

Mice Characters

Age: 6-11 Group size: 20

Duration: 40 mins



Preparation time: 20 mins

Resources

- A4 paper in assorted colours
- Circle templates – 2 sizes
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Felt tip pens
- Scraps of material, sequins etc.
- wobbly eyes (optional)

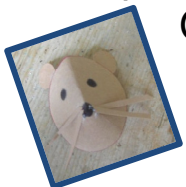


Preparation

For one mouse you will need approx 2 pieces of A4 paper. For younger children prepare templates of hands, ears and arms.

Activity

Make sure the circles you use are 2 different sizes. The mice shown were made using a circle of 16cms diameter for the body and 6cms diameter for the head. Choose neutral colours for the head and body if preferred. Cut out the circles and fold into quarters to find the centre. Cut up one of the folds to the centre. Then overlap the sides into a cone shape and glue the ends down. If the overlap is too much and spoils the shape, just cut out a quarter section and wrap again.



On the smaller cone (the head), draw a nose at the point. Add 2 eyes. Cut very thin strips of paper for the whiskers. Apply glue to the sides of the nose and stick a pair of whiskers on each side.



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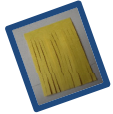
To make a dress or cloak, cut a third circle in a different colour, the same size as the body. Decorate as liked and make into a cone shape as for the body. Sit the dress on top of the body adding a little glue to keep it in place.



Make sleeves in the same colour as the clothing. Fold the paper in half and cut through both thicknesses to get both sleeves. Decorate in the same style as the rest of the dress or cloak and stick them on. Cut out hands and stick them at the ends of the sleeves.



Make the hair by cutting a fringe out of a rectangular piece of paper. Glue the end and fold round into a circle. Use a pencil or paintbrush handle and curl the strands of hair. Glue the bottom of the fringe and stick at the back of the head, inside the cone.



Glue the head onto the body. Don't be afraid to press down to make it secure.

To make legs for a male mouse character, cut 2 rectangles about 6cms x 13 cms. Roll them into cylinders and glue. Glue them together. Use 2 ovals and cut out shoe shapes. Stick the shoes onto the base of the legs. Glue the tops of the legs and place the body on top. Glue the head down last.



Add crowns, wizard hats and wands. Make small mice children, draw backgrounds, make furniture, make up a story or play about them.

