

How to make... The Elves and the Shoemaker

paper dolls

Suitable for ages 6 - 11 independent working
Suitable for ages 3 - 5 with adult help



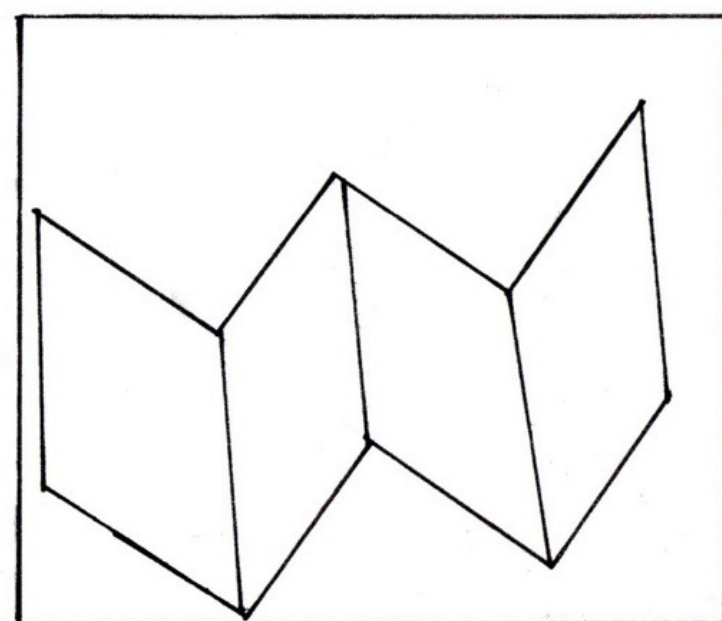
If you enjoyed Jane Crawshaw's reading of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, why not bring it to life with this craft? You can make it on your own or ask a grownup to help you. The last page of this activity sheet is a template for you to create your paper dolls from.

Instructions

Step 1:

Cut an A4 piece of paper in half lengthways.

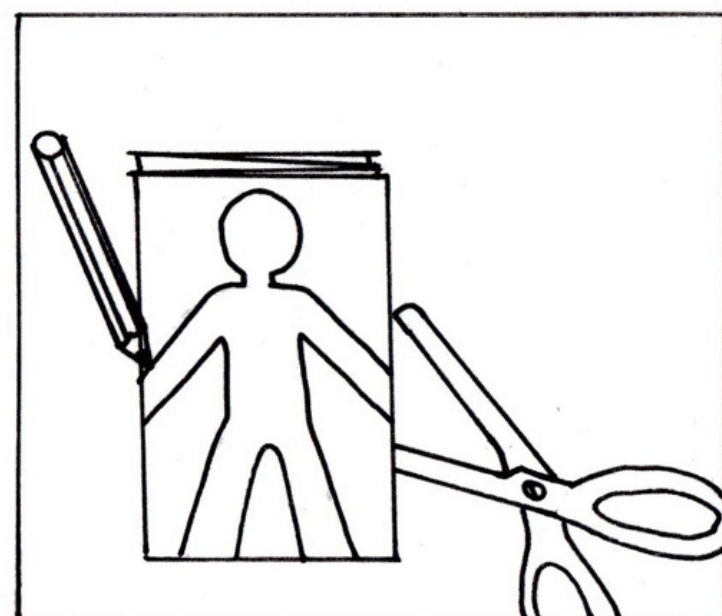
Fold your strip in half. Then fold each half back on itself to create an accordion fold. Your paper should create a 'W' or an 'M'.



Step 2:

Sandwich your paper back together.

If you are using the template, place this on the front square and draw around it. If you want to draw your own, just make sure that the arms come all the way to the edge of the paper.



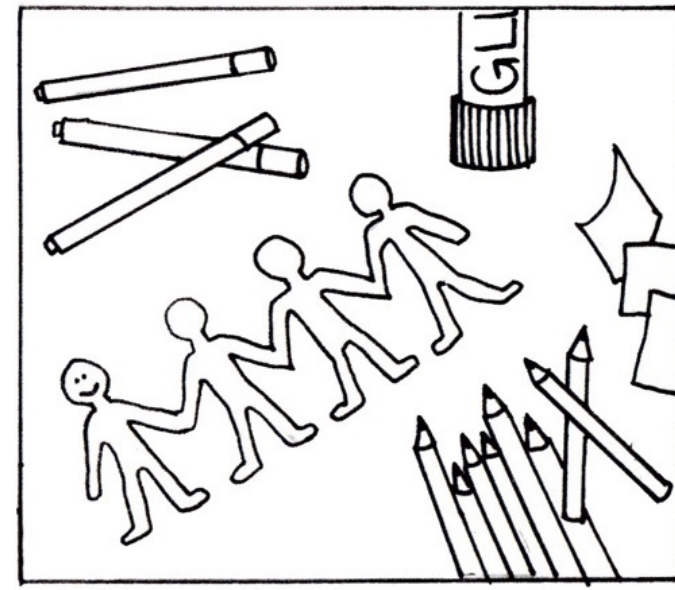
Cut out your elf figure.

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Step 3:

Open up your string of paper dolls. Using felt tip pens or colouring pencils colour in your paper dolls.

You could also use pieces of coloured paper to cut out clothes and stick them on.



One step further:

Think about how the elves look at the beginning of the story and the end, what has changed? You could illustrate this using the front and back of your paper dolls.



What next?

Take your elves on a journey around the house - what secret hiding place can they find?
What mischievous or helpful things could they get up to?

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Template:

