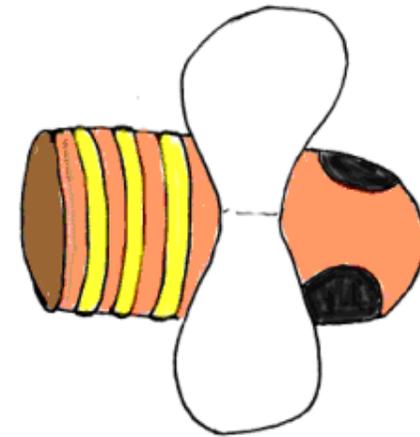


## Finger puppets

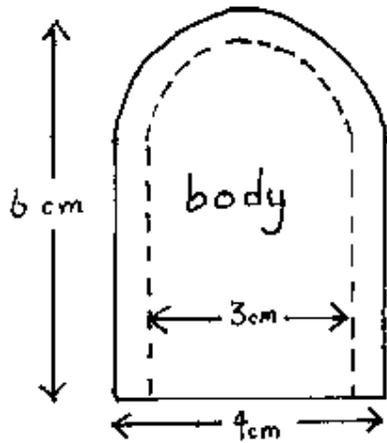


Finger puppets are easy to make and you can have lots of fun with them pretending to collect pollen or nectar from flowers, or pollinating some flowers outside.

When you have finished it, you can take your bee to visit the flowers outside to collect nectar and pollen, touching flowers with your finger puppet on your finger. You can use it to show people how bees pollinate flowers to make them produce seeds and fruit. You can get together with your friends and make a swarm of bees. Make up your own stories for finger puppets and tell us about them.

Of course there are many different ways of making bee finger puppets. You can use different colours and materials, even paper. You can also cut up an odd glove to make the finger cosy.

You might like to give the bee a more human looking face. There are many possibilities. Try them out.



To make a finger puppet:-

1. Make a one finger cosy.
2. Brown felt makes a good looking bee but you can use another dark colour.
3. Cut your material to make two pieces of this shape. The dotted lines show you where to stitch to complete the cosy. Turn it inside out to hide the stitching and try it on!
4. Cut out two spots of black felt for the eyes.
5. Cut out two or three thin stripes of yellow or orange felt.
6. Cut the wings in white felt or silvery plastic sheeting (wrapping paper.)
7. Now using copydex or a similar glue, stick on the stripes as shown in the picture. They should go all the way round.
8. Stick the eyes on the sides of the head.
9. When the glue is dry, put a line of strong glue in the place marked by a dotted line on the wing shape and press the wings into position on the body.
10. Wait for the glue to dry before taking your bee for a flight on your finger.

