

Make a Moving Puppet

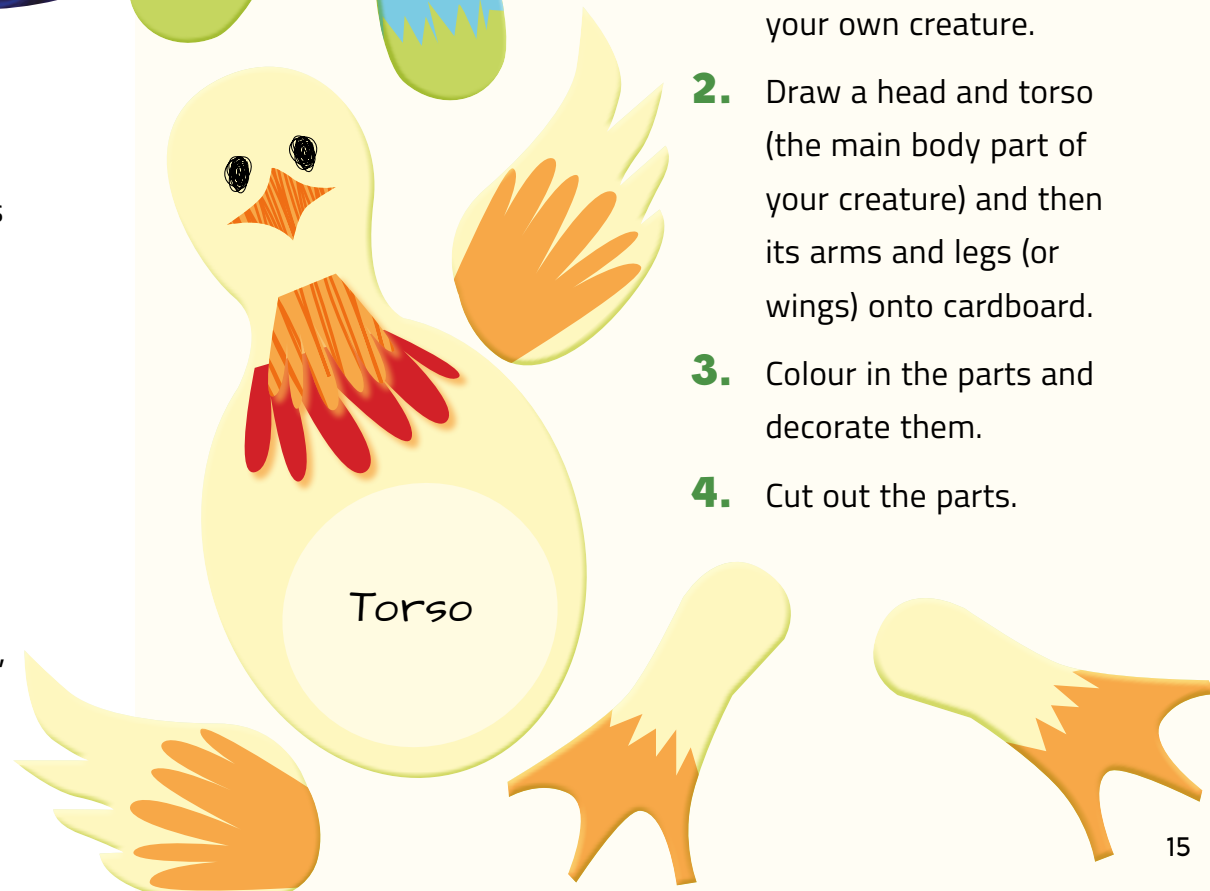
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Find out how to use split-pin paper fasteners to make a puppet that moves.



You will need:

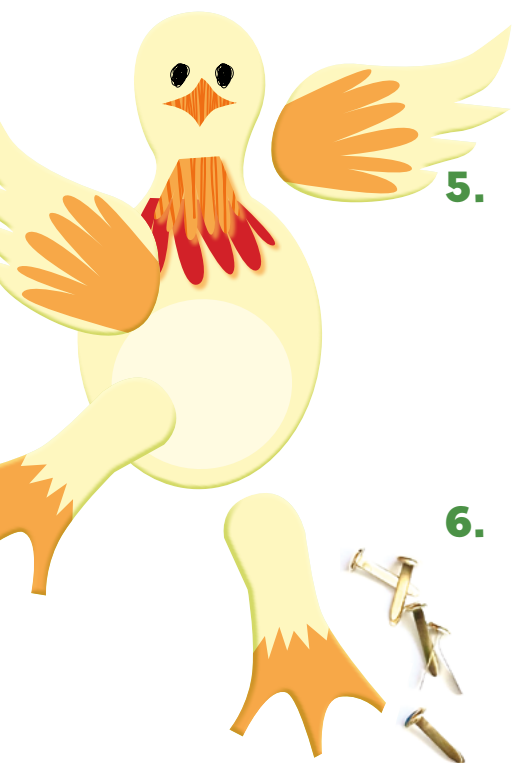
- cardboard
- a pencil and felt-tipped pens (or paint, crayons, or coloured pencils)
- scissors
- small split-pins (19 mm)
- a hole punch or sharp pencil
- odds and ends to decorate your puppet (things such as wool, ribbon, stickers, glitter, or scraps of fabric).



What to do:

1. Choose a creature to make. This activity works best with creatures that have pairs of moving parts (such as arms, legs, or wings). You could copy one of the puppets shown here or design your own creature.
2. Draw a head and torso (the main body part of your creature) and then its arms and legs (or wings) onto cardboard.
3. Colour in the parts and decorate them.
4. Cut out the parts.





5. Put the body parts together to check how they will be connected and where you will need to make holes. If something doesn't look right, this is the time to adjust the parts you have made.

6. Make holes in the body and the other parts using a hole punch or a sharp pencil.



7. Fix the smaller pieces to the back of the body with the paper fasteners. To do this, push the split pins through from the front and open them out flat on the back. The pieces should move freely.

8. See how the split pins let your puppet move!



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