

Make a felt puppet




Introduction

In this project you will design a hand puppet using the template provided. The design will be printed onto felt ready for sewing. For this project you require white felt for printing your design onto and coloured felt for the backing. You also require t-shirt transfer paper suitable for your printer.

Note: this project was tried with children up to the age of eight. Check that the template prints out a suitably sized puppet shape before proceeding.

Method

1. Open the template for this project.
2. The template puppet will appear quite big on your computer; zoom out to see the whole puppet, zoom in to work on detailed areas.
3. Design and decorate your puppet. You can draw and colour outside of the border - add hands, feet, hats etc.
4. Flip your image with the horizontal flip transformation tool . Select the tool and then drag the selection box around your design. Flipping is necessary because your design will come out as a mirror image when ironed onto the felt.
5. Print your design onto t-shirt transfer paper.
6. Cut out your design carefully.
7. Get an adult to iron your design onto white felt.
8. Once ironed and cooled, peel off the backing paper.
9. Cut out your design carefully.

10. Print out a blank puppet template on ordinary paper and pin to a piece of coloured felt. Cut out the coloured felt carefully. This will form the back of your puppet.

11. Sew the two puppet parts together.

Hint: there will be lots of off-cuts of t-shirt transfer paper. These can be drawn on with felt pen and made in to finger puppets or pieces for a felt board.