

ROCK 'n' ROLE-PLAY!

Skill level = simple

Print out the attached sheet and choose a character or draw your own monster on another piece of paper. Cut out your character carefully and if you wish, colour it using pens or crayons.

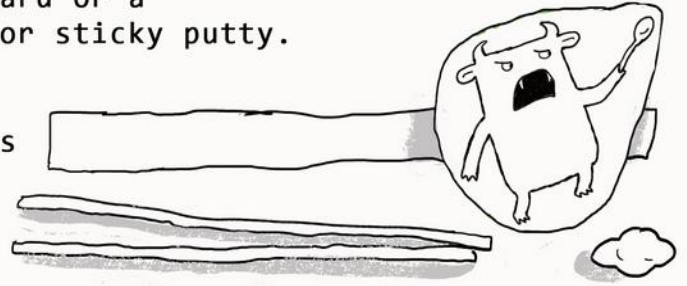
Fasten the character to a thin length of card or a stick using rolled-over sticky tape, glue or sticky putty.

You have now made a mini-monster puppet for your Rock 'n' Role-play!

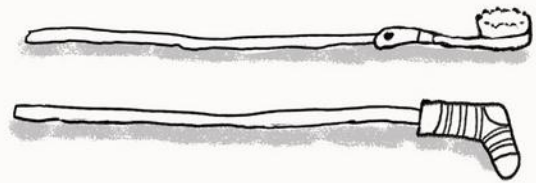
if you like, use the other sheet of objects to make a mini-tool kit in the same way.

Now see if your character or mini-tool can move a mini-red rock!

You need: Paper, scissors, sticky putty, glue or sticky tape, colouring-in stuff(optional), a thin length of strong card, wooden spoon handle or a stick (i.e. pea sticks)



Always take care when using scissors and ask an adult to help with the tricky bits.



Ways to use the Rock 'n' Role-Play templates:

Collect red clothes/cushions/blankets and pile them up to make your own big red rock. While reading out the book, pass each character or mini-tool to the child so that they can use the puppet or object to act out each encounter with your big red rock.

Boost the child's vocabulary by teaching them verbs associated with the characters and mini-tools. For example, can Bif or Bop 'persuade' or 'charm' the rock to move or can you use a spoon to 'scoop' it out of the way?

Lay out all five characters on the floor and give the child time to memorise their positions. Ask them to cover their eyes while you take one away. Can they work out who is missing? What colour was the missing character? What was their most memorable feature? To make it more difficult for older children, you could increase the number of items by adding some mini-tools.

Craft ideas for adults:

Stick the characters and/or mini-tools onto cardboard or print each page directly onto lightweight card before cutting round them.

Glue or tape a safety pin to their backs to make badges.

Add small magnets or magnetic tape to their backs to make fridge magnets. Draw a big red rock together, then attach it to the fridge by placing the fridge magnet characters and objects on and around the rock.

Tape a cocktail stick to the back of each character, then sink the other end into cakes to use them as toppers. We recommend red velvet cupcakes, or (big red) rock cakes!