

Mouse Sock Puppet

Follow the simple instructions below to make your own Mouse Sock Puppet just like Mouse 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 pink sock
- 1 sock (this can be any colour)
- 2 brown cupcake cases
- Thin card (we've used pink and blue)
- Colouring pencils or pens
- Sticky tape
- Glue
- 3 toothpicks
- 1 pink pipe cleaner
- 1 rubber band



Madison Hegarty in The Gruffalo's Child
(image Heidrun Lohr)

Instructions:

Step 1 - Shaping your puppet

- Take the pink 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

- Mice have big, round ears. To make these, we use 2 cupcake cases, but you could cut 2 circles in some brown card instead.
- Cut out small teardrop shapes from some pink card to make the inside of the ears. (Tip: If you don't have pink card you could always colour in a piece of white card.)
- 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 Eyes and Whiskers

- Cut out small circles from some card to make the eyes. We've used blue card.
- Cut out a small circle from some pink card for the nose.
- Carefully take 3 toothpicks. Lay the first one horizontally, and then lay other two on top in a cross shape. These will be the whiskers.
- Stick the toothpicks to the back of the nose to make the whiskers sticking out from each side. We used glue for this, but lots of sticky tape works as well!
- 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 4 — Make the Tail

- Curl a pink pipe cleaner around a pencil and then slide it off. This is your mouse's tail!
- Tie the pipe cleaner to the heel of the sock with a rubber band.



Step 5 — 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 6 — Bring your Sock Puppet to Life!

- To bring your Mouse 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 MOUSE IS READY FOR THE SHOW!



We'd love to see your Mouse 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!