



Make a finger puppet monkey

This craft was inspired by a tiny toy monkey that was part of a doll's house, probably dating from mid-20th century.

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

Instructions:

1. Draw the top of the head and ears of the monkey at the top of the cardboard roll. Cut out (see picture below).



2. With the excess cardboard from the cardboard roll (or other thin card), draw and cut out a tail and two arms for your monkey.
3. Paint the cardboard roll, tail and two arms. Leave to dry.
4. Use a lighter colour to paint on the face, ears and paws of your monkey. Leave to dry.
5. With thin card, draw and cut out two ovals (eyes) and mark on a pupil on each with a fine nib permanent marker. Glue onto the cardboard roll. Leave to dry.
6. Attach the monkey's tail and arms to the cardboard roll with glue. Leave to dry.
7. Add details to the monkey's face with a fine nib permanent marker.
8. Your monkey is now ready to swing from the trees! To use as a finger puppet, insert several fingers into the base of the cardboard roll.



Fun facts: Some monkeys live on the ground while others live in trees, but almost all have tails. A group of monkeys is called a troop, tribe or mission. The smallest monkey in the world is the Pygmy Marmoset and the largest is the Mandrill.