

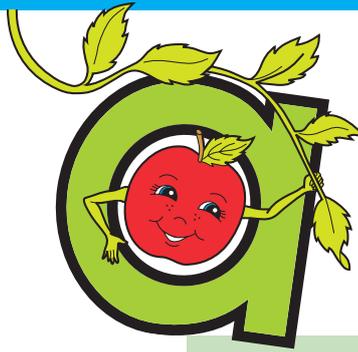


Things to Make and Do

Annie's Amazing Apple Tree

You will need

- Paper
- PVA glue
- A paintbrush
- Red and brown paints
- Green and blue tissue paper
- Brown, green and black pens.



Create an amazing apple tree for Annie Apple and her friends!

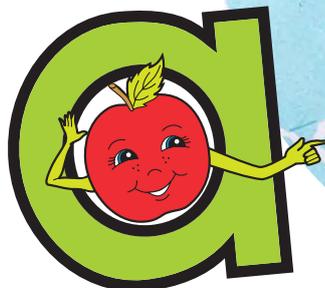


Instructions

1. Paint a brown tree trunk in the middle of the page, adding branches and leaving space at the bottom (for grass) and the top (for leaves and apples).
2. Use your paintbrush to spread glue along the bottom of the page. Stick flat pieces of green tissue paper onto the glue to create grass.
3. Doing only a small section at a time, spread some glue at the top of the page (around the branches you painted earlier). Scrunch up pieces of green tissue paper and stick to the glue to create 3D leaves for your apple tree.



4. Dip your thumb into the red paint and use it to print red circles onto the paper, close to the tree branches.
5. In the remaining white space on the paper, spread glue and stick blue tissue paper to create the sky.
6. Use pens to add a brown stalk and green leaf to each apple.
7. Finally, picture code Annie Apple's face to complete your apple tree!



Lucy Lamp Light's Lollipop Stick Puzzle

You will need

- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Glitter/sequins
- Thick pen
- Pencil
- PVA glue.

Little learners will love Lucy Lamp Light's Lollipop Stick Puzzle!



Instructions

1. Line up all the lollipop sticks and use masking tape to hold them together.
2. Paint your lollipop sticks any colour you like and leave to dry.
3. Use glue to add glitter and sequins. If using sequins, leave an empty space in the middle of the puzzle.
4. Using a thick pen, write a short word that your child knows in the middle of the puzzle – use a pencil to trace first if necessary.
5. Remove the masking tape and jumble up the individual lollipop sticks.
6. Allow your little learner to recognise the letter shapes and solve the puzzle by putting the word back together!



Make your own Clever Cat!

This is Clever Cat. Clever Cat is a crafty cat. She likes to play and learn and is always very creative. Today, she would like to teach you how to make your very own origami version of herself.

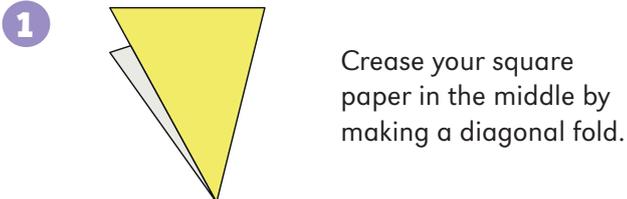
Have fun making your own colourful Clever Cat.

You will need:

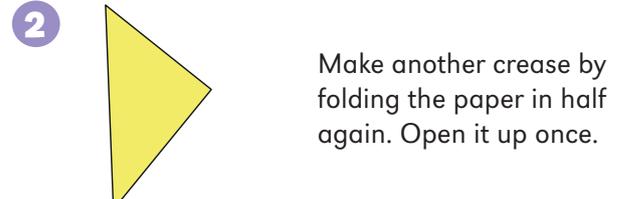
- square pieces of coloured paper and red card
- pens, pencils, or wax crayons
- glue
- safety scissors



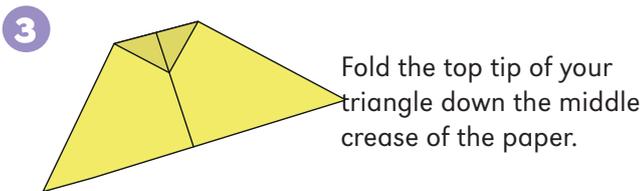
Key: *adult help advised* *scissors required* *paints/glue required*



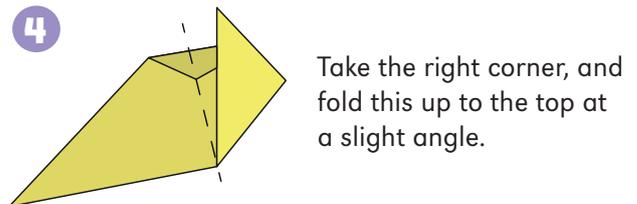
1 Crease your square paper in the middle by making a diagonal fold.



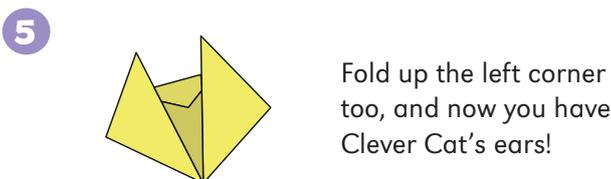
2 Make another crease by folding the paper in half again. Open it up once.



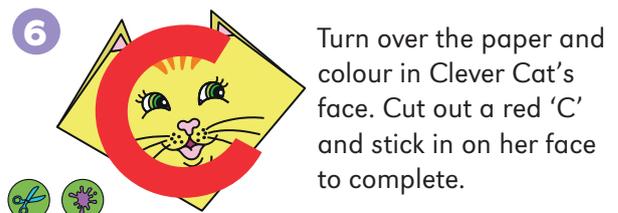
3 Fold the top tip of your triangle down the middle crease of the paper.



4 Take the right corner, and fold this up to the top at a slight angle.



5 Fold up the left corner too, and now you have Clever Cat's ears!



6 Turn over the paper and colour in Clever Cat's face. Cut out a red 'C' and stick in on her face to complete.

Uppy Umbrella's Weather Wheel

Make this super Uppy Umbrella Weather Wheel. You can use it every day to show what the weather is like outside!

You will need:

A grown-up to help you, scissors, thin card, glue and a paper fastener.



Top wheel

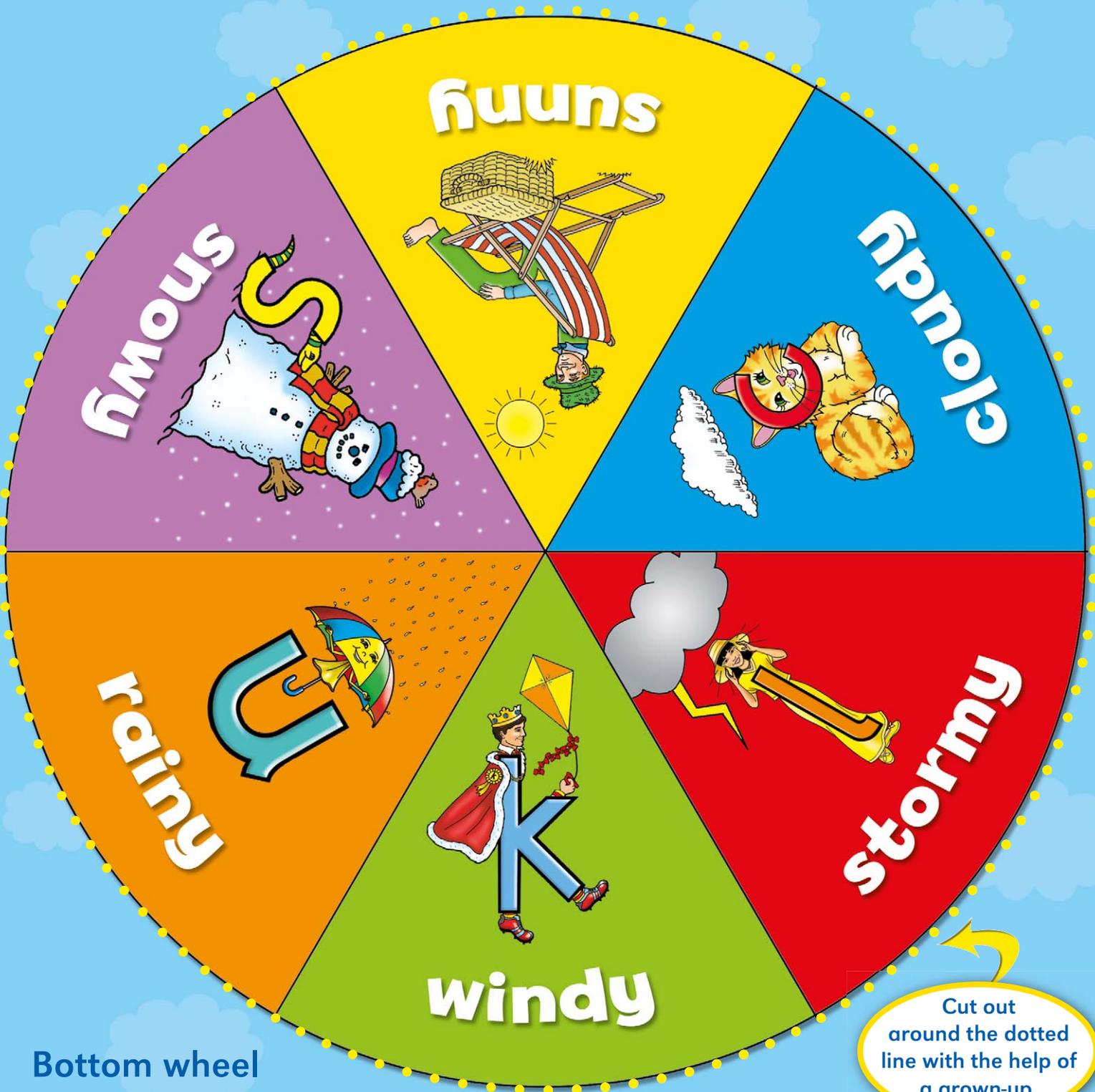
To make your weather wheel:

Ask your grown-up to help when using the scissors or paper fastener.



1. Print out these two sheets and glue them on to thin card. Then cut around the dotted lines. Cut out the blue segment on the top wheel.

2. Place the wheels on top of each other and push a paper fastener through both wheels, at the red dot. Turn the top wheel and you can show what the weather is like every day.



Bottom wheel

Cut out around the dotted line with the help of a grown-up.

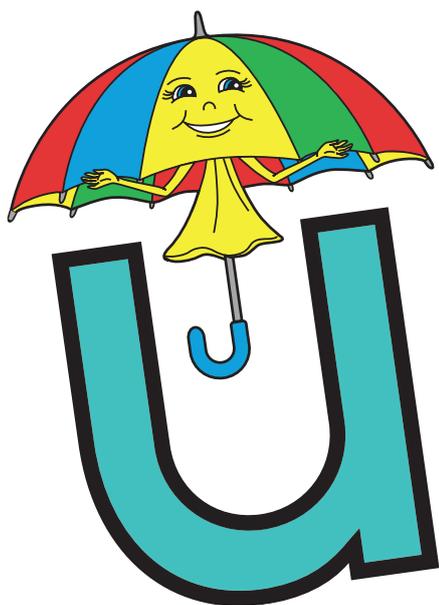
Uppy Umbrella's Word Family Wall

You will need

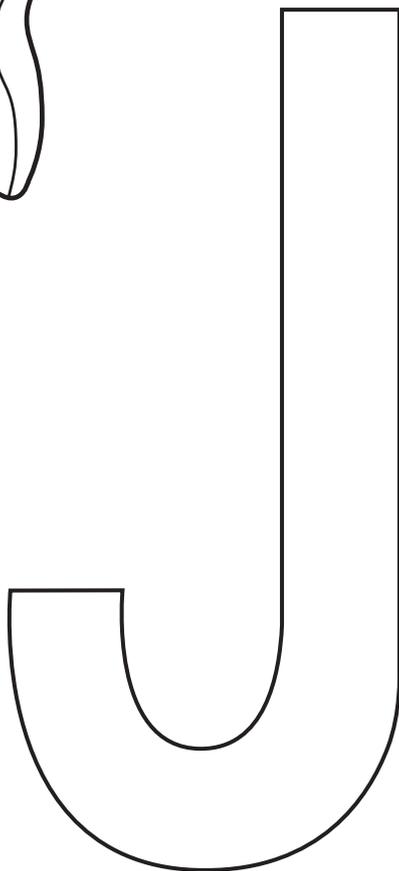
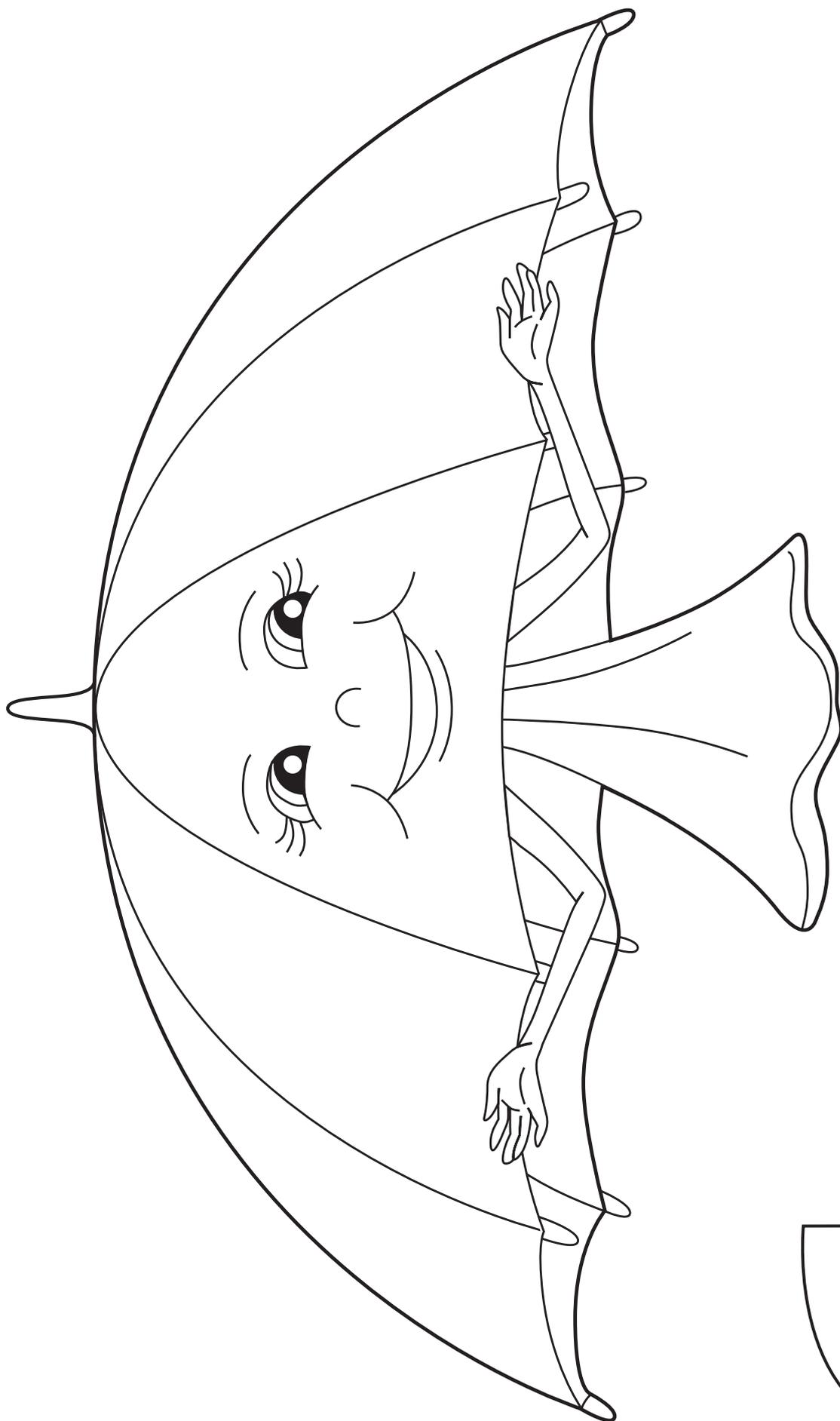
- Pens, pencils or paint
- White and blue card
- Tape or glue
- Wall adhesive (e.g. Blue Tack)

Instructions

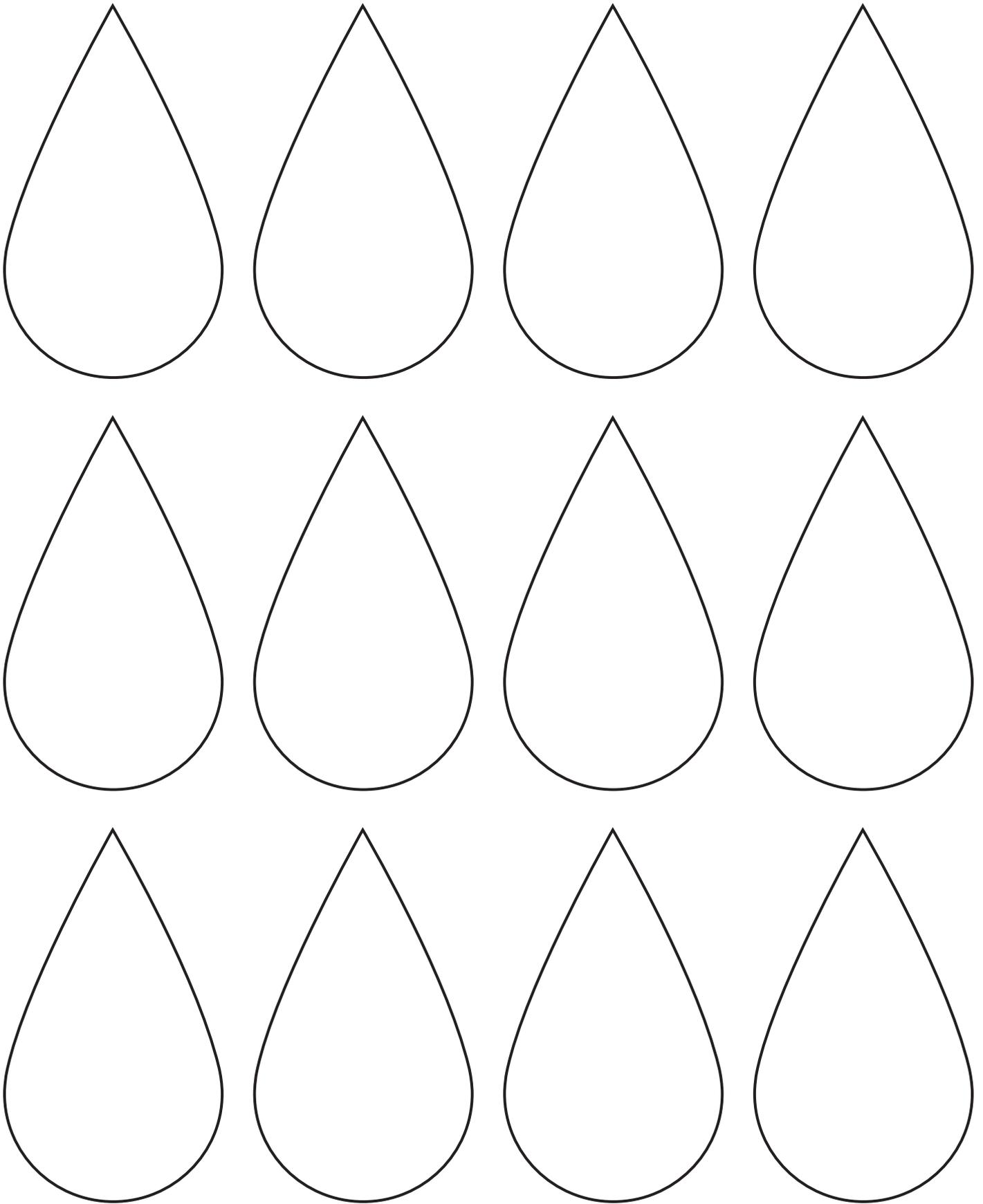
1. Print the Uppy template on white card and the droplets on blue card.
2. Use pens/pencils/paint to decorate Uppy and her handle.
3. Cut out Uppy and her handle.
4. Use tape or glue to attach the two pieces together.
5. Choose a word family and write a selection of words on your droplets.
6. Cut out the droplets.
7. Stick Uppy to the wall, with the word family droplets beneath her! Change the droplets throughout the year for some variety.



L e t t e r l a n d



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Introduction

There is no better way to learn than when it happens naturally. Whether you are following step-by-step craft activities or playing games together, opportunities to talk and learn will simply present themselves.

-  talk about the shapes, textures and colours of materials used,
-  talk about different sounds you hear as you follow each project,
-  learn new vocabulary to describe how to make each craft,
-  look out for the alliterative language for each letter of the alphabet.

Letterland has a whole range of products which include fun ideas for developing language skills, with activities that help children become happy, confident and successful in early literacy and in life!

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Safety first!

It is most important that all the crafts and games are completed safely and your house remains the way you like it! Look out for these symbols.



Paints and Glue

Cover surfaces with newspaper and wear aprons. We advise the use of non-toxic PVA glue and washable poster paints.



Scissors

We advise the use of safety scissors, or if your child is very young, do any cutting required for them.



Warning

Read the additional advice given and take extra care where you see this symbol.



Supervision

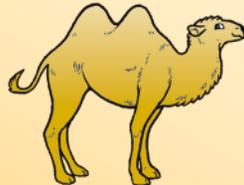
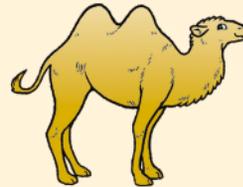
Where you see this symbol, adult supervision may be required.

Annie Apple's Animal Adventure

You will need:

- a dice
- 18 small paper squares
- a friend to play with!

Annie loves animals and adventures!



Tricky



Easy

ant

antelope

bat



Take it in turns to throw a dice. Using the map key, cover one picture square on your map that matches the number you rolled. The first person to cover all their squares wins!



Map key:

If you throw a 1, cover a...



If you throw a 2, cover a...



If you throw a 3, cover a...



If you throw a 4, cover a...



If you throw a 5, cover an...



If you throw a 6, cover an...



camel

cat

lamb

Can you find Annie Apple's 'a' shape in all the animal's names? What animal do you like best?

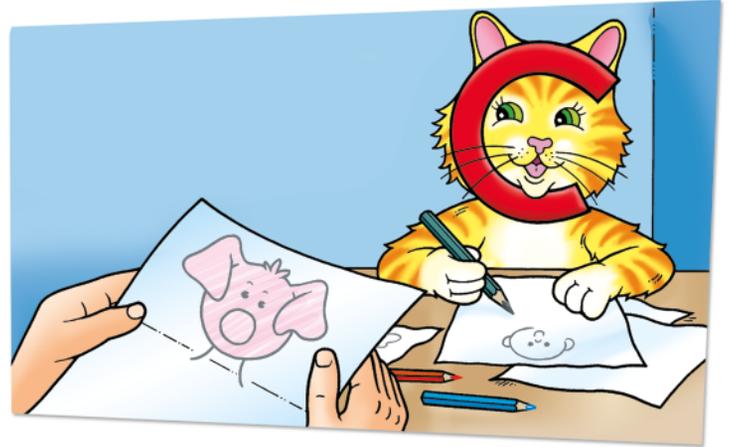
Clever Cat's Crazy Creatures

You will need:

- paper
- paint, pens or crayons
- a friend or two!

Clever Cat loves creating her creatures!

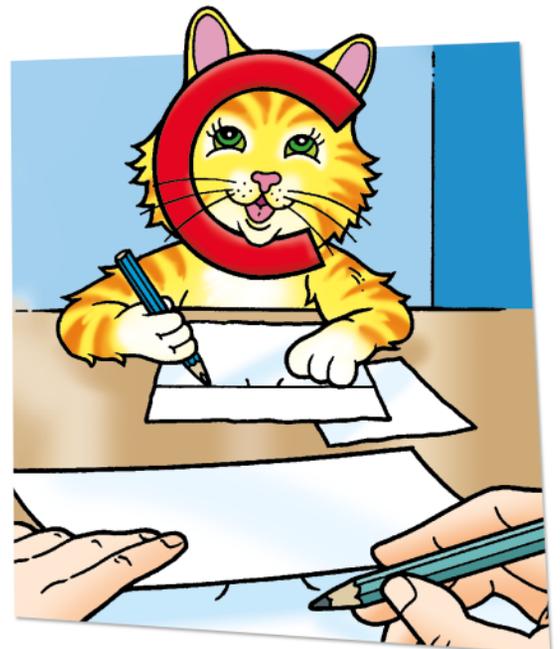
1. Take a piece of paper each and draw a head at the top. Make it as funny as you like!



2. Fold the paper over to hide the head you've drawn. Swap papers with your friend. Leave a tiny bit of the neck showing so that your friend knows where to start drawing the body.



3. Now draw a body and arms. Is your crazy creature fat or thin? What colour is its body? How many arms does it have?



4. Fold your paper over to hide the body you've drawn and swap with your friend.



5. Now draw some legs, then swap papers again and draw some feet. When you've finished, open up the paper to look at the crazy creature you've made!

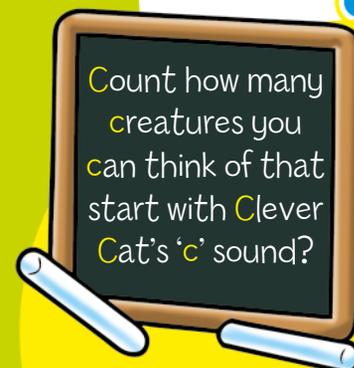
Tricky



Easy



Can you decide which is the craziest creature you've created?!



Count how many creatures you can think of that start with C
Clever
Cat's 'c' sound?

Firefighter Fred's Funky Frames

You will need:

- paper
- coloured paints
- a paintbrush
- scissors
- thin card
- glue



These make fabulous gifts for your family.



1. Carefully paint your hand and fingers. Make a

handprint on the paper. Do this lots of times and with different coloured paints. Make sure the handprints don't overlap! Now let the paint dry.



Don't forget to wash your hands now!



2. When the handprints are dry, carefully cut around them, taking extra care when cutting around the fingers.





You're doing a fine job!



3. Cut a circle, 14cm in diameter, from the card. Then cut another circle, 10cm in diameter, from the middle. This will be the back of your frame.

4. Glue your handprints around the edge of the card frame. Make sure that the fingers are pointing outwards and the prints overlap.



5. Continue sticking your handprints around the edge. When you've gone all round the circle your frame is complete.

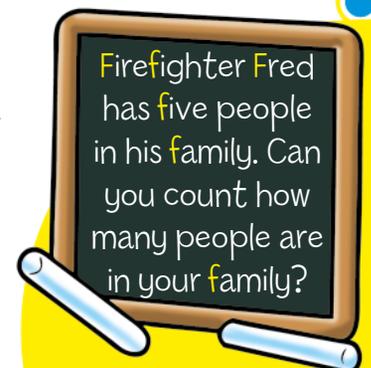
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6. Stick a photograph on to the back. Now your funky frame is a fantastic gift for your family or friends!



Firefighter Fred has five people in his family. Can you count how many people are in your family?

Golden Girl's Guessing Game

You will need:

- a dice
- a counter for each player
- a friend or two!

Golden Girl thinks games are great!

1. Put your counters on the 'start' square.
2. Roll the dice and move that number.



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b

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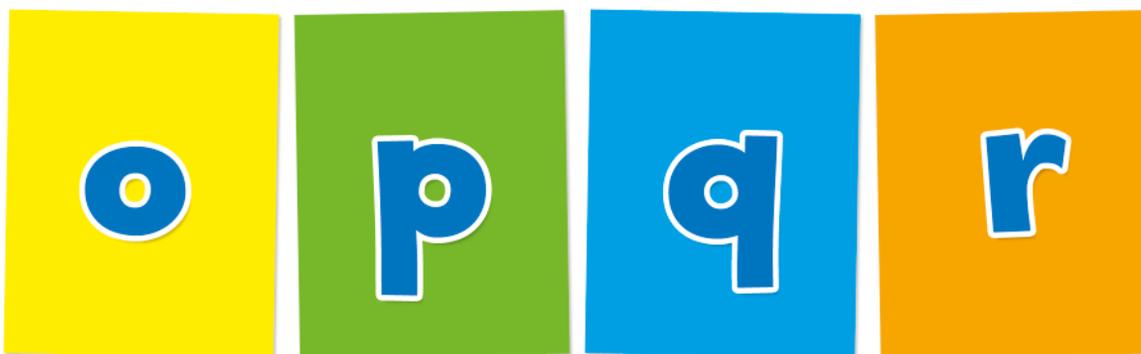
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3. Describe an animal that starts with the letter sound that you've landed on. If you can't think of one, miss a turn.

4. The first player to guess the animal correctly has the next turn.

5. The winner is the first person to reach the finish square.



Tricky



Easy



For the letter 'x', you'll need to think of a word with 'x' at the end, like ox or fox.



Harry Hat Man's Happy Heads

You will need:

- round bread rolls
- rolling pin
- pizza topping
- slices of cheese
- pepper slices
- mushrooms
- shape cutters

Harry thinks happy heads are hilarious!



1. Put the bread rolls on a work surface. Cut them in half. Then flatten them gently and evenly all over using a rolling pin.

2. Spread each half with pizza topping.

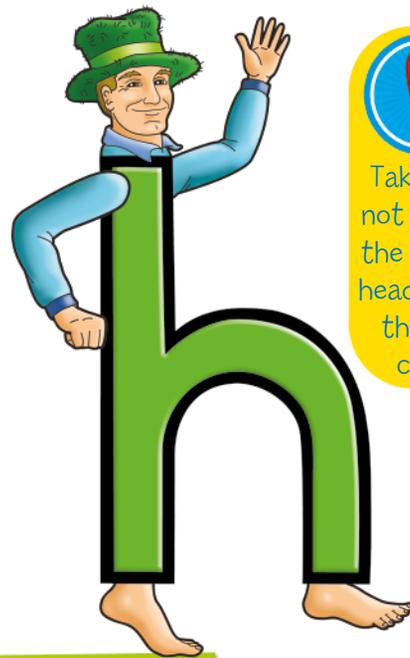




3. Stamp out some shapes in the cheese for eyes. Use a mushroom for the nose and pepper slices for the mouth.



4. Ask a grown-up to cook the happy heads under a hot grill until the cheese has melted.



Take care not to eat the happy heads until they're cool.

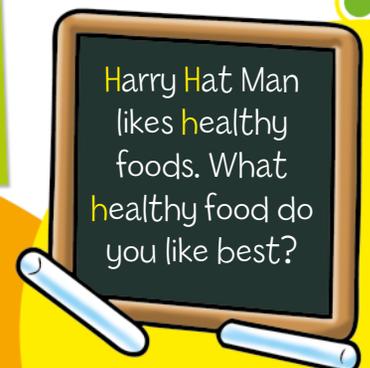


Tricky



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What other toppings could you use to make Harry's happy heads?

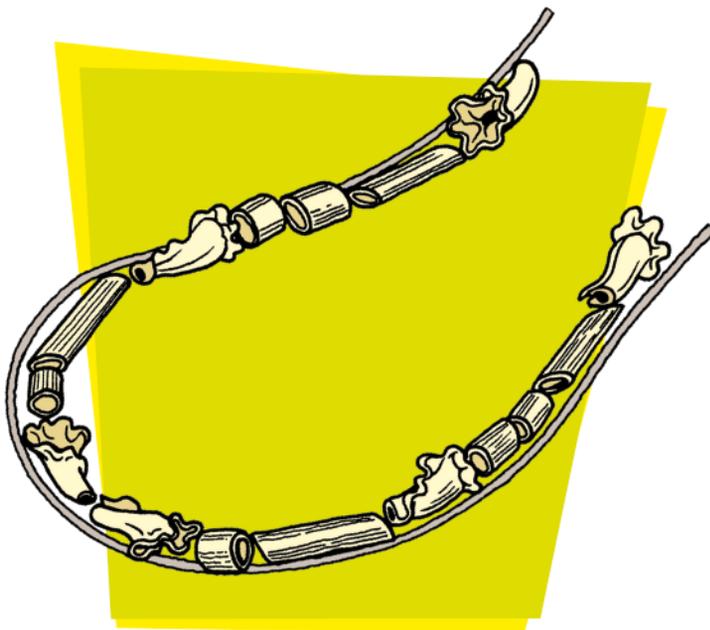
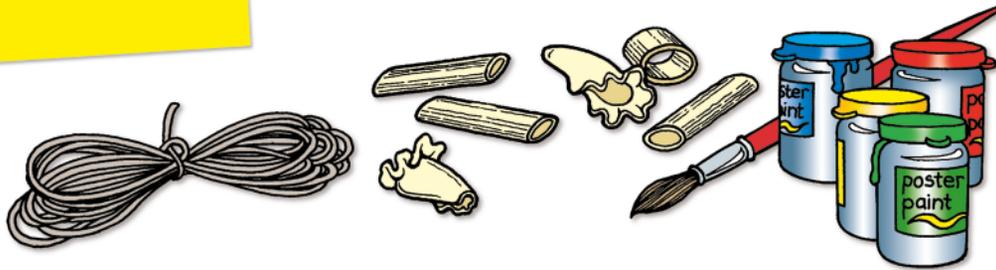


Jumping Jim's Jangly Jewellery

You will need:

- string
- pasta tubes
- a paintbrush
- coloured paints

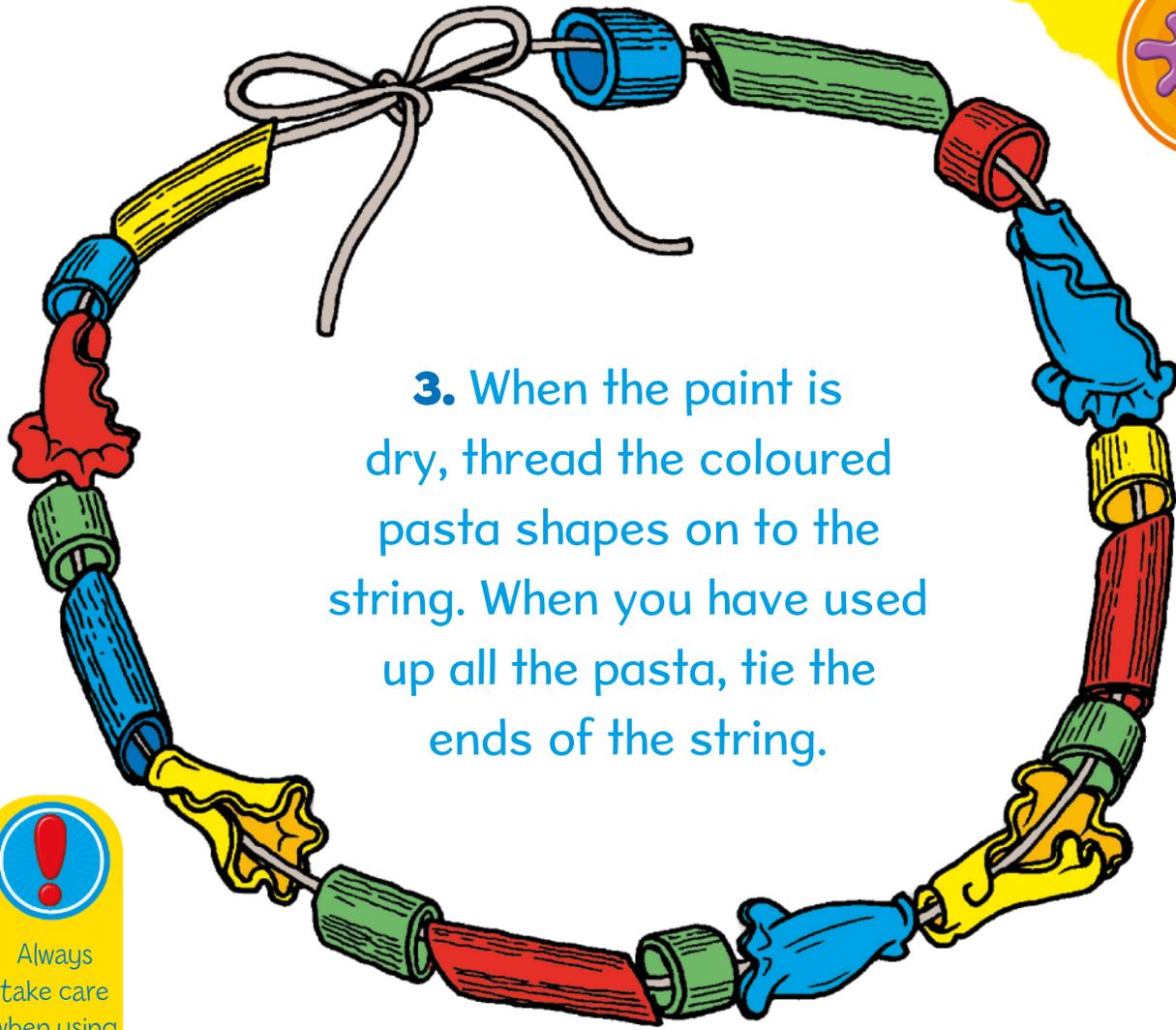
Jim's jewellery makes him jump for joy!



1. Cut a length of string. Make sure it's at least twice the length you want your finished jangly jewellery to be. Arrange the pasta beside the string to see if you have enough to cover it.

2. Paint the pasta with your brightest paints.





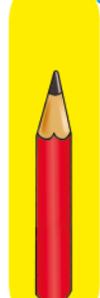
3. When the paint is dry, thread the coloured pasta shapes on to the string. When you have used up all the pasta, tie the ends of the string.


Always take care when using string.

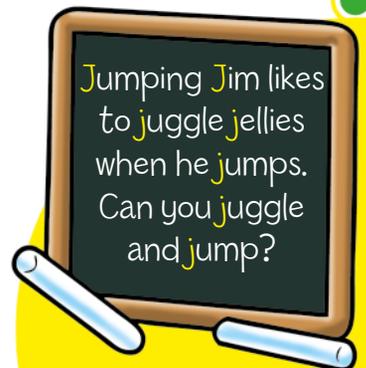


Make sure there is enough room for the pasta shapes to move up and down so they make the jingly-jangly noise that Jumping Jim enjoys!

Tricky



Easy



Kicking King's Key Fob

You will need:

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/4 cup water
- mixing bowl
- cling film
- rolling pin
- round edged knife
- baking tray
- paintbrushes
- acrylic paints & varnish



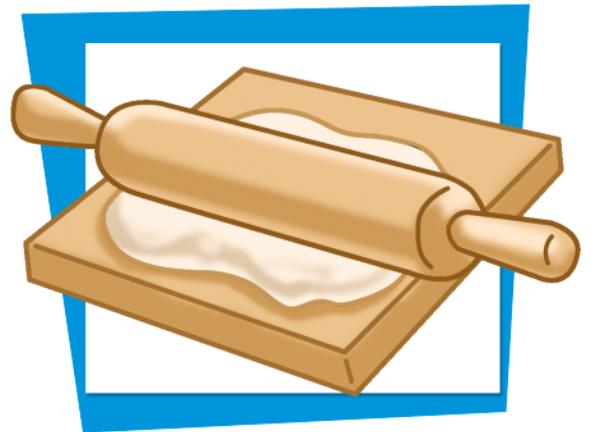
Keep your keys safe like Kicking King!

1. Mix the salt and flour in a bowl. Add the water and knead the mixture until it becomes smooth and elastic.



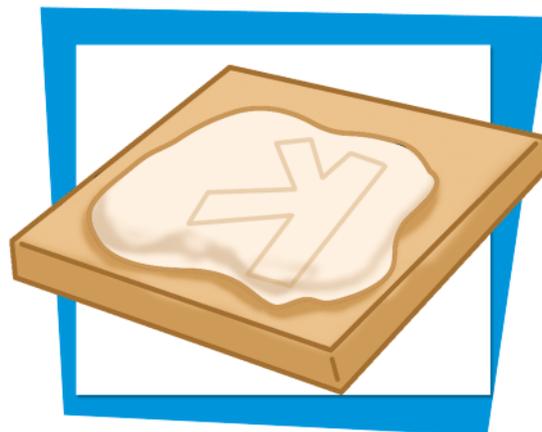
Cover the dough with cling film and let it rest for 30 minutes.

2. Preheat the oven to 120°C. Roll out the



dough so that it's about 10mm thick.

3. Draw a letter shape in the dough. Cut round the shape.



Always ask a grown-up to heat the oven.
Do not eat the dough!



4. Once your shape is created make a small hole near the top. You could also put patterns on your letter with a pencil or cocktail stick.



5. Carefully place the dough letter shape on the baking tray and bake for about two and a half hours. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely.



6. Decorate with acrylic paints and allow to dry. Then finish with a coat of clear varnish.



7. Tie a ribbon through the hole. If you made Kicking King's 'k' you could make an 'e' and a 'y' to spell out the word 'key'!

Tricky



Easy

Kicking King keeps his keys on his key fob. What else could you keep on yours?

Your key fob is ready!



Lucy Lamp Light's Lotto

You will need:

- two dice
- counters or coins
- friends to play with!

Lucy loves her lucky lotto game!

Tricky



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Player 1

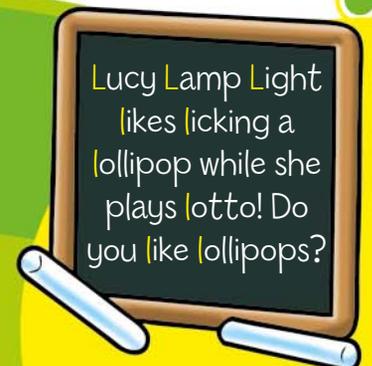
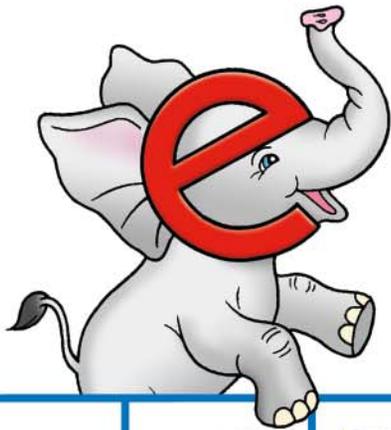
Player 2

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7



1. Each player chooses a player grid.
2. Take it in turns to throw both dice. Add the numbers together.

3. Check which picture matches the total number you've thrown.
4. If you have that picture, cover it with a counter. The winner is the first person to cover all their pictures and shout, 'Lucy's lotto!'



Oscar Orange's Opposites Game

You will need:

- scissors
- a pen
- thin card or paper
- two cups or hats
- friends to play with!



Oscar can't stop playing this game!



1. Write down the **opposite** words and **action** words below on paper or thin card (or ask a grown-up to help). Then carefully cut a rectangle around each word.

2. Find two cups or hats. Put all the **opposite** cards in one cup and all the **action** cards in the other.



Opposites!

forwards backwards
quickly slowly quietly noisily





3. Take it in turns to pick out an **action** and an **opposite**.

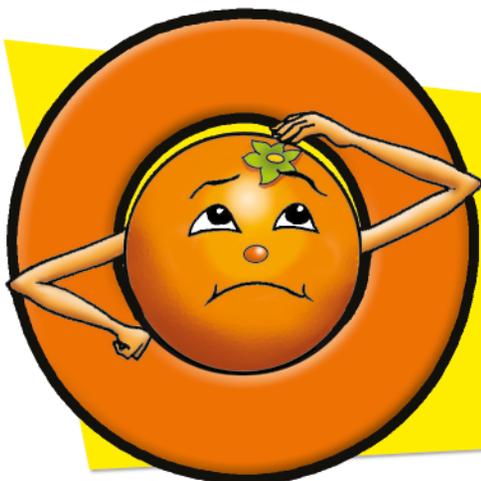
Do whatever it says on the **action** card in the way it tells you on the **opposite** card. For example, you might get **walk** and **slow**, **dance**

and **quickly** or **crawl** and **backwards**!

See if you can do it!



Dance quickly like Oscar!



Can you think of any more **opposites** you could use in Oscar Orange's game?



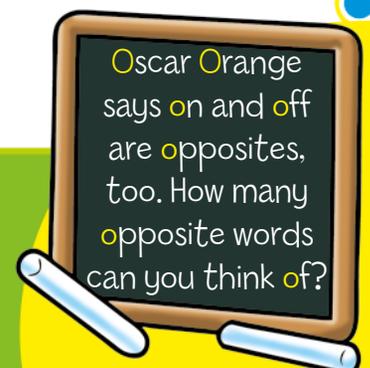
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Actions!

walk run crawl
hop roll skip dance jump



Peter Puppy's Pom-pom Pets

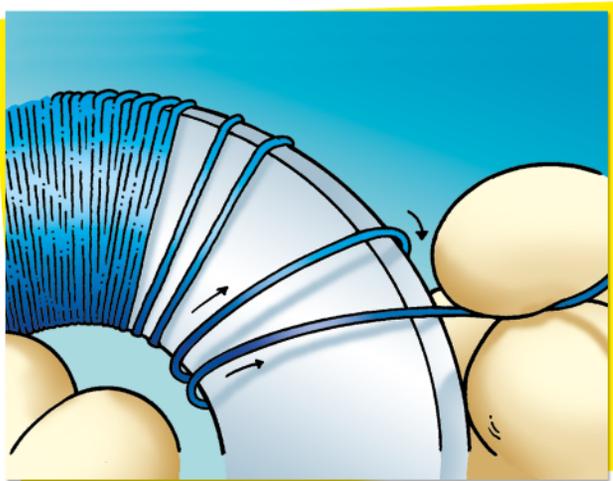
You will need:

- thin card
- scissors
- wool
- felt/coloured paper
- glue
- pipe cleaner
- googly eyes

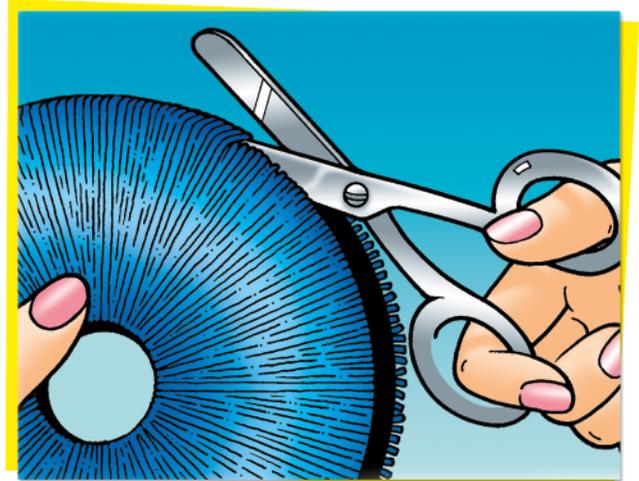


Peter's pom-pom pets are perfect!

1. Cut out four card circles - one large pair (about 7cm diameter) and one small pair (about 5cm diameter). Cut out smaller circles from the centres to make four rings.



2. Put the large circles together and wind the wool around them. Wind it tightly so that there are no gaps between the wool.



3. When the wool is wrapped around the circles thickly, cut the wool between the cardboard circles.



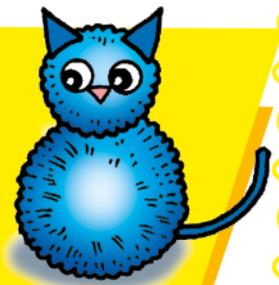
4. Tie a piece of wool between the two rings and pull it tightly around the middle. Gently pull off the card circles. Now make the small pom-pom in the same way.



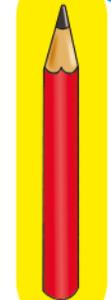
To make a pom-pom cat...



Glue your pom-poms together. Cut two triangles from the felt or coloured paper for ears and glue them to the head. Stick on two googly eyes and a cardboard triangle for its nose. Glue on the pipe cleaner as the tail.



Tricky



Easy

Now you could make some more pom-pom pets.
Here are some ideas for you to try!

- ✓ **Rabbit** – two pom-poms (as before) and one very small white pom-pom for its tail, some felt ears and two eyes.
- ✓ **Spider** – One black pom-pom, black pipe cleaners for legs, two googly eyes.
- ✓ **Chicken** – two yellow pom-poms (as before), two eyes and an orange triangle for a beak.



Quarrelsome Queen's Quirky Crown

You will need:

- thin card
- scissors
- sticky tape
- PVA glue
- coloured tissue paper



The Queen's crown is quite quirky!

1. Wrap the card around your head and mark the place where it meets.

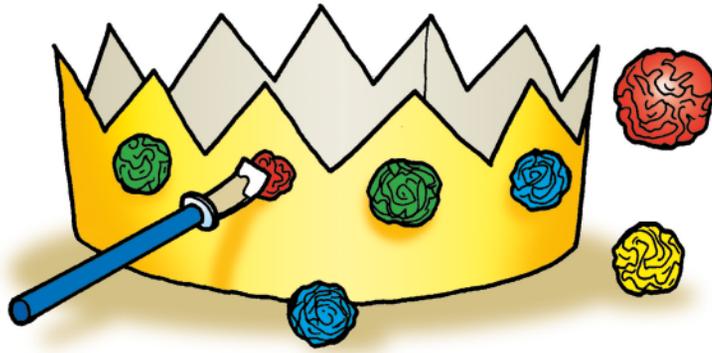


2. Carefully cut out a crown shape.



3. Fasten the ends of the crown together with sticky tape or glue.





4. Scrunch up tissue paper to make jewels. Stick them to your crown with PVA glue.



Why not make a quirky crown for your friend?

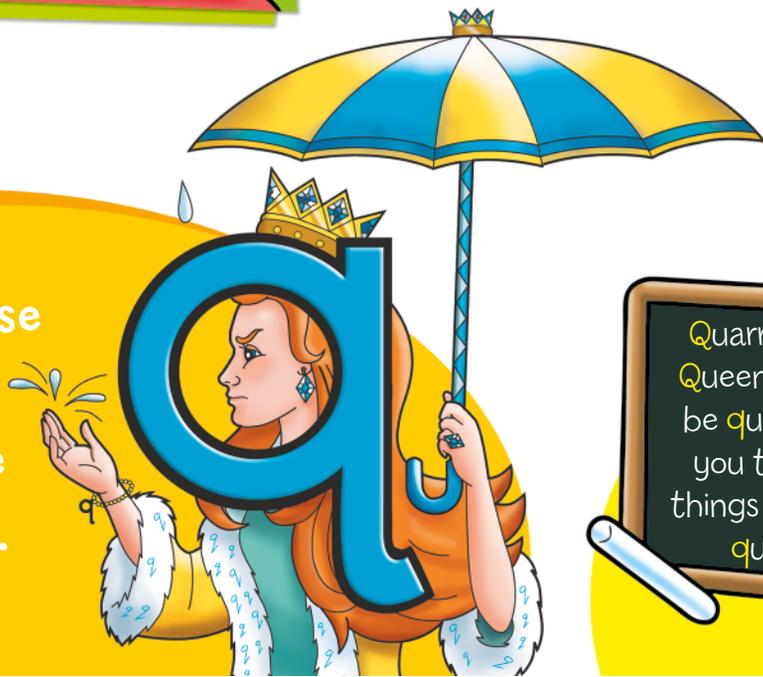


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You could use shells, jewels or sequins to decorate your quirky crown.



Quarrelsome
Queen likes to be quiet. Can you think of things that are quiet?

Red Robot's Exercise Routine

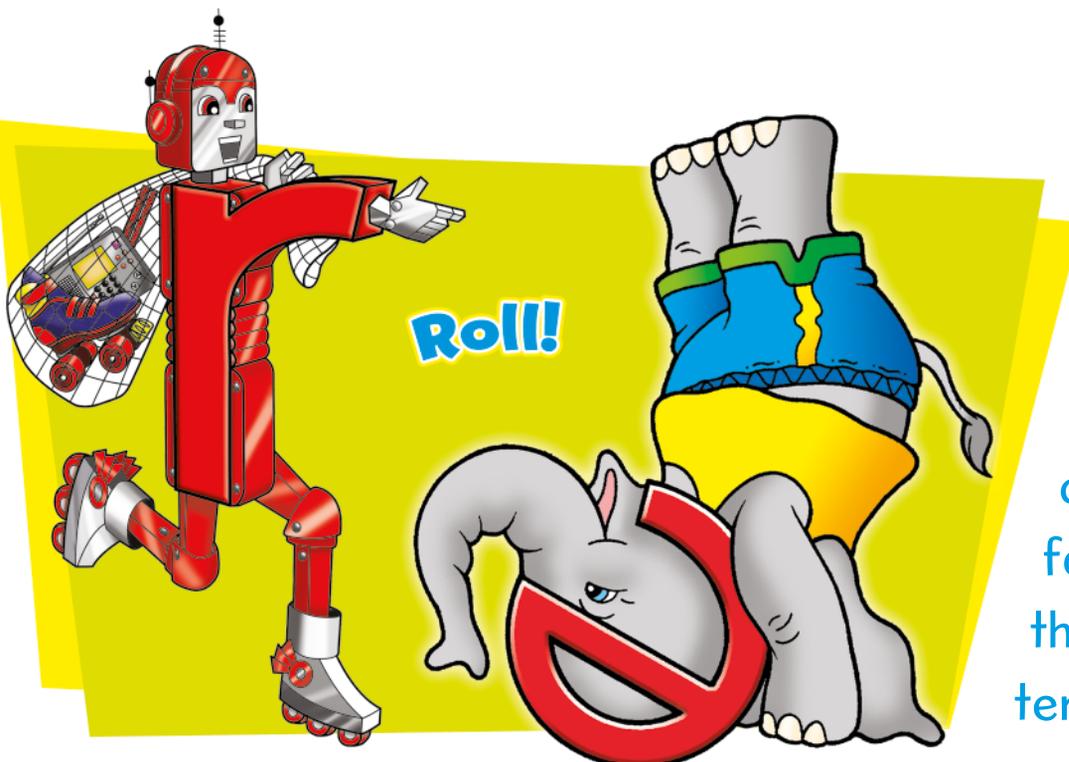
You will need:

- lots of energy!

Red Robot
says, "Ready,
steady, GO!"

Red Robot really likes running!

1. Reach out with your right hand. Now reach out with your left. Repeat ten times!



2. Are you ready? Put your hands down and roll forwards... then repeat ten times!



3. Reach for your toes.
Can you touch them?
Reach to your right
then reach to your left.
Repeat ten times!



4. Ready, steady,
run! Run on the
spot for one
minute!

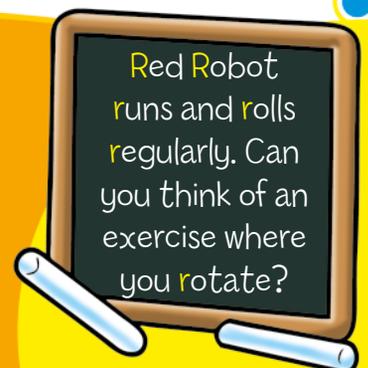
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**Red Robot
thinks you've done
really well with
his routine!**



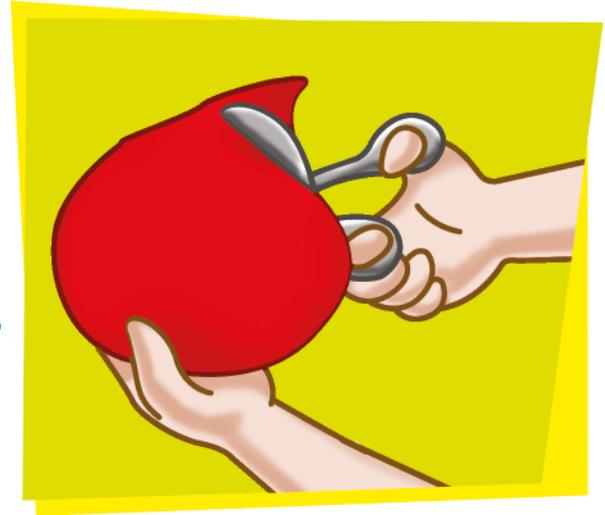
Talking Tess's Tomato Puppet

You will need:

- red, green and white felt
- scissors
- tracing paper
- pencil
- glue
- googly eyes



Tess makes her tomato puppet talk!

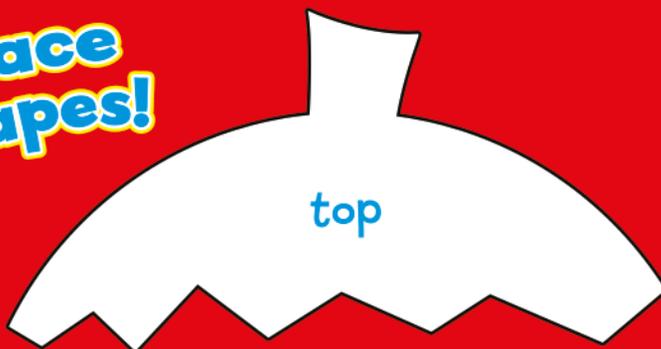


1. Cut two 10cm circles from the red felt.



2. Trace the shapes below on to tracing paper. Cut round the 'top' shape in green felt and the 'mouth' shape in white felt.

Trace shapes!





3. Glue round two-thirds of the edge of the red shapes and glue them together. The gap you leave will be the space for your fingers to go in!



4. Glue the green felt shape to the top of the red circles and the white mouth at the bottom, above the gap for your fingers.



5. Add on the googly eyes and let all the glue dry.



Tricky



Easy

Tess's Top Tip!

You can decorate your puppet, and make the edges stronger, by stitching the edges in colourful thread.



Fix-it Max's Wax Work

You will need:

- paper
- coloured paints
- a paintbrush
- black wax crayons
- a coin



Max thinks these pictures are exciting!

1. Using your paints, cover the whole sheet of paper with lots of bright colours. Make sure that there are no white areas showing through. (If you prefer, you could use felt-tip pens instead.)



2. While you're waiting for the paint to dry, think about what picture you want to draw. Perhaps it could be something that contains Fix-it Max's sound, like a number six, a box or a fox.





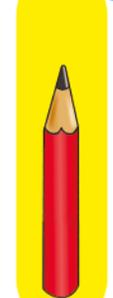
3. When the paint is dry, colour over the top of it with a black wax crayon. Make sure that you can't see any colours through the black.



4. Using the coin, gently scratch a picture into the black wax. The bright colours underneath will show where you've scratched off the wax. Now you've made an extra-special, wax work!



Tricky



Easy

Fix-it Max's favourite number is six. What number can you count up to?



Yellow Yo-yo Man's Yo-yo Tricks

You will need:

- a yo-yo
- lots of patience!

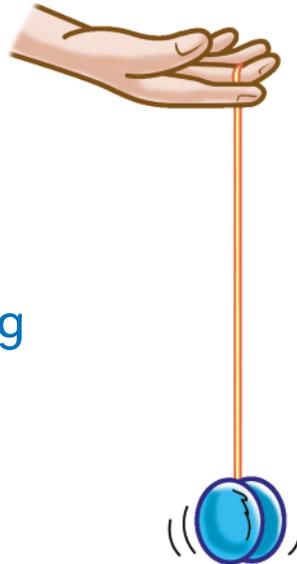


The Yo-yo Man says, "Yes, you can!"

The Throw Down

1. Hold the yo-yo palm up, standing it between your thumb and middle finger.

2. Whizz the yo-yo straight over, down to the ground. When the string reaches the end give a tug and the yo-yo will return back up.



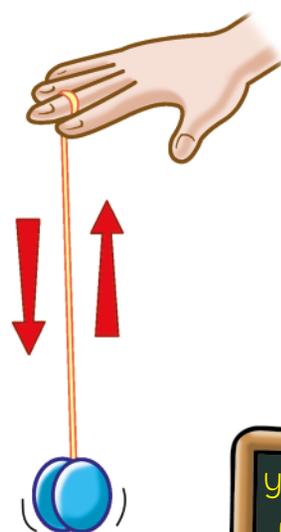
The Sleeper

1. Hold your yo-yo in the same way as before.

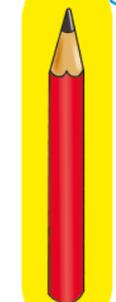


2. Whip the yo-yo sharply toward the ground. It should stay down at the end of the string, spinning.

3. While it's spinning, turn your yo-yo hand over so that the palm faces down. Give the string a jerk. The yo-yo will return to your hand.



Tricky



Easy

Yellow Yo-yo Man yells 'yes!' when he does these tricks. Yell 'yes!' when you do them, too!



Zig Zag Zebra's Zany Zooms

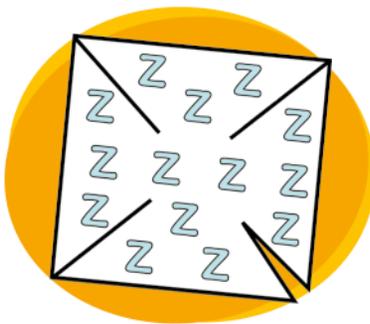
You will need:

- paper (10cm x 10cm square)
- felt-tip pens
- scissors
- glue
- a stapler
- tin foil
- a split pin
- a drinking straw



Zig Zag watches these whizz round!

1. Write z's all over one side of the paper square.

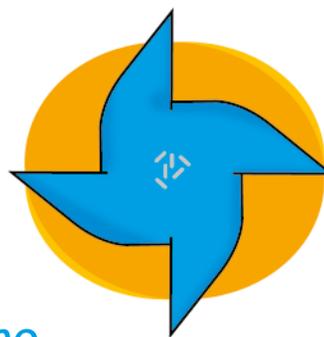


2. Make four 8cm cuts towards the centre from each corner.

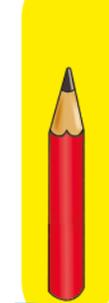


3. Bend the top right corner into the centre. Glue it down. Turn the paper and repeat for each of the four sides.

4. Carefully staple the points to the centre.



Tricky



Easy

5. Pack the top of a straw with crunched up foil. Push the pin all the way through the zany zoom, straw and foil. Split the pin on the other side. Your zany zoom is ready!



Zzzany zoom!



Zig Zag Zebra gets dizzy watching these whizz! Watch yours zoom!