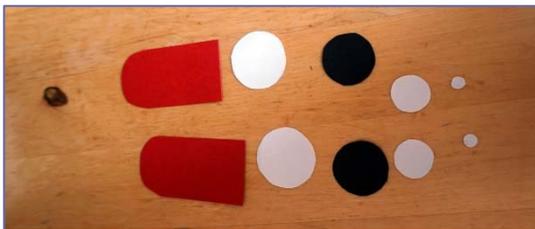
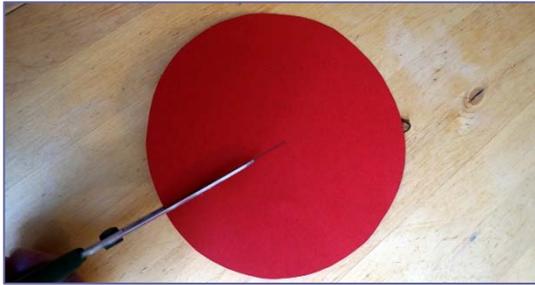
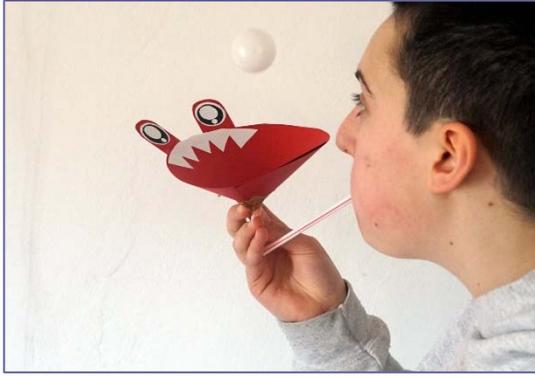


Flying Ping Pong Monster



This is our lockdown gift to all parents and childcare workers. If you are hoping for five minutes with no one calling your name, this is the activity you need. It is impossible to blow the ping pong ball and talk. You're welcome.

Equipment

A4 coloured card
White and black paper or card (optional)
Double-sided tape
Scissors
Ruler, or straight edge
Compass (or you can use a bowl or plate)
Bendy straw
Ping pong ball
Sellotape
Hole punch
2p, 10p, 5p coins

Method

1. Draw a circle on the card using the compass, then cut it out.
2. Draw a straight line from the outer edge of the circle to the centre point. Cut along the line.
3. Stick some double-sided tape along one edge of the slit.
4. Peel the backing off the tape, then take the other edge of the slit and pull it across, to create a cone. Press down onto the double-sided tape.
5. Next you can add the monster face, or you can go straight to step 13 if you wish.
6. For the eyes, draw two arches on the card, about 5cm long and 2.5cm wide,
7. Fold the white paper in half, then draw around a 2p coin and a 5p coin and cut them out. You should have two circles in each size.
8. Using black paper, repeat the process, drawing around a 10p coin, and cut out.
9. Use a hole punch to cut out two tiny circles.
10. Take the arches, glue the large white circles at the top. Glue the black circles to the centre of the white circles. Next glue the medium white circles at the top of the black circles, then glue the punched circles below.
11. Glue the eyes to the outer side of the cone, facing inwards, about 3cm apart.
12. Use the edge of the cone as a guide, to draw a curved line, then on the other side, draw jagged teeth. Cut the mouth out and glue it to the inside of the cone, just below the eyes.
13. Turn the cone over, cut the tip off, then push the bendy end of the straw through the hole and tape into place.
14. Now get a ping pong ball and try and make it hover over the monster's mouth, by blowing through the straw. Enjoy the peace and quiet!