

Parent Guide

How can I use this with my children?

A great craft activity for getting your child thinking about their favourite book, TV or film character. Perfect for all the family and a good way to engage reluctant readers.

How does this help my children's learning?

As well as promoting creativity and imagination, this activity will develop fine motor skills. If you link this to a book character, you can use this to make reading more fun and interactive.

Ideas for further learning:

If you are using this activity to engage your little reader, perhaps you can create several characters and make storytime into a whole family performance!



Design Your Own Wooden Spoon Characters

You will need:

- wooden spoon
- craft glue
- marker pens or paint
- various resources for your design, such as: tissue paper, felt, googly eyes, glitter, string, pipe cleaners, card etc.

Twinkl Tip:

You will need a good craft glue for this. You may have to make your spoon in steps to let paint dry (if using paint) and to make sure the glue dries so your character doesn't lose something.



Instructions:

1. Decide on which character you would like to create and make sure you have a picture ready.
2. Begin by colouring in the background of your spoon based on the colour or colours of your character. You can either use marker pens or paint for this.
3. From here, get creative with ways to represent your character. You are only limited by your imagination (and the resources that you have available). Here are some ideas to help you:

- Use marker pens to give your character a face, or add googly eyes!
- Use felt to create clothes, such as a cape for a superhero character.
- Use string or ribbons to give your character some hair.
- Cut out card shapes to give your character some ears, wings, feet, a hat etc.
- Use pipe cleaners to give your characters arms or a tail.
- Feathers, tissue paper, foam and pom poms will all make fun additions to your character.

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