

Creating the Characters with our artist Lois

Bring to life Wagner the Owl from David Walliams' *Awful Auntie* and Roald Dahl's *Mr. Twit*

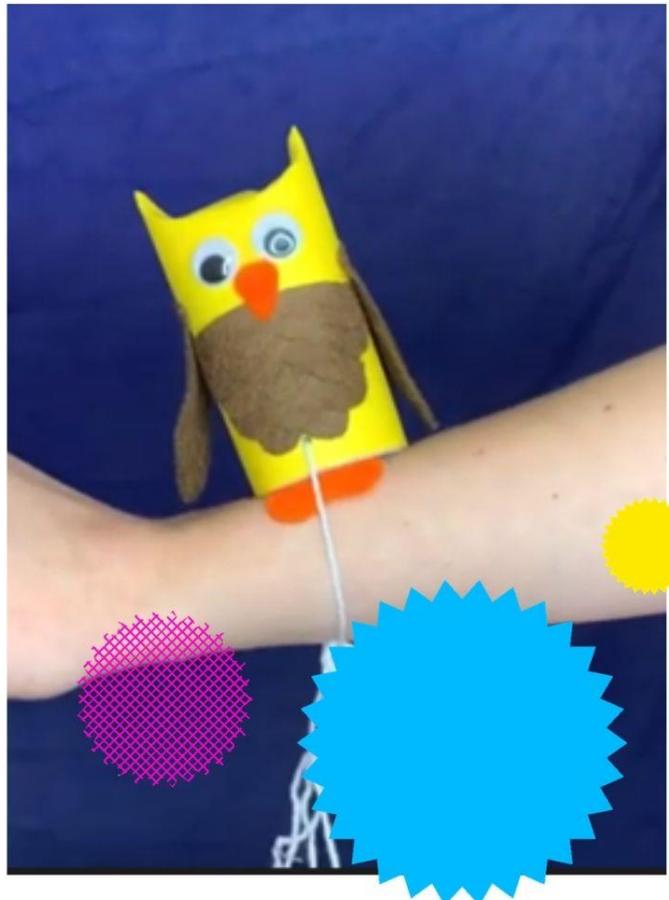
Step by Step Instructions

In this session you will create some of your favourite storybook characters

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What you will need to make Wagner the Owl from David Walliams' *Awful Auntie*.

- A toilet roll tube
- String
- Sharp pencil
- Glue stick
- Coloured card
- Scissors
- Ruler (optional)
- Felt (optional)
- Marker pen (optional)
- Googly eyes (optional)

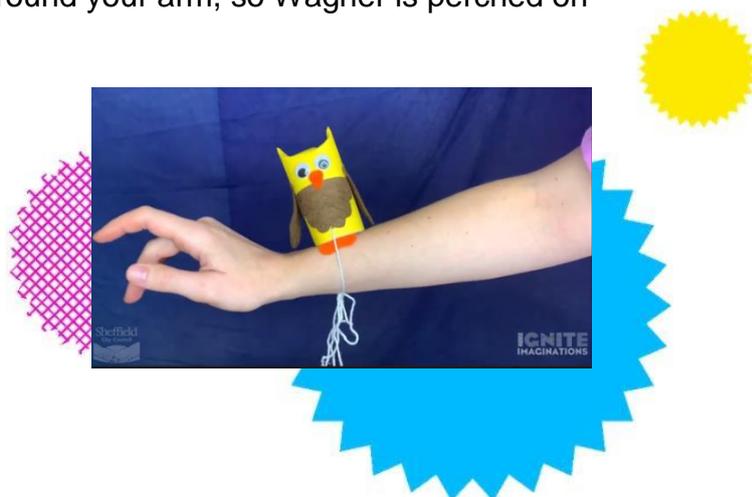


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Ignite Imagination's advise that this activity should be carried out under the supervision of an adult. Children should always be supervised when using sharp objects.

Making Wagner the Owl

1. Take your toilet roll tube and coloured card. We are going to cover the toilet roll tube with the card. To do this, measure the height of your tube onto the card using a pencil to mark it out. Measure at both ends of the coloured card, and draw a line (using a ruler if you have one) to connect them.
2. Use scissors to cut along this line
3. Take the piece of card that you have just cut and glue it around the toilet roll tube, to cover it completely.
4. Next you need to attach the string so you can tie Wagner around your wrist, just like a real life Awful Auntie!
5. Ask an adult for help to use your sharp pencil to pierce a hole through the roll tube. Now do again on the opposite sides so you will be left with two holes opposite each other.
6. Thread a piece of string, around 50 cm long, through these two holes. Then leave for now.
7. It's time to turn your toilet roll tube into the shape of an owl. Do this by squeezing the top of the toilet roll tube together and push them down in the middle, as if you are pushing them into the toilet roll tube. You should now have your two pointy owl ears.
8. Next take some felt and a marker pen. If you don't have any felt, you can use coloured card.
9. Draw the shape of two wings onto your felt/card and cut out. You could draw round wings or triangle wings.
10. Glue the wings onto the sides of the toilet roll tube.
11. Let's make the feet. Take some felt or coloured card and draw some owl feet. Lois drew a love heart shape. Cut out your shape and glue to the bottom of the toilet roll tube.
12. Next let's make some feathers for the tummy. Again take some felt/card and a marker pen, draw some feather shapes. Lois drew feathers by making some shapes which looked like a bubble letter 'B'.
13. Glue your feathers onto the tummy of your owl.
14. Next make the beak. Take some felt or coloured card and draw a small triangle shape. Cut this out and stick it where you want the beak to be.
15. Googly eye time! Glue your eyes on just above your beak. If you don't have any googly eyes; you can just draw some on.
16. Now it's time to attach Wagner the owl to your arm. Ask an adult to help you to tie the string together in a bow around your arm, so Wagner is perched on your arm.



What you will need to make Mr. Twit from Roald Dahl's The Twits

- Thin card (similar to that of a cereal box)
- Scissors
- Brown paper / card
- String
- Glue stick
- Dried food such as pasta, beans and lentils
- Sharp Pencil



Making Mr. Twit

1. Firstly to make the template for the beard, take your piece of card and with a pencil draw a circle shape that is large enough to cover your mouth, cheeks and chin
2. Cut out the circle shape with scissors.
3. To make your mouth hole in your beard template. Place the template over the area where you will be wearing it and mark with a pencil where your mouth is. Draw a circle in this area and cut it out.
4. Next, ask an adult to help you to take your sharp pencil and pierce a hole in each side of your beard template. You will be left with two holes.
5. Cut two pieces of string, each one around 50 cm long, and tie to each hole in your template. This will allow you to wear your beard later.
6. Time to make the beard! Rip the brown paper (or card) into long strips. You will need quite a lot.
7. Glue these strips onto your beard template. Keep going until your template is covered with the paper strips, this will give you a nice big bushy beard. It's a good idea to layer up the strips.
8. Just like a real life Mr. Twit, take your dried food and glue it onto your beard.
9. Time to wear your creation! Ask an adult to help you - place your beard over your mouth and tie the string in a bow on the back of your head.
10. Now you can be a real life grumpy Mr. Twit and demand some bird pie!

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