

Gruffalo Sock Puppet

Follow the simple instructions below to make your own Gruffalo Sock Puppet just like The Gruffalo 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 brown or dark purple sock
- 1 sock (this can be any colour)
- Thin card (we've used orange, purple, white brown, green and yellow)
- Colouring pencils or pens
- Sticky tape
- 1 orange pipe cleaner
- 1 pompom
- 1 rubber band



Enya Daly & Skyler Ellis in The Gruffalos Child (image Heidrun)

Instructions:

Step 1 - Shaping your puppet

- Take the brown or dark purple 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 Eyes

- Gruffalo's have orange eyes. To make these, we cut out 2 big circles from some orange card and then stuck 2 smaller circles on top, which we cut out from purple card.
(Tip: If you don't have orange or purple card you could always colour in a piece of white card.)
- Use a piece of sticky tape to attach one eye on the top left corner and the other on the top right corner where the rolled sock is.



Step 3 – Make the Horns and Teeth

- Cut out 2 large pointy horns from some brown card.
- Cut out some sharp Gruffalo teeth from some white card.
- Use sticky tape to attach the horns to the front of your sock puppet, just above the eyes.
- Use sticky tape to attach the teeth in the middle of the sock, below the eyes, but remember to leave some room for the nose!



Step 4 – Make the Nose

- A Gruffalo has a big nose with a wart on it! To make the nose, we've cut out



a big circle from some orange card, and then stuck on 2 smaller circles, which we cut out from green and yellow card.

- Use sticky tape to attach the nose in the middle of the sock, below between the eyes and the teeth.

Step 5 – Make the Tail and Purple Prickles

- Curl an orange pipe cleaner around a pencil and then slide it off. This is your Gruffalo's tail. We also added a small pompom to the end of the tail!
- Tie the pipe cleaner to the back of the puppet on the heel of the sock with a rubber band.
- Cut out 3 triangles from some purple card to make the prickles.
- Keep the puppet face down (tail side up) and use sticky tape to attach the prickles to the top of the sock.



Step 6 – Bring your Sock Puppet to Life!

- To bring your Gruffalo 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 GRUFFALO IS READY FOR THE SHOW!

We'd love to see your Gruffalo 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!