

Big Bad Mouse Puppet

Follow the simple instructions below with the help of a grown up, to make your own Big Bad Mouse Puppet just like in the show!

Why not also make some sock puppet characters and get your family to help you perform The Gruffalo's Child Live on Stage in your living room.

Things you will need to make the puppet:

- Printer
- 1 piece of A4 black card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- 1 wooden skewer/kebab stick
- 1 split pin
- A small piece of red card
- A black marker



Madison Hegarty in The Gruffalos Child (image Heidrun Lohr)

Instructions:

Step 1 — Create the shapes

- Print out the template from the activity page and carefully cut around the shapes.
- Use some glue or sticky tape to stick the template shapes onto a piece of black card.
- Carefully cut around the shapes again.



Step 2 — Attach the arms

- Ask a grown up to help make a small hole in the body, and each arm where the 'X' is.
- With the white side of the shapes facing up, carefully push the split pin through each hole and then open at the back so that it lies flat.



Step 3 — Make the puppet strong

- Use some sticky tape to attach a wooden skewer to the middle of the puppet on the white side. This will keep your puppet strong.
- Tip: If the skewer is a little bit longer than the puppet this will create a handle for you to hold it at the bottom.



Step 4 – Final details

- On the black side of the puppet, use the black marker to colour in the front of the pin.
- Cut out some small triangles from the red card to create some eyes.
- Use some glue or sticky tape to attach the eyes to the front of the puppet like in the show.



NOW YOUR BIG BAD MOUSE PUPPET IS READY FOR THE SHOW!

We'd love to see your Big Bad Mouse Puppet, so why not take a photo of your wonderful creation and send it to us through the submission form on the activity page!