

You will need:

Wooden Spoons Pack (cat no. 209413)

Coloured yarn in various hair shades
(try cat no. 209059)

Leatherette Pieces (cat no. 209615)
or Specialist Craft Fabrics
(cat no. 2093888)

Wiggle Eyes
(cat nos. 209997 or 209098)

Assorted Ribbons
(cat nos. 209912 or 209807)

Small Pom-Poms (cat no. 209314)

A selection of Sequins, Gemstones or
Buttons for decorating
(cat nos. 209704, 209903 or 209601)

Holographic or Glitter Card
(try cat nos. 204486 or 811952)

A small quantity of paint mixed to
represent skin colour (optional)

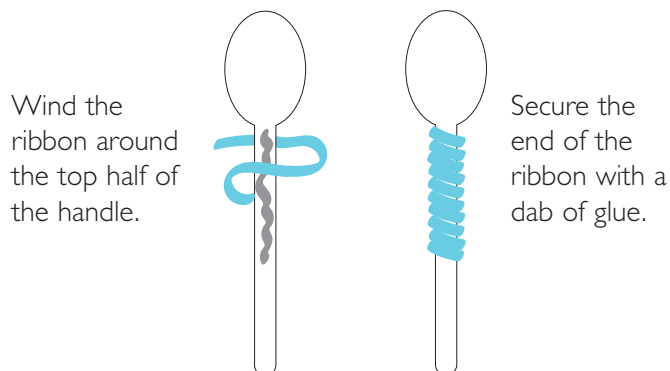
Black, pink or brown felt-tip

Glue (try cat no. 701311)

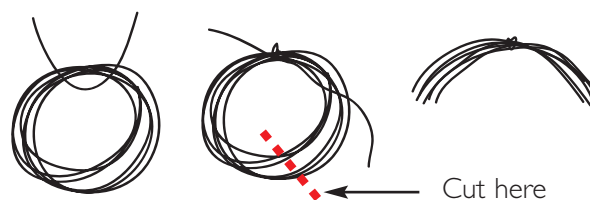
**How to make your puppets:**

These wooden spoon puppets are very simple to make. Use a combination of hairstyles, faces, hats and cloak styles to make your own Three Wise Men.

1. Take one of the wooden spoons. The spoon can be left as its natural colour or painted in a shade of skin colour. If you are going to paint your spoon, do so now. Paint the front and back of the bowl of the spoon and about 5cm down the handle. Leave to dry.
2. Choose a length of ribbon and apply some glue to the top half of the handle as shown in the diagram. Wind the ribbon around the handle.



3. While the ribbon is drying, make the hair (if you want your wise man to have some!). Begin by winding some yarn around your hand – the thickness of the hair depends on how many times you wind the yarn. When you have enough, cut the wound yarn free from the ball. Now, carefully take the yarn off your hand, ensuring that it all remains wound. Cut a length of yarn from the ball and use it to tie the wound length of yarn as shown in the diagram. Cut the yarn as shown.

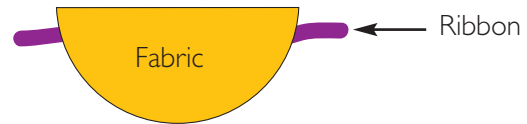


Cut the hair to the length of your choice. Beards and moustaches can also be made in this way – we made the blond Wise Man's goatee by cutting the hairpiece very short and just using one half. **Tip:** try unravelling the yarn to give a frizzy effect.

4. Glue the hair onto the spoon.
5. Make the Wise Man's face using wiggle eyes and a pom-pom nose. Alternatively, you can draw the features using a felt-tip. Try making eyebrows from small lengths of yarn. Allow the glue to dry.

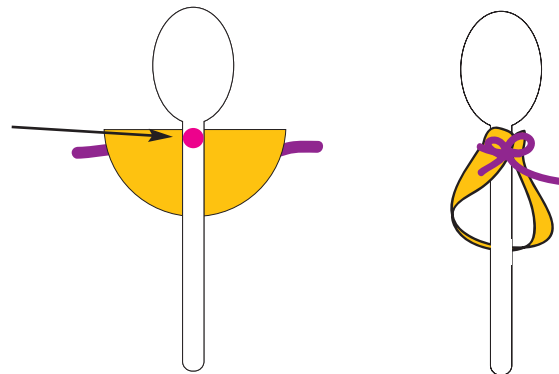
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6. Now to make the Wise Men's cloaks: Begin by cutting a semi-circle from a piece of leatherette or craft fabric. An ideal size is roughly 12cm diameter. Choose a length of ribbon to go with the cloak. Lay the semi-circle of fabric on top of the ribbon, curved edge down as shown.

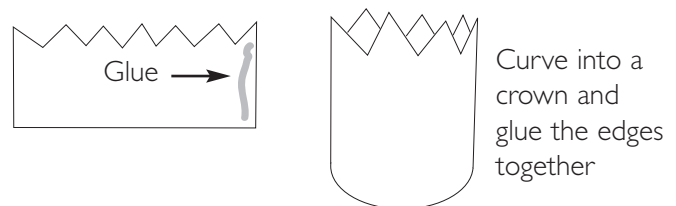


7. Apply some glue to the top of the handle. Lay the spoon onto the semi-circle of fabric as shown. Gather the fabric around the handle and secure by tying the ribbon into a bow. This is slightly tricky, so it may help to have someone hold the fabric while you tie the ribbon.

Apply glue around the top of the handle



8. Make a crown by drawing the shape shown onto card. Cut the shape out and apply some glue to one edge. Curve the crown around and glue the two edges together as shown in the diagram.



9. Decorate the crown with sequins or gemstones etc if you wish. Glue the crown to the Wise Man's head. Decorate the rest of the Wise Man with sequins etc if you want to.
10. Your Wise Man is now complete!

Other puppets can be made in the same way. Why not make Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and Angel Gabriel and stage a nativity puppet play.

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