

Owl Sock Puppet

Follow the simple instructions below to make your own Owl Sock Puppet just like Owl 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 grey sock
- 1 sock (this can be any colour)
- 2 white cupcake cases
- Thin card (we've used brown, pink and blue)
- Colouring pencils or pens
- Sticky tape



Skyler Ellis in The Gruffalos Child (image Heidrun Lohr)

Instructions:

Step 1 - Shaping your puppet

- Take the grey 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

- Owls have small, pointy ears. To make these, we cut out 2 triangles from some brown 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 Nose

- Take 2 white cupcake cases. Flatten them out and cut half of the way sides off, leaving the middle circle attached.
- Cut out small circles from some card to make the eyes and stick them to the middle circle of the cupcake cases. We've used blue card. (Tip: If you don't have coloured card you could use colouring pens or pencils to draw the circles straight on to the cupcake cases.)
- Cut out a small heart shape from some pink card for the nose.
- 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 Wings

- Cut out some big owl wing shapes from some brown card.
- Turn the puppet over so it is face down.
- Use sticky tape to attach the wings to the back of the puppet just below where you can feel the sock rolled up inside.



Step 5 — Make the Claws

- Cut out 2 small spiky shapes from some brown card for the claws.
- Use sticky tape to attach the claws to the front of your sock puppet, a little further down from the nose.



Step 6 — Bring your Sock Puppet to Life!

- To bring your Owl 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 OWL IS READY FOR THE SHOW!

We'd love to see your Owl 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!