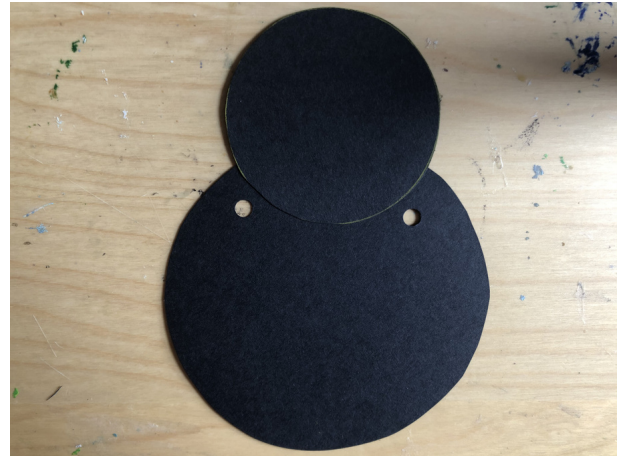
Step 3:

Stick the small circle to the top of the big one. These are the body and head of your bird.



Step 4:

Punch a hole on both sides of the body, just below the head.



Step 5:

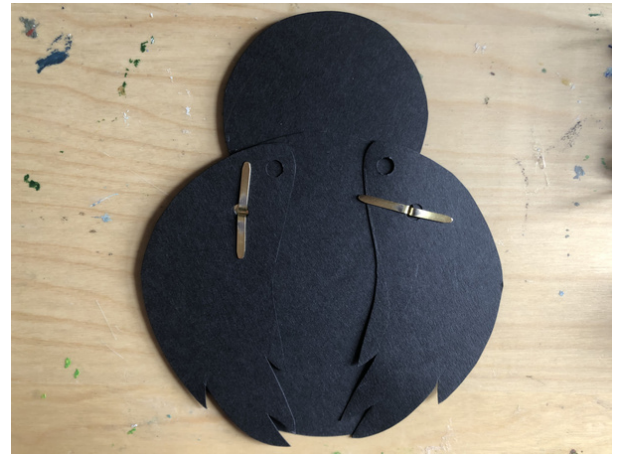
Punch a hole at the tip of the wings and one a little further down. They are marked on the template.



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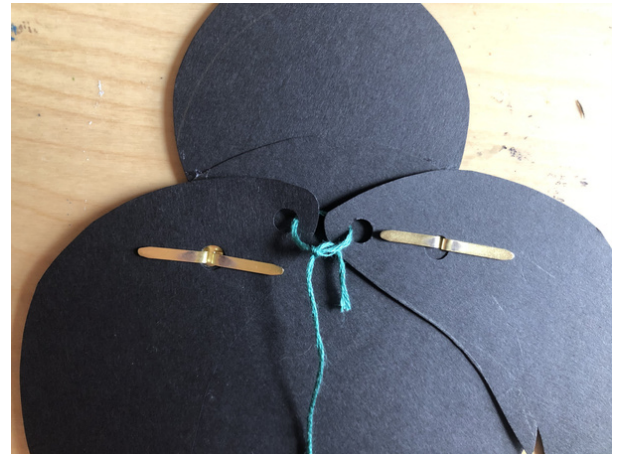
Step 6:

Push a split pin through the hole in the body and then the second hole on the wing. Open up the pin to fasten it into place. Repeat with the other wing.



Step 7:

Cut a length of string and thread it through the two top holes in the wings and tie the end in a knot. Try to make sure that the wings are lying as tucked into the body as they can while you tie the knot.



Step 8:

Cut another length of string. Fold it in half and tie the ends together to form a loop. Tape this to the back of the head.



Step 9:

Turn your bird over and finish off any decorating. Add a little beak and some claws.



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Template:

