

Let's make Sock Puppets



You will need:

- Glue (PVA is best for this activity)
- Old socks
- Some scissors
- Some card (we've chosen pink & white for our rabbit)
- A pencil
- Dark wool or an old shoe lace
- Pompoms
- Googly eyes

Sock puppets are great fun to make, once they're finished the fun doesn't have to stop, why not recreate/act out some of your favourite stories or make up one of your own?

Here, we use puppets and other props (just household items) to create story sacks, it really helps us to bring our favourite books to life.

Here's a guide to making your own sock puppets, you can create any animal you like.

One of our favourite books is 'guess how much I love you?' so we've created a rabbit sock.

Step by step:

- 1** Find an old white sock, not so old that it's full of holes but one that won't be missed. This will make the head and body of your rabbit.
- 2** Draw a pair of rabbit ears on to your card, we drew ours out on the white card first and then drew a slightly smaller pair of ears on the pink card. Once you're happy with the shape of the ears – cut them out.
- 3** Glue the smaller pink ears to the middle of the white ears and put them to one side to dry.
- 4** Whilst the ears are drying, glue a white pompom to the heel of the sock (roughly where your wrist is), this is the rabbit's tail.

- 5 Now your ears are dry, bend the bottom of the ear to create a tab – you will use this to glue the ears to the sock. Spread glue evenly on the bottom of the tab and fix the ears to your sock and set aside to dry. You may need to prop the ears up against a glass or similar so that they don't flop whilst they're drying.
- 6 Take your shoe lace/wool and cut it into 6 equal sized pieces. These will be your rabbit's whiskers.
- 7 Now we get to create our rabbit's face. First of all, check that the rabbit's ears are dry. Once you're happy that they're in place, glue some googly eyes to the front of the sock. Next take your rabbit's whiskers and glue them below the rabbit's eyes – this is where your rabbit's nose will go. Grab your pink pompom and glue it so that it sits in the middle over the yarn.

You're finished!

Make sure that it dries properly before you play with it.

