

How to make a finger puppet mole

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

Instructions:

1. On the thin card, draw the mole's head, two very small circles (for eyes) and two paws. Cut out.
2. Paint black the cardboard roll and mole's head. Leave to dry.
3. Use pink paint on the paws and add a snout and ears to the mole's head. Leave to dry.
4. Add a pupil to each eye with the permanent marker or felt tip pen. Glue onto the mole's head.
5. Glue/tape the mole's head to the cardboard roll. Also attach the mole's front paws using glue.
6. Your mole is ready to create molehills! To use as a puppet, insert several fingers into the base of the cardboard roll.

Fun facts: the Museum has a mole on display in The Cloth Hall. It is an albino mole, meaning it has white fur and pink eyes instead of the usual grey-black fur and dark eyes. A mole has a distinctive appearance with a rounded body, velvety fur, spade-like front paws, furry tail, small eyes, and a pink snout. They live underground but when they come to the surface then they create molehills – something that often makes them unpopular with gardeners and farmers.

