


MAKE YOUR OWN

HARTLEPOOL MONKEY

PUPPET


A short film of this puppet being made is available here 

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ADULT SUPERVISION OF
MONKEY-MAKING IS ADVISED



Pic 1


 Step 1.

Using the crayons provided, colour in all of the different monkey body parts on the two sheets of pattern pieces (PIC 1).

Monkeys come in all sorts of different colours, so you can decide whether to colour a realistic monkey or a more fantastical one!



Pic 2

 Step 2.

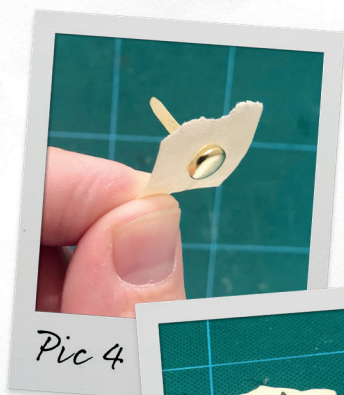
Using a sharp pencil, puncture five small holes into the pattern pieces, using the tiny crosses on the pattern as a guide to where the holes should be (PIC 2).




Pic 3

 Step 3.

Using scissors, carefully cut out all of the different parts of monkey from the two sheets of pattern pieces (PIC 3).

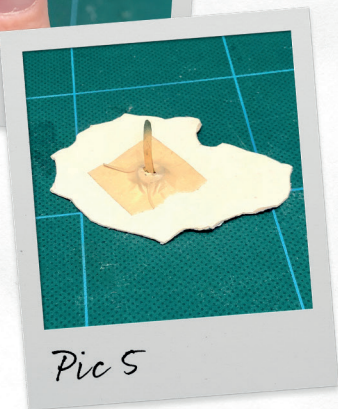


Pic 4

 Step 4.

Tear off a piece of tape roughly 2.5cm long, then push one of split pins through the sticky side of tape until the sticky surface of the tape is in contact with the underside of the pin's flat head (PIC 4).

Then stick the tape down onto the reverse side of the Monkey's head so that the pin is in the centre of the head, pointing upwards (PIC 5).



Pic 5



Pic 6



Step 5.

Repeat step 4 with four more pins, but this time stick the pins onto the back of the left arm and left leg (pic 6), as well as two pins on the back of the body a few centimetres away from the holes you punctured in step 2 (pic 7). If any tape overlaps the edge of the pattern pieces fold it back or trim it away.



Pic 7



Pic 8

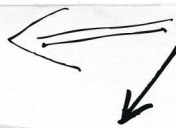


Step 6.

Assemble your monkey puppet by pushing each split pin through the corresponding hole and opening out the prongs of the pin on the other side (pic 8). You want the head, arms and legs to swing freely, so if some of the pin joints feel a bit stiff you can either widen the hole you punctured with a sharp pencil or slightly reduce the bend in the prongs of the pin to free up the joint's movement.

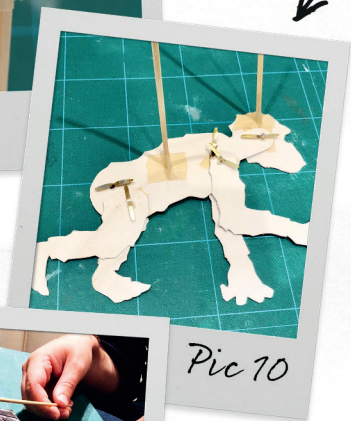


Pic 9



Step 7.

Attach two control rods to your puppet by sandwiching one end of each rod between two 5cm pieces of tape - but ensure that the ends of the two pieces of tape aren't stuck together (pic 9). Then stick to the two exposed ends of tape down onto your puppet to attach the rod, you need one rod stuck to the back of the head, the other should go in the middle of the body (pic 10).



Pic 10

Step 8.

Finally it's time to animate your monkey! You can walk your monkey by twisting the body rod side to side to swing the legs (pic 11), once you have mastered walking try running or even jumping!



Pic 11



Pic 12

Top Tip

To animate your puppet even further you can stick tiny control tabs of tape onto the back of your monkey's arms and legs (pic 12) so someone else can join you in bringing it to life by making it swing off things or pick things up.