

# How to make a finger puppet hedgehog

**You will need:** cardboard roll, thin card (from a cereal box or similar), scissors, pencil, fine nib permanent marker (black), paint, paintbrush, glue stick.

## Instructions:

1. Gently push downwards and inwards one end of the cardboard roll.
2. Place the cardboard roll on the thin card. Draw the prickles or spines (using a zig-zag or jagged line) around the cardboard roll. Cut out.
3. Draw two small circles (for eyes) on the thin card and cut out.
4. Paint the cardboard roll (body of the hedgehog) one colour and the prickles another. If you wish to use two browns, like the example below, you can make a darker brown by adding a little black paint (as we've done) or a lighter colour by adding a little white paint. Leave to dry.
5. Using a fine nib permanent marker, add a pupil to each eye. Use glue to secure the eyes to the body of the hedgehog (cardboard roll). Draw on the snout and mouth using the permanent marker.
6. Put a generous amount of glue down the centre of the prickles. Secure the body of the hedgehog to the prickles. Leave to dry.
7. Your hedgehog is now ready to explore the hedgerows! To use as a puppet, insert several fingers into the base of the cardboard roll.

**Fun facts: the Museum has a hedgehog on display in the library. Hedgehogs have poor eyesight but a great sense of smell. They are good runners, proficient climbers and can even swim. If attacked, they will roll into a tight ball so their prickles (spines) are exposed. They hibernate (go to sleep) during the winter months.**

