



# Sock Puppet Dennis Dog

Make a puppet using an old sock.

Try to find some brightly coloured socks, or ones that match the colour of the creature that you're going to create.

Here is an idea for a dog sock puppet.



## Equipment

1. A pair of old socks.
2. Two large white buttons.
3. Two small blue buttons (they must be smaller than the white buttons).
4. One brown button.
5. Some pink felt, about 5 cm square.
6. A small piece of red felt.
7. Some paper glue (such as Copydex).

## Safety Stuff

Always check with an adult before you begin, so that if you need their help they're not taken by surprise. Working with items such as scissors can be dangerous, so be very careful when you use them. Make sure that you never leave them open or lying around where smaller children can reach them.

Before starting to make any of the puppets, cover the work surface you're going to use with some newspaper or an old cloth, and make sure that you're wearing an apron or some old clothes. Then gather together all the items you'll need before you begin.

A lot of the things you'll need can probably be found by hunting around the home, but remember to check with an adult before you take anything. Just because it's there doesn't mean that you can use it!

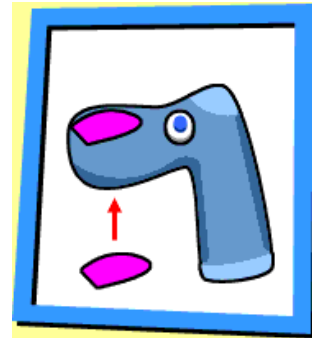
When you've finished, don't forget to tidy everything away. Wash any paint brushes you've used and remember to put the tops back on pens, paint and glue pots.

# Steps

## Step One

Lay out the first sock with the heel facing upwards, and cut two toe shapes approximately 5cm long from the piece of pink felt. Glue one piece of felt underneath the toe of the sock and the other on top of it. Allow the glue to dry.

Next, fold the toe of the sock back inside the sock to form a mouth shape, and glue the two white buttons and two blue buttons onto the sock for eyes. (The blue buttons go on top of the white buttons.) Stick the brown button on for a nose.



## Step Two

Lay out the second sock, again with the heel facing upwards, and cut off the foot of the sock from just in front of the heel. Next, cut around the outside of the foot to divide it into two separate pieces.

Fold each piece in half and glue the long sides together. Let the glue dry and then turn the two pieces inside out to make the dog's ears. Turn the loose edges in on themselves and then glue one ear to each side of the dog's head.



## Step Three

Cut a small strip of red felt for the tongue and glue this inside the puppet's mouth.

Your dog puppet is now ready for you to bring it to life. Put your hand inside the puppet and make its mouth move by putting your thumb and little finger under the mouth and your middle three fingers into its nose.



## Step Four

If you have a green sock you could make a sock puppet that looks like a crocodile or a monster. Use some different coloured felt to make spiky fins along its back, and glue on a nose and a mouth as you have done with the dog.

Or use a grey sock to make a shark. Line its mouth with red felt and add some grey fins. Don't forget the sharp white teeth inside its mouth!

When you have made a series of sock puppets, design and make a container to keep them in.