

Fox Sock Puppet

Follow the simple instructions below to make your own Fox Sock Puppet just like Fox in the show!

Make the other puppets and get your family to help you perform The Gruffalo's Child Live on Stage in your living room.

Things you will need:

- 1 orange sock
- 1 sock (this can be any colour)
- Thin card (we've used orange, brown, and white)
- Colouring pencils or pens
- Sticky tape
- A selection of feathers (we've used the colours orange, red and yellow)
- 1 rubber band



Skyler Ellis in The Gruffalos Child
(image Heidrun Lohr)

Instructions:

Step 1 - Shaping your puppet

- Take the orange sock and face the heel of the sock away from you. This will be the body of your sock puppet.
- Roll the other sock up and put it inside the sock puppet all the way to the end where your toes usually go.



Step 2 — Make the Ears

- Foxes have fluffy, pointy ears. To make these, we cut out 2 triangles from some orange card and stuck a red feather on each.
- Use a piece of sticky tape to attach one ear on the top left corner and the other on the top right corner where the rolled sock is.



Step 3 — Make the Tail

- Select a bunch of feathers to create a fluffy tail.
- Gather them together and tie them to the heel of the sock with a rubber band.



Step 4 — Flip the Ears Back

- Keep the puppet face down (tail side up) and flip back the ears so they are almost facing you.
- Use a piece of sticky tape to secure the top of the sock to the back, just above the tail.



Step 5 — Make the Eyes and Whiskers

- Cut out small circles from some card to make the eyes. We've used white card, and then use a colouring pencil to add a small green dot on each.
- Cut out a small circle from some brown card for the nose. (Tip: If you don't have brown card you could always colour in a piece of white card.)
- Take 1 feather and cut it in half.
- Stick both halves of the feather to the back of the nose to make the fluffy whiskers sticking out from each side.
- Use sticky tape to attach the eyes to the front of your sock puppet, just below the ears.
- Use sticky tape to attach the nose in the middle of the sock, just below the eyes!



Step 6 — Bring your Sock Puppet to Life!

- To bring your Fox Sock Puppet to life, place your hand in the sock.
- Put your fingers in line with the nose and the thumb just underneath!

NOW YOUR FOX IS READY FOR THE SHOW!



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