

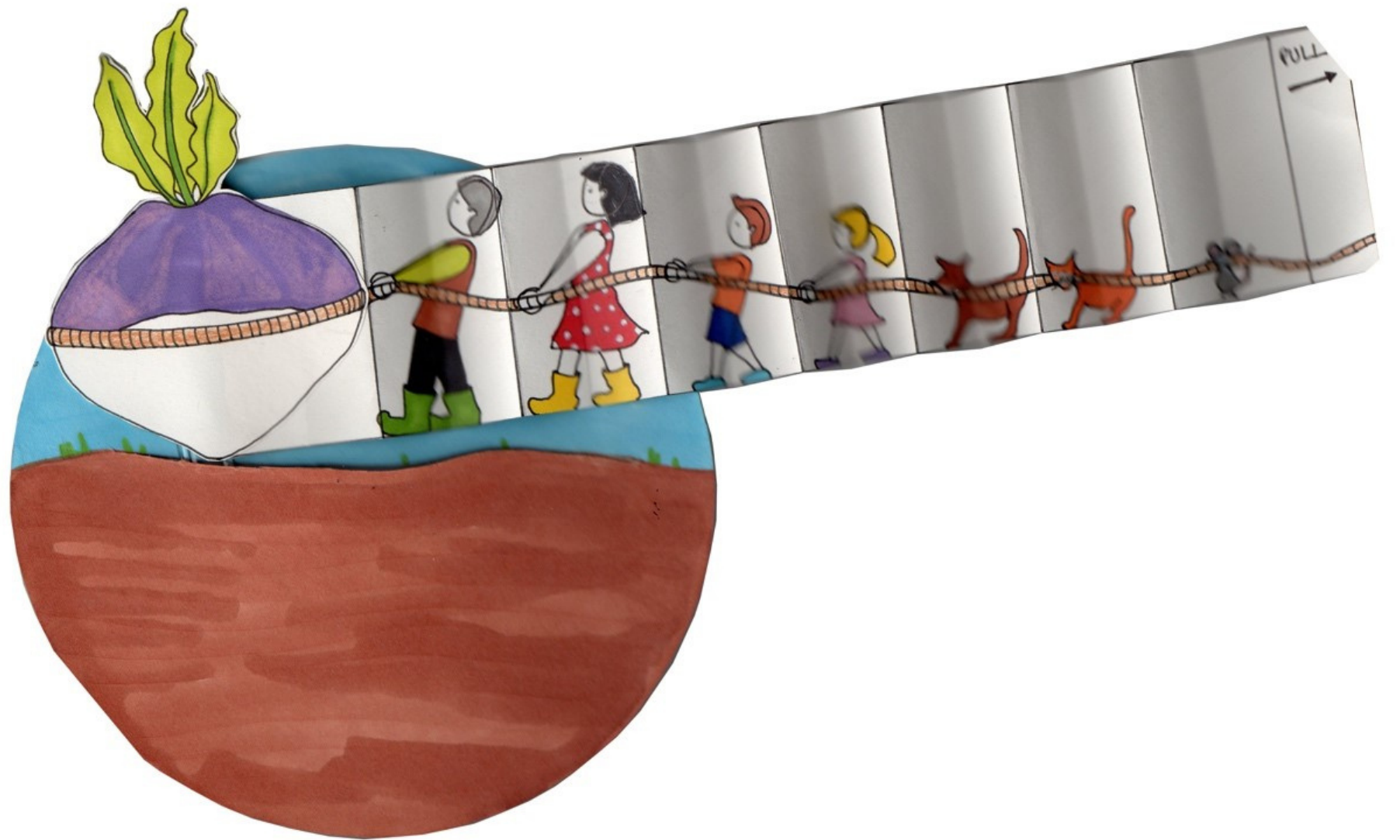
How to make... The Enormous Turnip puppet

Suitable for ages 8 - 11 independent working

Suitable for ages 5 - 7 with some adult help

You will need:

- Access to a printer
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Sticky tape
- Paper plate (or a circle of card from a cereal box)
- Felt tip pens/colouring pencils
- Lollipop stick (or kebab skewer/plastic spoon)



If you enjoyed Louisa Ashton's reading of *The Enormous Turnip*, why not bring it to life with this craft? You can make it on your own or ask a grownup to help you. This activity sheet includes a template for you to create your puppet from.

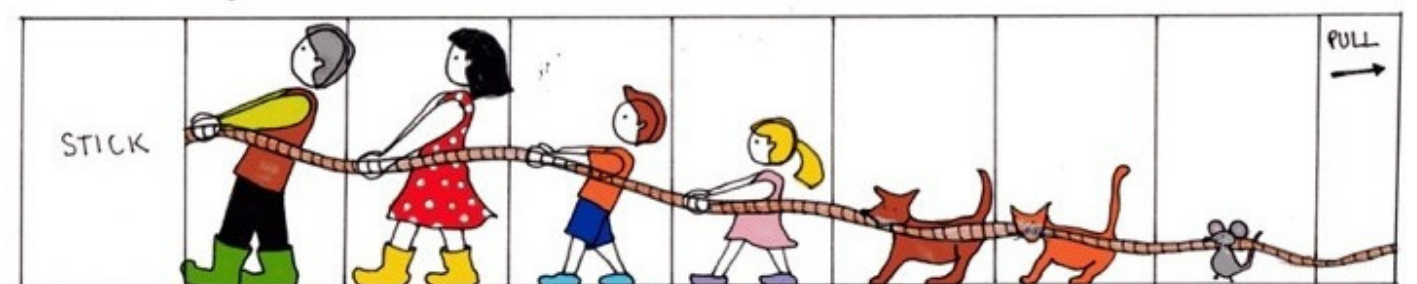
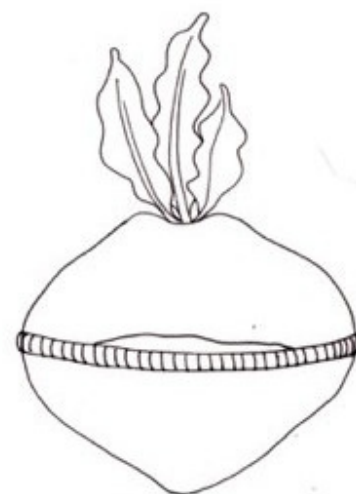
Instructions

Step 1: Choose between drawing your own characters from scratch and using the ones already drawn. Print out your chosen template and cut out. Don't forget your enormous turnip.

Step 2: Draw in your characters all holding on to the rope and colour in. Keep one character per square along the rope. Don't forget to colour in your enormous turnip!

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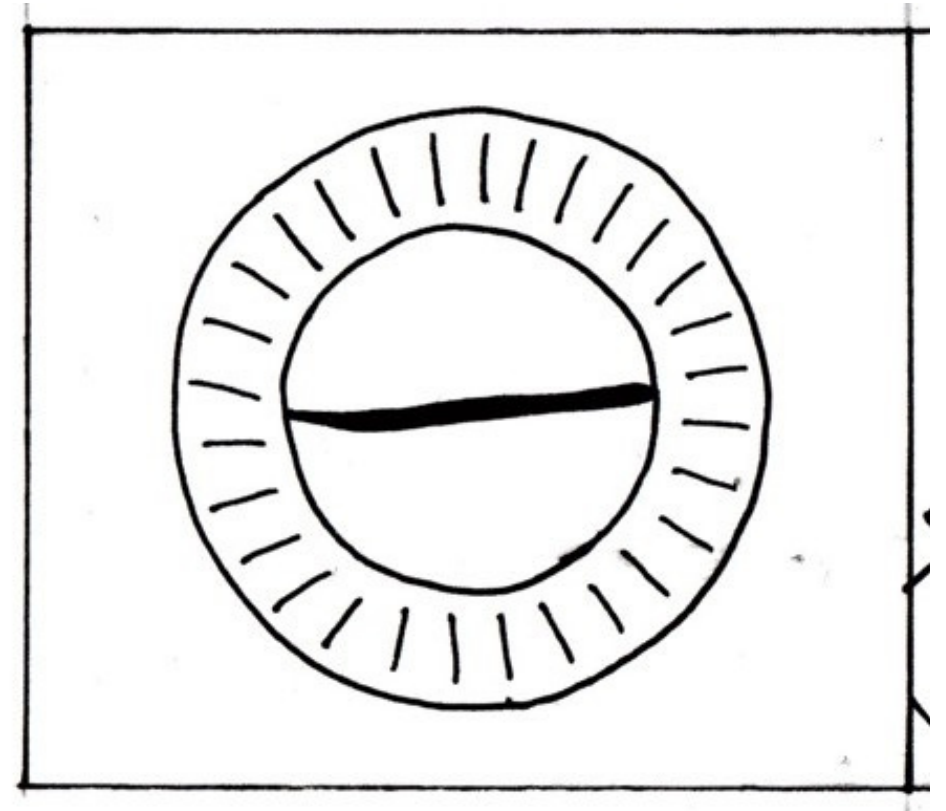
Colour in the characters from the story, maybe take inspiration from your own family. Don't forget to colour your enormous turnip!



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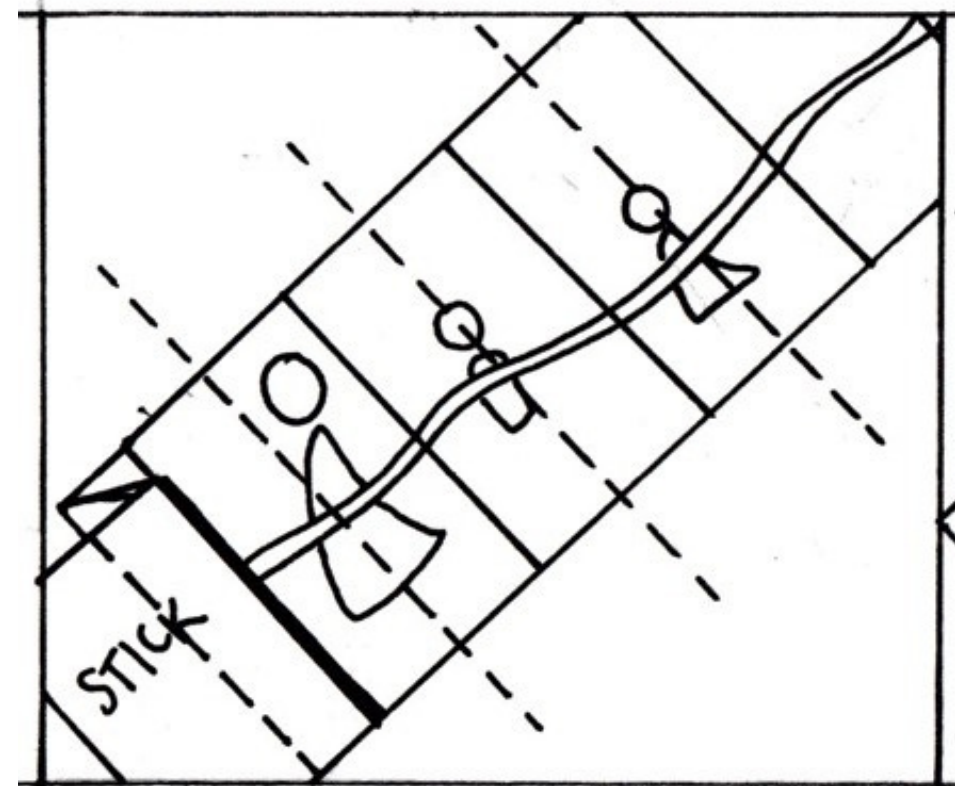
Step 3: Fold your plate in half and cut a very small amount of the folded edge leaving the rim intact. This should leave you with a slit in the centre of your plate when you unfold it. Maybe get an adult to help you with this.

Step 4: Colour in and decorate your plate. The bottom half under the slit is the ground and the top half above the slit is the sky.

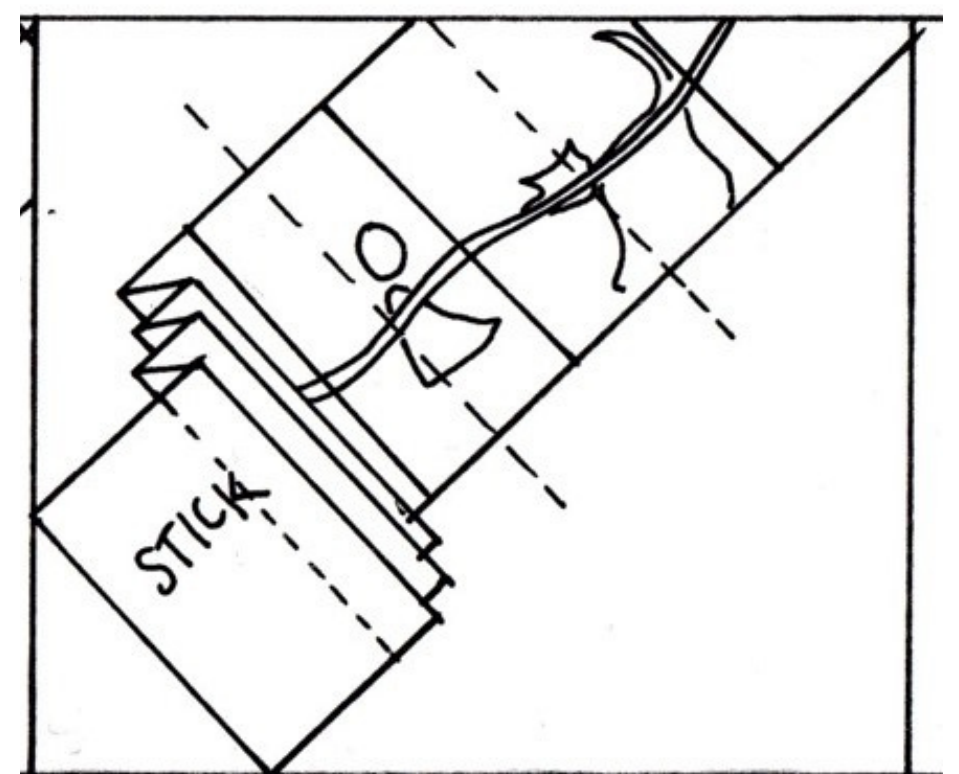


Step 5: Take your strip with all the characters on it, we are going to fold it up like it's a fan.

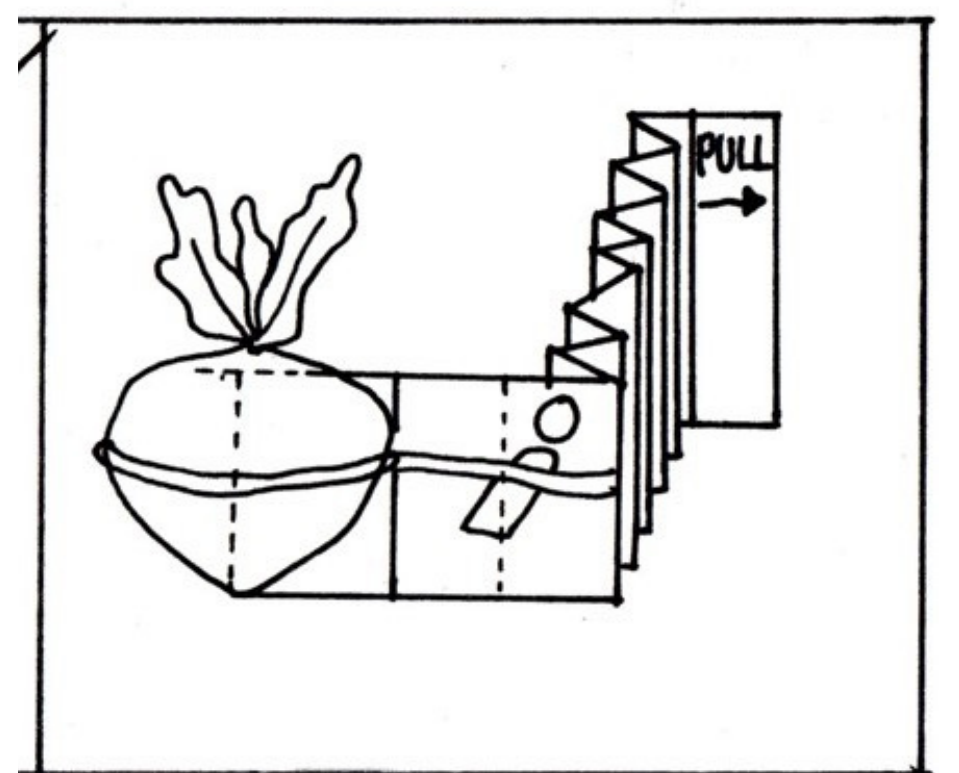
Fold the first character behind the "STICK" tab. Then fold the strip back on itself so that the crease is going through the centre of the first character and the two black lines are touching.



Step 5: Repeat all the way along until all the characters are hidden and only the "PULL" flap remains visible.



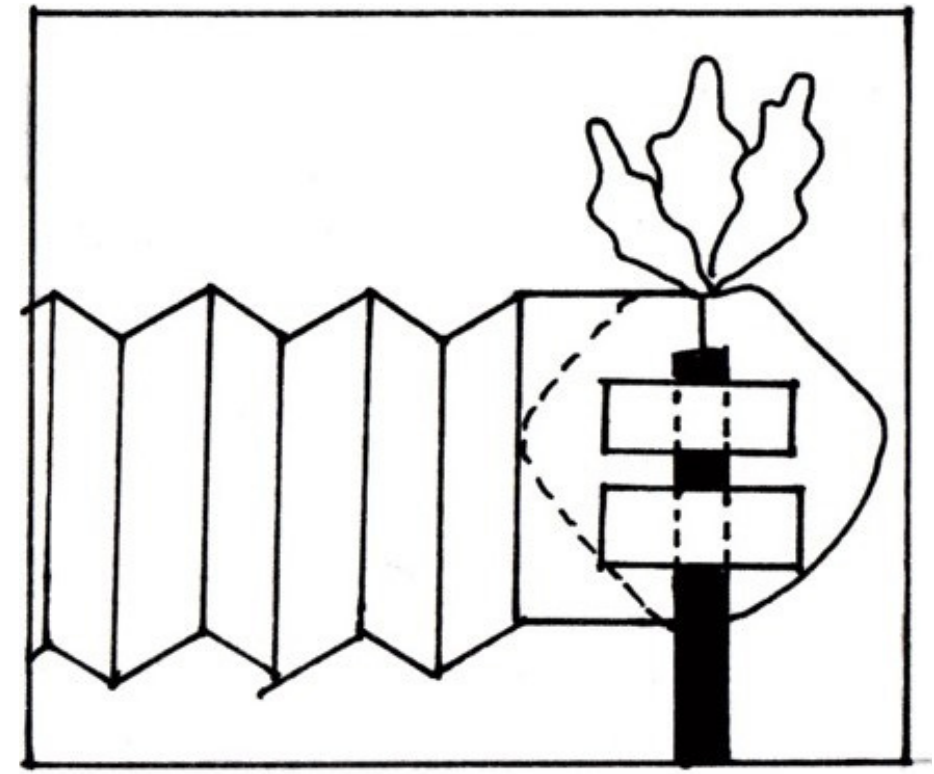
Step 6: Stick your turnip to the "STICK" flap, try to line up the two pieces of rope if you can.



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Step 7: Tape your stick to the back of the turnip.

Hide all of your characters behind the turnip and slot it through the slit in the plate so that just the leaves are sticking up out of the ground.



Now have fun watching your turnip grow and grow. When it's fully grown, gradually pull out your characters to try and free it from the earth along with the story.

