

How to make a finger puppet badger

You will need: cardboard roll, paint (black and white), paintbrush, fine nib permanent marker (black).

Instructions:

1. Gently push downwards and inwards one end of the cardboard roll.
2. Paint the black sections of the badger. Leave to dry.
3. With a fine nib permanent marker, draw on the eyes and nose of the badger.
4. Paint the front of the badger with white paint and add white dots to the badger's eyes. Leave to dry.
5. Use the permanent marker to put details on the front of the badger.
6. Your badger is complete! To use as a puppet, insert several fingers into the base of the cardboard roll. You can make up stories about your badger's adventures.

Fun facts: the Museum has a badger on display in the special exhibition Cabinets of Curiosity. Badgers are nocturnal (active at the night). They have stocky bodies with short legs suitable for digging, and dig burrows underground called setts.

