



Build your Puppets

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Sources for materials: Shops like 'The Works'/big supermarkets have the necessary materials. Stick-on eyes can be found in 'Poundland' or 'Superdrug'. Ask children to bring empty cereal packets – recycle and re-use [part of Eco-Schools programme].

The Rattle

Download and print the template with the snakes. You can colour baby snake, mum, dad and granny in different colours to make the characters more recognisable. To make granny you can either print the template a second time or colour the back of mum of another colour. Cut out the shapes and paste them onto a sheet of card (such as a box of cereals). Hole punch each end section, putting a paper fastener through each segment to create a joint. Stick a straw, lollipop stick or a doubled over piece of card at the head and tail with tape so that you can hold and move the snake.

Or forget the printout - cut long oval shapes out of white card/cereal packet in three/four different sizes, ensuring that you have a head and a tail section. Ensure head and tail are on the non-printed side of the cereal packet.

In both methods of making snakes you can add as many sections as you like for the adult - not just three. Just bear in mind the more sections you put in, the more difficult it is to move them!

The Nasty Beastie

Download and print the template with the animals. Colour the animals and cut them out. Stick each shape onto an envelope, ensuring it is the right way up for putting your hand in. If you want the legs of a Princess/animal to dangle down from the envelope body, tape a penny to the feet, to give them weight. Use card for these (paper will fall apart) which could be from a cereal packet. Punch a hole at the top of leg and at bottom of the envelope opening (only the front of your envelope) and

attach with a paper fastener to allow movement. You can also download a visual version of these instructions if something is not clear.

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