

Fantastic foxes (puppet)



Foxes are increasingly seen in our gardens and Shaw House is no exception. Today's fun and simple craft, to make a fantastic fox puppet, celebrates this adaptable animal who is equally at home in the town or countryside.

To make a fox puppet, you will need: a cardboard roll, a pencil, a scrap of white paper, a black felt tip pen or fine nib permanent marker, red or orange paint, a scrap of thin card, a glue stick and sticky tape. **Optional:** white paint and glue dots.

Instructions:

1. Gently press down and inwards one end of the cardboard roll so that you form the fox's ears.
2. Draw a wavy shape on a piece of thin card and cut out. This will be the fox's bushy tail.
3. Paint the cardboard roll and the tail in a bright red or orange. We painted our cardboard roll and tail in orange.
You can leave the tip of the fox's tail white (if that's the colour of your thin card), as we've done, or paint it white. Leave to dry.
4. Using a scrap of white paper, draw and cut out a small heart shape; this will be the face of your fox. Add features using a black felt tip pen or fine nib permanent marker.
5. Once the paint is dry on the cardboard roll, use a glue stick to attach the white paper face onto it. Also attach the tail to the back of the cardboard roll using glue or glue dots and/or sticky tape.
6. Your fox is ready to use as a puppet. Put two to four fingers inside the base of the cardboard roll and make up a story about your fox's fantastic adventures.

Fun facts: Foxes are a member of the dog family. The name of their home is a den or an earth. A male fox is called a dog, a female fox is called a vixen, and a baby fox is called a cub.