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Puppet pals

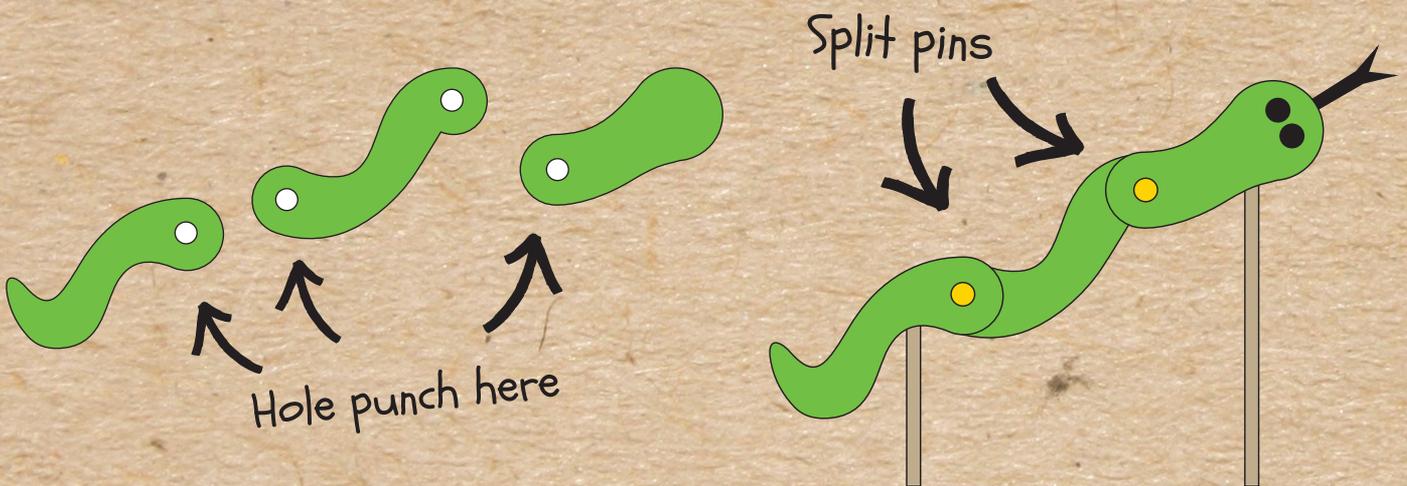
Stage

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30 mins



Skills builder



What you'll get out of it

- Create a puppet with moving parts.
- Use your imagination.
- Be creative.

What you'll need

- Sheets of A4 card, 1 per girl
- Pencils, 1 per girl
- Scissors
- A hole punch
- Split pins, 2 per girl
- Colouring pencils or pens
- Lollipop sticks or straws, 2 per girl
- Craft materials, like stickers or googly eyes (optional)

Aim of activity

This is your chance to become a toymaker! Design a puppet, then bring it to life by giving it real moving parts.



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Girlguiding



Note to leader

You might find it helpful to make a template for the body of the puppet for girls to draw round and have helpers for cutting and attaching split pins.

Top tip

Your leader can help you use the hole punch. It's best to line up the three pieces together then punch two holes, so the three parts of the puppet line up neatly.

What to do

1 Choose an animal to become your puppet. Simpler animals to make are snakes and caterpillars, or challenge yourself to make something trickier like a tiger or a whale!

2 Everyone get a piece of card and draw the body of your animal on it.

3 Cut out your shape carefully, and then snip it into three pieces.

4 Use the hole punch to make holes, like in the picture on the front of this card. Attach the pieces to each other with split pins.

5 Decorate your puppet to make it look like your animal. Maybe you could add lots of colour, or arms, legs or eyes.

6 Tape or glue your sticks to your puppet – you need one stick at each end, so you can make it move.

7 Congratulations – you're now a toymaker! Have a go at moving your puppet.

8 With a partner or group, come up with a story for your puppets and put on a short puppet show together. Make sure everyone can see how well your puppet moves!