

Make a finger puppet monster



This is a fun and simple craft to make a finger puppet monster. You can add your own details and any other craft materials you have at home. And if you don't want to use it as a finger puppet, it will make a spookily good Halloween decoration instead.

You will need: cardboard roll, paint or felt tip pens, paintbrush, small piece of white card (from a cereal box or similar), pencil, scissors, glue stick and/or glue dots, wiggle eyes, fine nib permanent marker (black). Optional: ruler, glitter, and other craft materials to decorate.

Instructions:

1. You need to divide the cardboard roll into two sections. You can do this by eye or use a ruler to measure 3cm from the top of the cardboard roll. Make a mark on the cardboard roll and do this at various points around the roll.
2. With a pencil, join the marks to make a line around the cardboard roll. This will give you the two sections, one small and one large. The small section will be the hair and the large section the body of the monster.
3. Choose two colours. Paint or colour in the two sections of your cardboard roll, each section in a different colour. Leave to dry.
4. On the 3cm deep section of the cardboard roll, make lots of cuts of the same depth around the top. It should naturally flare out to make the hair.
5. Using the thin white card, cut out two fangs (triangles) for your monster.
6. With the black fine nib permanent marker, mark on a mouth (straight or slightly curved line), eyebrows (slightly curved lines) and any other features you wish to give your monster.
7. Glue on the fangs slightly below the mouth and add one or more wiggle eyes. We chose to add three wiggle eyes.
8. (Optional) Use the glue stick and glitter on the body of the monster. If you wish, you can also decorate with any other craft materials at this stage.
9. Your monster is complete! You can use it as a decoration or as a finger puppet. To use as a puppet, Insert several fingers into the base.

Fun facts: Halloween is celebrated on 31st October, and the very first jack 'o lanterns were made from turnips and not pumpkins.