

Paper Dragon Puppets



As well as developing two-handed play this activity gives the helper hand practice in:

Thumb/finger grasping

Holding

Releasing

Wrist and forearm movements



You will need: glue, scissors, ruler, sticky tape, wooden sticks, coloured paper, dragon head template.

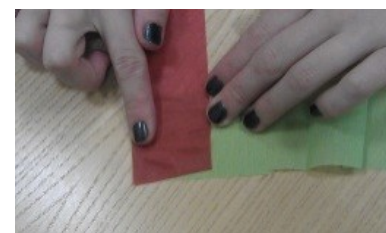
Begin by cutting the coloured paper into strips approximately 5cm wide and 30cm long. Use a ruler to draw the lines and then cut along them.

Next cut out one of the rectangular dragon head templates.

Your child may like to colour the dragon heads, if so it is best to do this now.

Now you are ready to begin!

1. Take two long strips of coloured paper, about 3cm wide.
2. Make them into a V shape and glue the ends together.
3. Fold the bottom strip (green) over the top strip (red), then fold red over strip green. Keep folding until you run out of paper.
4. Glue the two strips together at the end.



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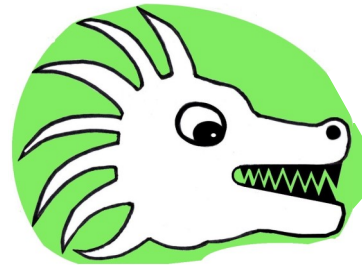
- Take two of the wooden sticks – stick one to each end of your paper chain. It might be best to use sticky tape for this.



- Take a rectangular dragon head template and fold in half along the dotted line. Next you need to cut out the head - be very careful with the scissors and take care not to cut off the fold!



- If cutting out is tricky then you can roughly cut out the head as shown here.



- Now stick the two dragon heads together using the glue. This means you will have a face each side of your puppet. See 9!



- As you do 8 remember to also stick one end of the paper chain (body) between the two heads using sticky tape or glue.

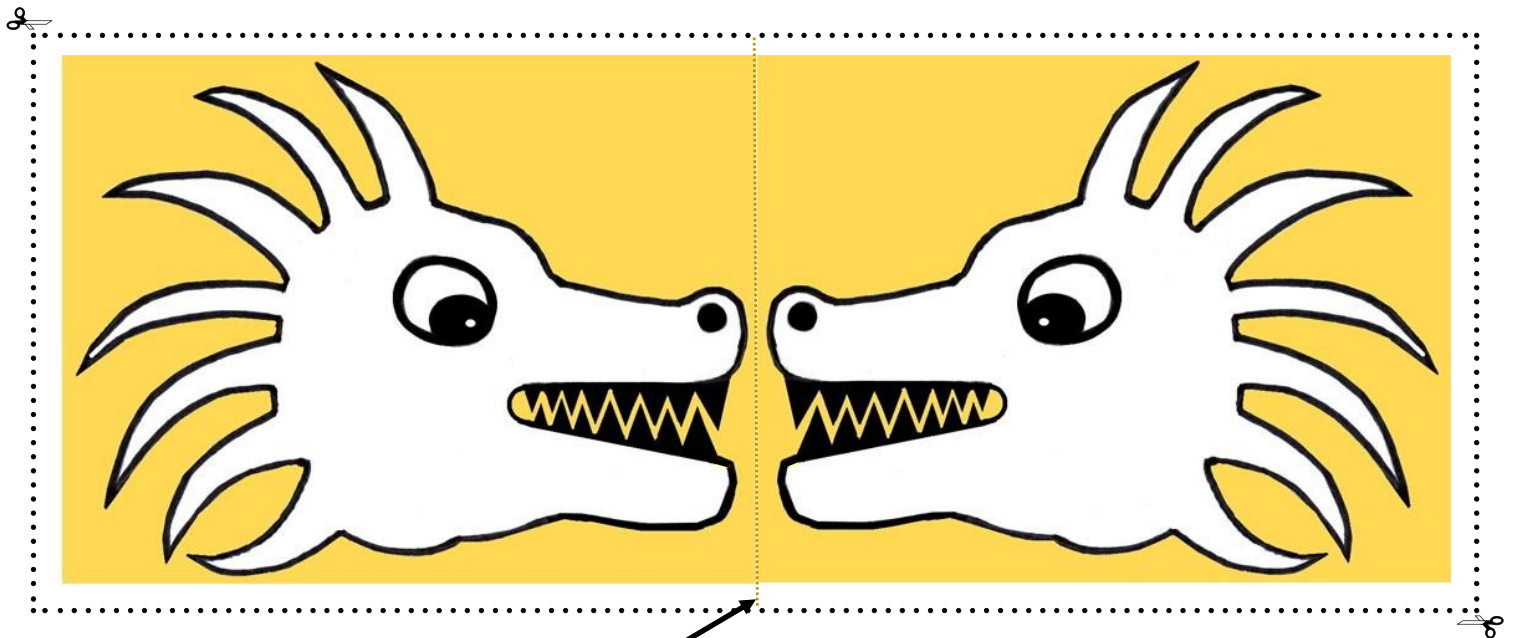


- Hold the ends of the wooden sticks – you have made a dragon puppet! If you want to, you can add some longer strips of paper to the head and back too.



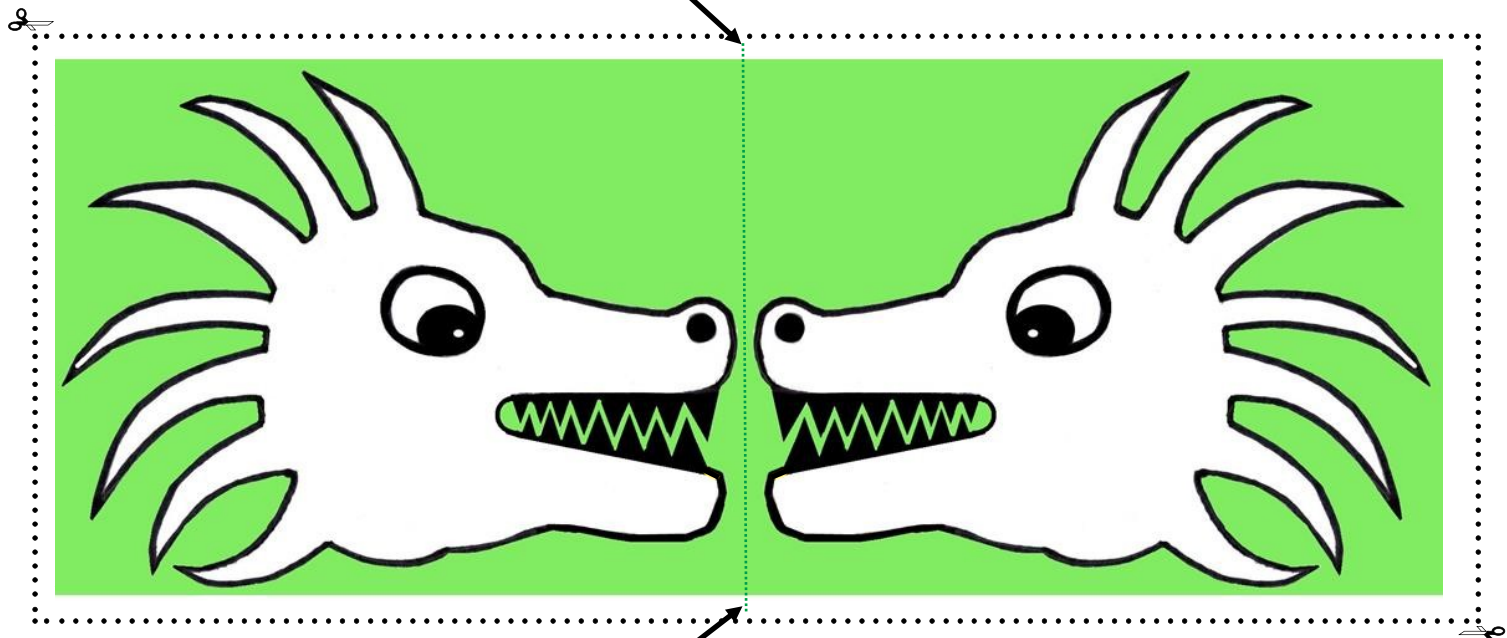
Have fun with your dragon!

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