

How to make... a princess spoon puppet

Suitable for ages 3-6 with some adult help

You will need:

- A spoon (e.g. an old wooden spoon you no longer use, a plastic spoon, or a lolly stick. It can be big or small, whatever you have).
- Sequins
- A pipe cleaner
- Paper (white or coloured)
- Felt tip pens
- Something to make hair (e.g. crepe paper, coloured paper, wool or string)

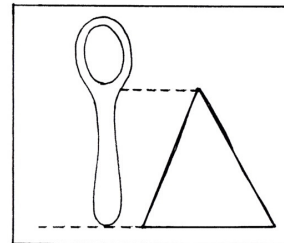


If you enjoyed Nix Wood's reading of *The Princess and the Pea*, why not try making a princess spoon puppet so you can re-enact the story?

Instructions:

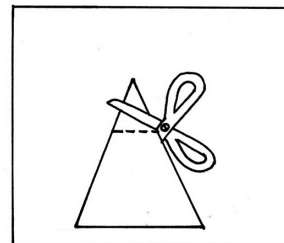
Step 1:

Cut a triangle of coloured paper the length of the handle of your spoon. If you don't have coloured paper you can use white paper and colour it in. This will make up the base of your dress.



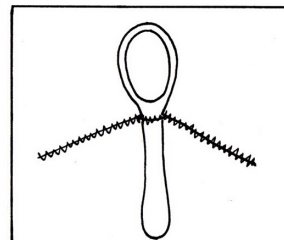
Step 2:

Cut off the tip of the triangle. Colour and decorate your dress however you like. You could use coloured Washi tape, sequins, collage from magazines, wrapping paper, felt tip pens, crayons, or anything else you fancy!



Step 3:

If you have a pipe cleaner, find the centre and wrap it once around the neck of the spoon leaving the ends nice and long to create arms. If you don't, try using a strip of paper or card. This could be coloured to match the dress as long sleeves.

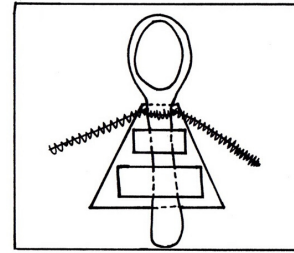


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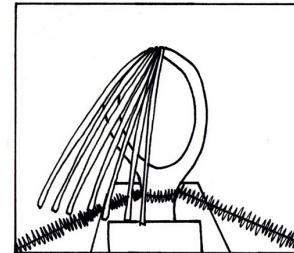
Using felt tip pens, draw a face on to the back of the spoon.

Tape your beautifully decorated dress to the spoon. Make sure you leave a good amount of space at the bottom to hold on to.



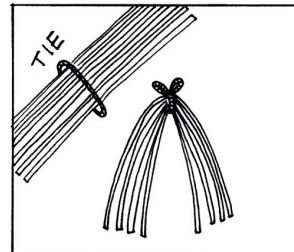
Step 5:

Cut thin strips of crepe paper, paper or wool and stick to the back of your puppet for hair.



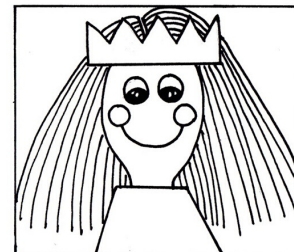
Step 6:

Try making bunches by folding up long strips and tying or twisting them in the centre to make thick luscious hair.



Step 7:

Cut out and decorate a crown and glue it on to your puppet's hair.



One step further...

Why not try making the whole royal family?

You could make the Prince, Queen and King from *The Princess and the Pea* story.