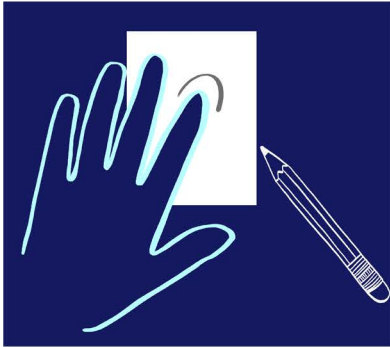
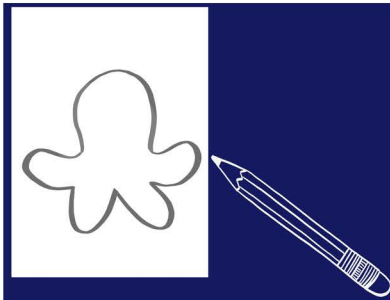


How to make an octopus finger puppet

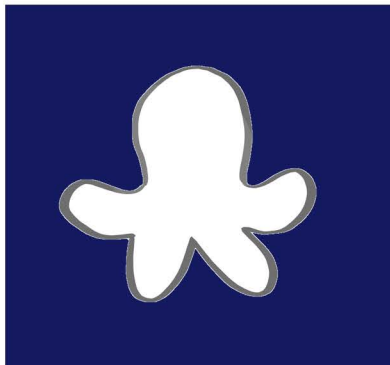
You will need: A pencil, paper, a scrap piece of fabric, a needle, thread, pins, wobbly eyes, glue and scissors.



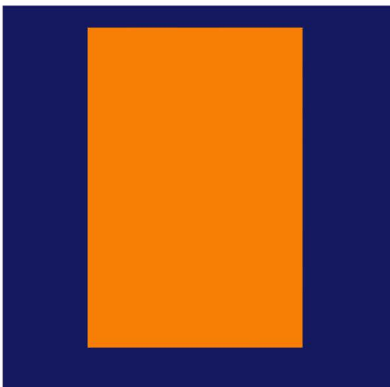
1. Draw around the tip of your finger leaving about 1cm of extra room so that your puppet isn't too tight.



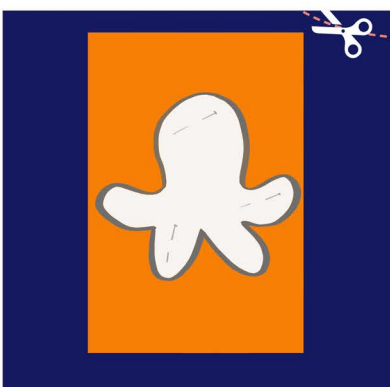
2. Add 4 octopus tentacles to your drawing. Don't worry your octopus will have 8 tentacles in total!



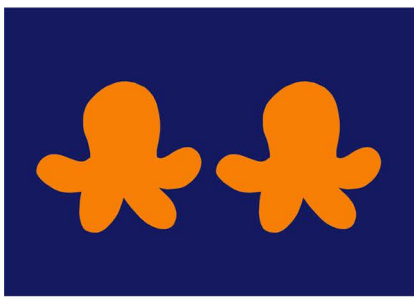
3. Cut out your paper template, you will need this in a minute.



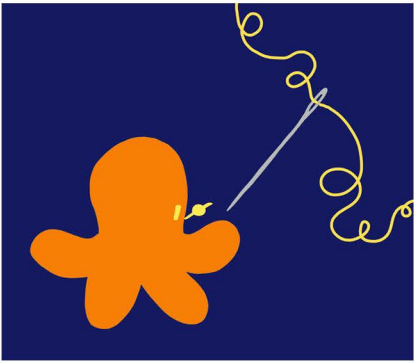
4. You will now need a piece of fabric, felt works well but you can try different fabrics to make your octopus unique. When you have chosen your fabric fold it in half.



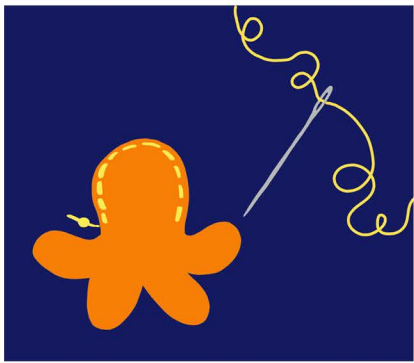
5. Pin your octopus template to your fabric, then cut the shape out. You should be cutting through two layers of fabric.



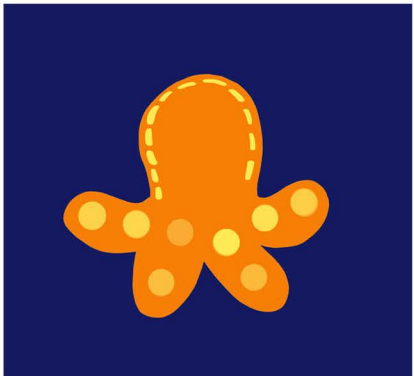
6. You will now have two shapes that need to be sewn together. Now you should place one piece on top of the other and thread your needle ready to sew.



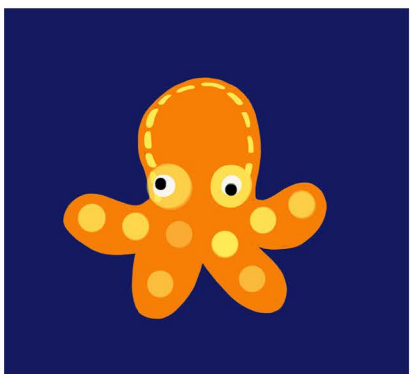
7. Remember to tie a knot at the end of your thread. Now you are going to sew using a simple running stitch.



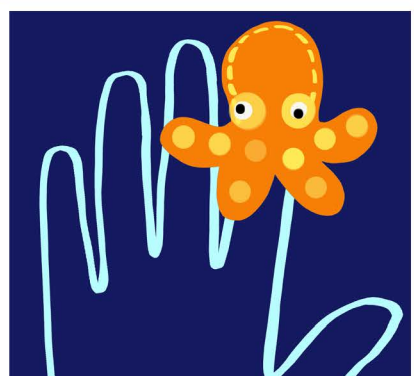
8. Only sew around the edge of the head, the tentacles should not be sewn together. Tie a knot at the end of the thread when you are done.



9. Use scrap pieces of fabric to decorate your octopus. You could sew these pieces on or use pva glue to stick them in place.



10. Add two eyes to your octopus- you could even draw your own.



If you can count eight tentacles your puppet is ready! Pop it on to your finger and take your octopus on an adventure.