



## Stuffed Cat Puppet Workshop

You can adapt the project according to your technical and material constraints. It is recommended to make a puppet-cat yourself before starting the project with children in order to evaluate the time of realization and the logistics to set up. The approximate time for the realization is two hours.

### Required equipment

- Two sheets of foam rubber or two pieces of fabric (from 20x30 cm to 40x50 cm)
- Felt or chalk
- Acrylic paint
- Padding foam or plastic bag
- Hot glue
- Pipe cleaners, string or rope for neck attachment
- Handling handle (various objects)

### Optional equipment

- Buttons, pompons, caps...
- Colored threads, ropes and wools

### Required tools

- Fabric scissors, scissors, brushes, water pots and rags
- Hot glue guns, punches



## Steps of realization

- Draw the outline of the head. Then separately, draw the outline of the body including the four legs and tail
- Paint the surface colors then add the painted patterns (lines, dots, stains...)
  - For bright colors: apply a coat of white before the colors if the substrate is not already white.
- Paint or glue the eyes and muzzle
  - To accentuate the look, choose colors in contrast with the background (warm/cold or light/dark) as well as two superimposed elements (one larger under a smaller one).
- Cut the head, then the body-paw-tail contour
- Draw the contour on the back side format
- Cut off the head and body from the back.
- Glue the two supports, leaving openings for padding.
  - For the solidity of the glue: apply the hot glue in sections, and glue as you go.
- Pad the head and body (with loose foam or plastic bag) then close the openings with hot glue.
  - As the foam rubber sheets are rigid, it is not necessary to pad the legs and tail. However, it is essential to do this with the fabric to provide the necessary support for handling.
- Drill the head and body holes for the neck joint
- Tie the head and neck with string, rope or pipe cleaner
- Glue the handling handles to the back of the head and body