

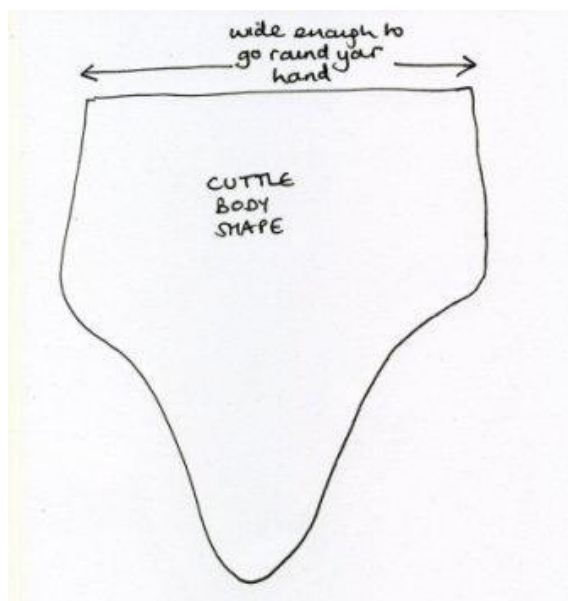


CUTTLEFISH PUPPET



To make your very own cute cuttle puppets like these you will need:

- Holographic card (like the one on the left) or funky foam (like the one on the right). Both these are available from art and craft shops
- A stapler
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Face paints or make-up
- Paper and pencil for making template

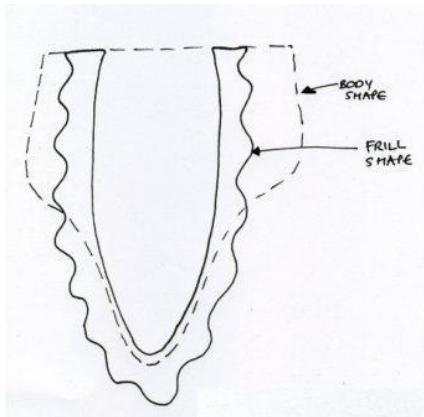


INSTRUCTIONS

Your puppet should be made to fit *your* hand so use the shape shown here but adjust the size so it is right for you.

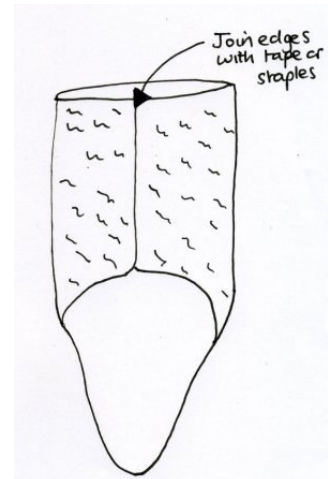
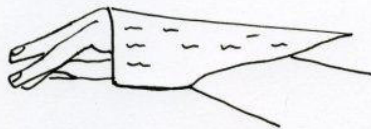
The shape needs to wrap snugly around your hand just above your knuckles with enough overlap to join together with tape. It should be long enough to reach from your knuckles about half way to your elbow. You may want to practise the shape on an ordinary piece of paper first so you don't waste more expensive materials. Use our photo to help guide you.

The frilly edge of the cuttle is made from a second piece of card or foam. This needs to be stapled to the body piece and so the inside curve should be cut just smaller so it overlaps the tail end when placed over the body shape (see diagram left). Get the size right by practising on your paper version first.

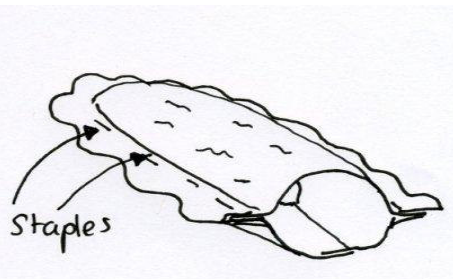
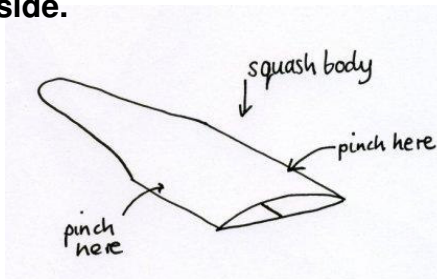


1. Once you have worked out the template sizes to fit you, cut the main cuttle body and the frill from the card or foam.

2. Wrap the body shape around your hand and wrist to get a good fit then take it off and join the short edges with staples or sticky tape.



3. With the joining seam in the middle underneath and the longest part of the body in the middle top, gently squash the body until it is flat. This will make creases at each side.



4. Using these side creases to guide you, and pinching the top and bottom of the body together fix the frill around the body by stapling through all three layers. The main bit of your puppet is done.

5. Now for your hand. One of our cuttles has its face drawn on a latex glove with a felt pen and the other is just drawn onto the skin but it is easier and more effective to use face paints or make-up to colour your hand and paint on the cuttlefish's eyes. Use whatever colours you like to go with your card or foam and draw the eyes on the side of your hand where your fingers meet your knuckles –use our pictures for guidance.

6. Now slide the card or foam frilled-body over your hand and you are ready for a host of cuttlefish adventures.

7. Make one for your other hand and you can communicate in cuttle!