

Koala and Bilby Finger Puppet/Pencil Topper Instructions

Follow these instructions to make a koala or bilby finger puppet/pencil topper.

What you will need:

- ear templates (one koala and one bilby)
- fur pieces or cotton wool/balls
- grey/black/brown vinyl pieces or cardboard
- 4 small 'googly' eyes
- 2 large gumnuts
- 2 small gumnuts and/or gumnut caps
- low melt glue guns and glue sticks
- pencils/markers
- scissors

Instructions

Ask an adult for help when using a hot glue gun.

1. Cut out the ear templates (you will need one koala ear and one bilby ear).
2. Use the templates to trace two koala ears and two bilby ears on the vinyl or cardboard. Cut these out.
3. Use drops of hot glue or a glue stick to stick some fur or cotton wool to the small koala ears. Allow this to dry.
4. Cut the stems off two large gumnuts (Figure 1).
5. Put two large drops of glue on the top of each gumnut to attach the ears (Figure 2). Hold the ears in place until the glue has set. One gumnut will be a koala and the other a bilby (be careful not to burn your fingers).
6. For noses, glue a small gumnut onto the koala and a pointy gumnut cap (if you have one) onto the bilby. Once again, hold it in place until the glue has set (Figure 3).
7. Glue eyes onto each gumnut (Figure 4).
8. Allow to dry, then have fun using your finger puppets/pencil toppers.

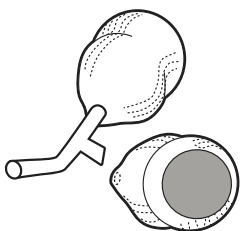


Figure 1

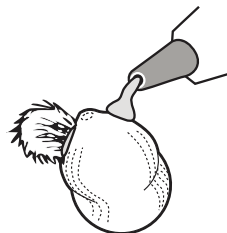


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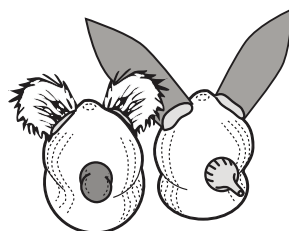


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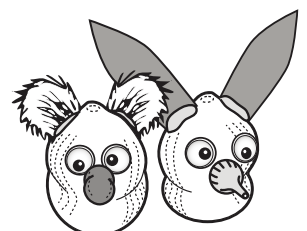


Figure 4