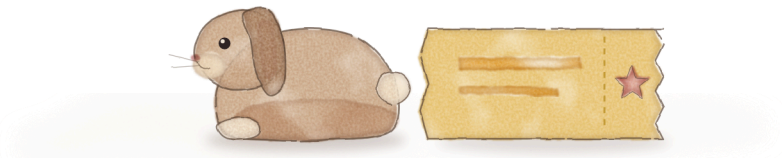
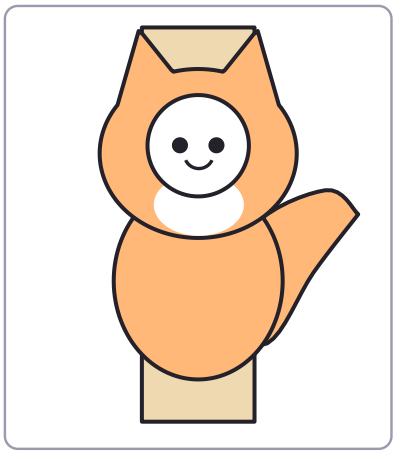
FREE SAMPLE CRAFT · LEVEL S3

Scissor-to-Craft

Animal Puppet Cutting Theater

A fox, an owl, a frog and a bear: cut each puppet, glue a folded paper handle behind it, and swap its face to change how it feels. Then use the story starters to put on a show.





Fox Puppet, finished (drawing)

THE LEVELS IN THIS PACK (OUT OF FIVE)

S0	S1	S2	S3	S4
Get ready	Snip	Cut straight	Turn and curve	Build

IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A cut-out-shapes warm-up
- A fox puppet at true size
- A paper handle with a glue tab
- Happy and sleepy faces
- Story starters
- A low-ink cut sheet

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · Always with a grown-up and child-safe scissors · Practice and play, not a therapy program

Before you begin

About 25 minutes. You need child-safe scissors, a glue stick and crayons.

A fox stick puppet made only of paper: the child cuts the head and body, folds the handle strip, glues it behind at the marked tab, then chooses a happy or a sleepy face. Hold the handle and the fox can talk.

SAFETY FIRST

- A grown-up stays with the child for every cutting activity.
- Use child-safe scissors with rounded tips that fit the child's hand, and left-handed scissors for a left-handed child.
- Cut sitting at a table. Walk with scissors closed, holding the blades.
- Glue sticks only. Keep small paper scraps away from children who still put things in their mouths.

GRIP AND HELPER HAND

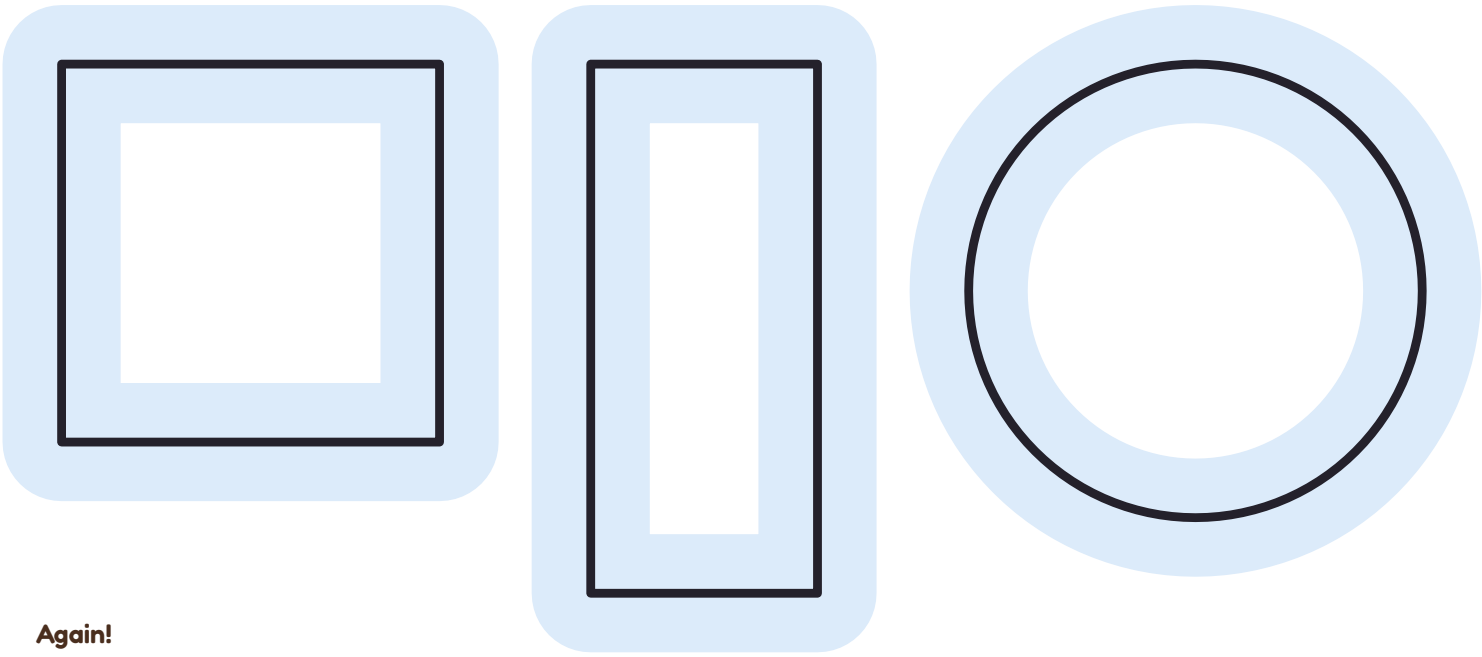
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

PRINT CHECK

Print at 100% ("Actual size"). The pieces are drawn at real size, so they match the glue base only at 100%.

Warm-up: Cut out shapes

For Fox Puppet. Cut out the square, the rectangle and the circle.



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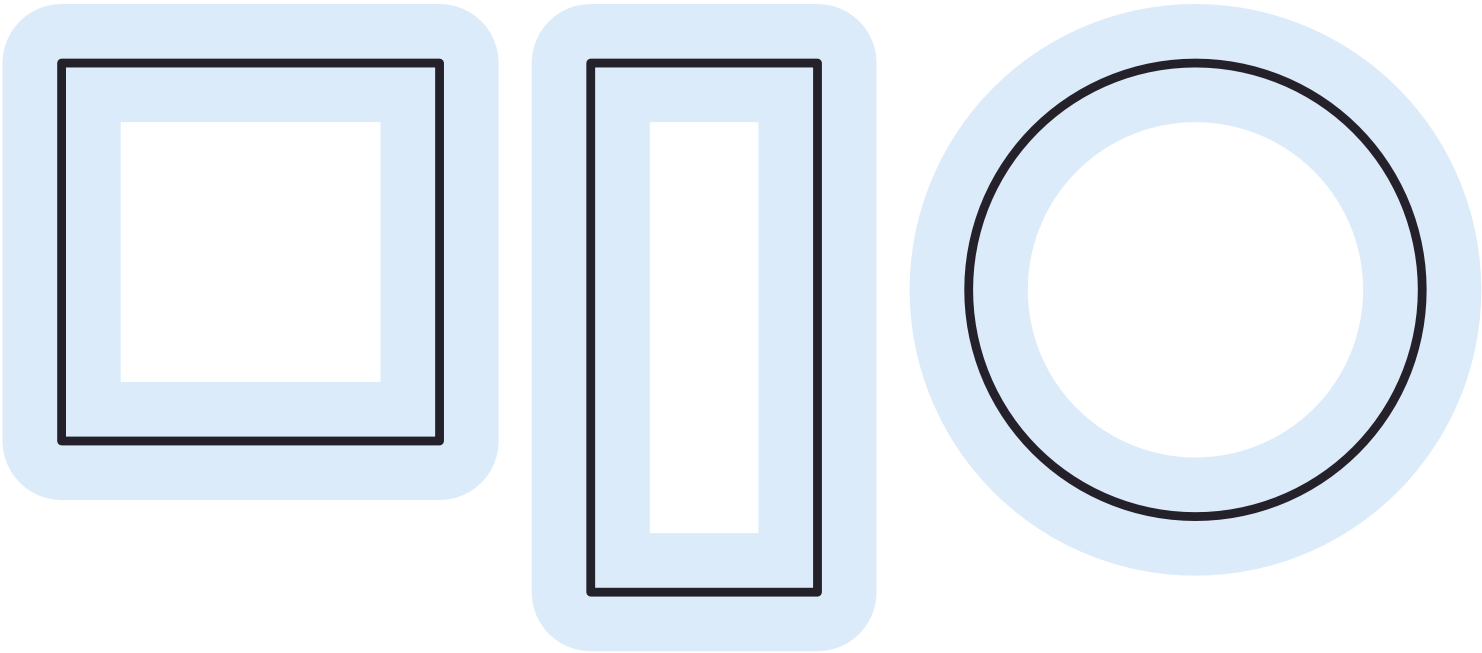


GROWN-UP: WATCH FOR

- Thumb on top ("thumbs up"), scissors pointing away.
- The helper hand holds the paper, fingers away from the blades, and turns it at corners.
- Left-handed? Use left-handed scissors. Any direction that keeps the line in view is fine.

Cut it out: Fox Puppet

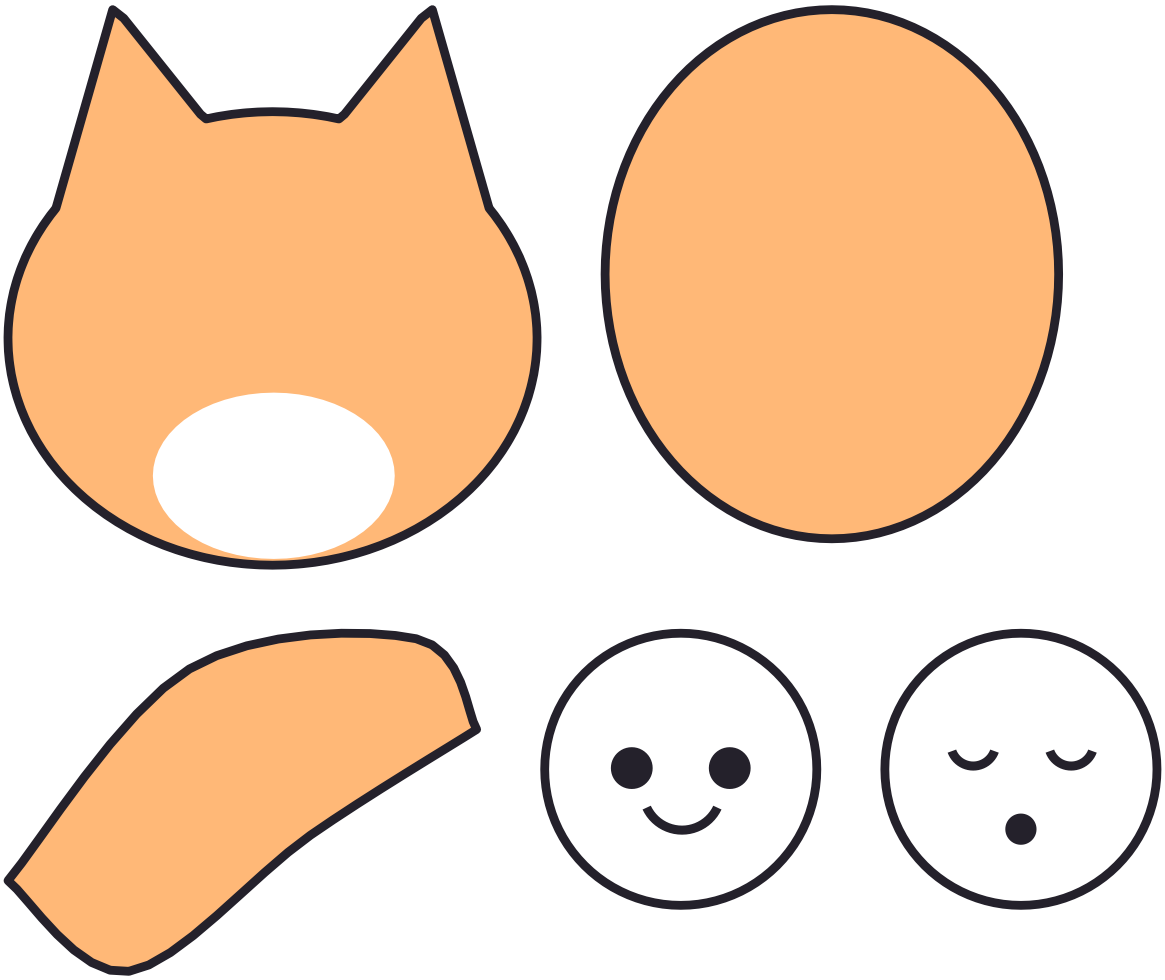
cut on the line

snip, stop at the bar

fold

glue

grown-up cuts



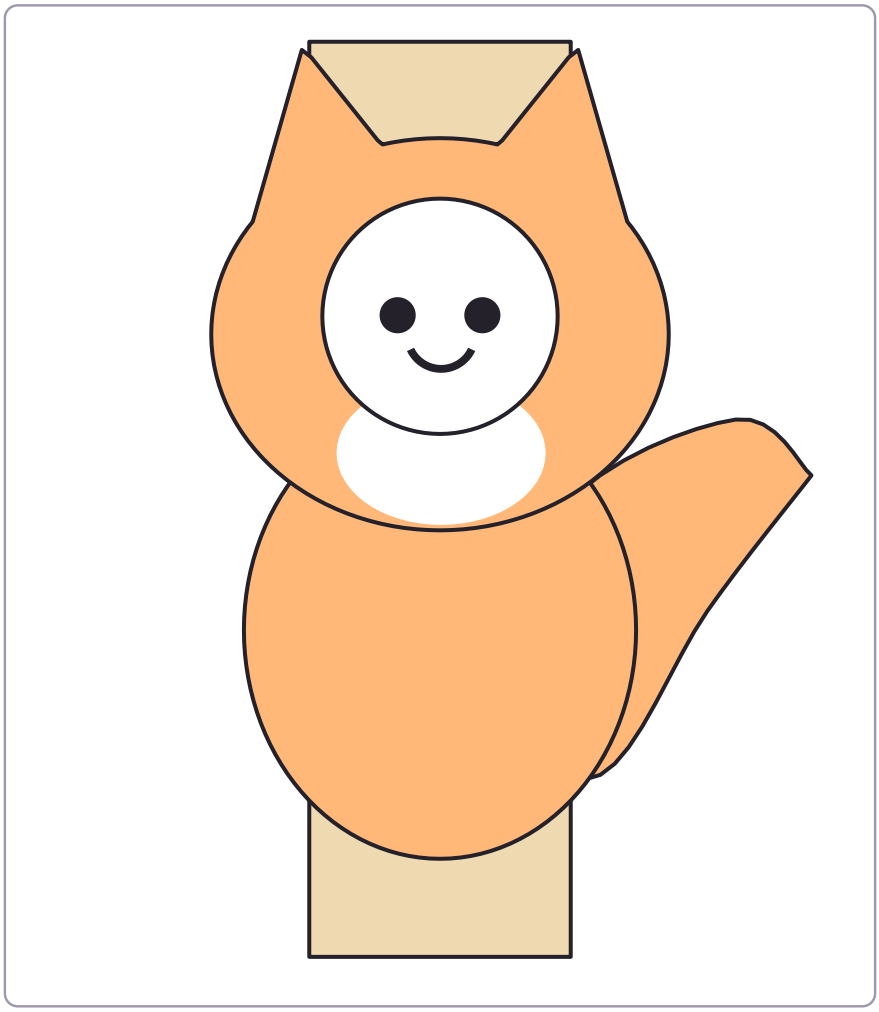
Make it: Fox Puppet

1. Cut out the head (stop and turn at each ear), the body and the tail.
2. Cut out the handle strip, fold it in half along the dashed line, and press it flat.
3. Glue the body to the head, the tail behind the body, then the handle's hatched tab behind the body.
4. Cut out both faces. Glue one on, or hold the other in front to change how Fox feels.

GROWN-UP DOES

Fold the handle with the child the first time: long dashed line, then press flat.

FINISHED (DRAWING, 86% OF REAL SIZE)



EASIER

The grown-up cuts the ears; the child cuts the round pieces.

HARDER

Draw a third face on scrap paper: surprised, cross or silly.

GROWN-UP CHECK

At each ear tip, does the child stop and turn? Story starter: Fox wakes up and cannot find her tail. Who has seen it?

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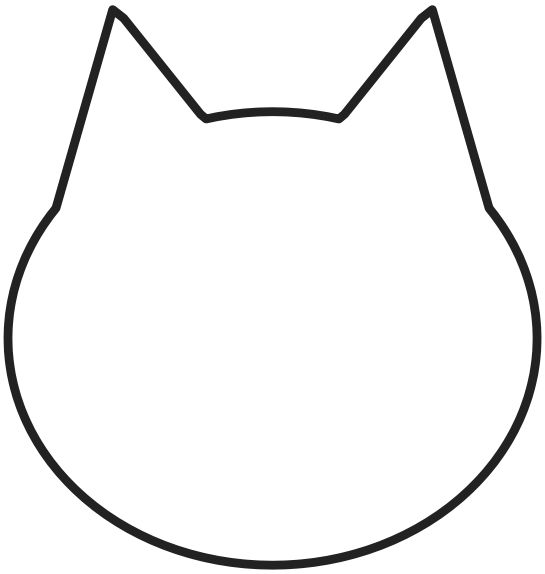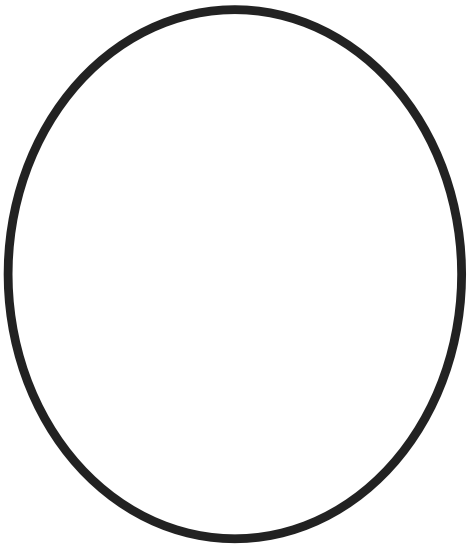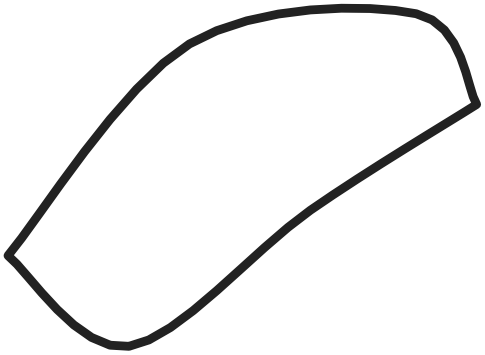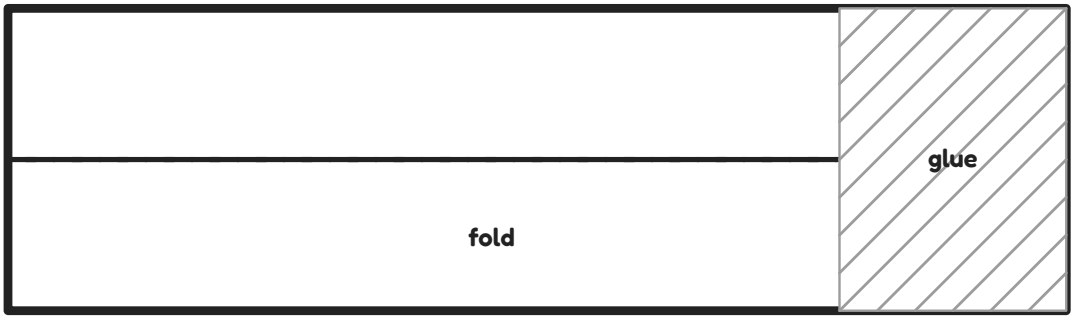
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