



Scissorella By Clare Helen Welsh & Laura Barrett

Instructions to create your own Scissorella puppet

In Scissorella, Lotte creates her own puppets out of paper. You can create some too!

You will need:

Scissors

An A4 sheet of white paper to print the template on

An A4 sheet of black paper or card

A hole punch

2 or 5 split pins (depending on if you are creating the simple or more complicated version!)

Cut your template out

- 1. Start by holding your template on top of your sheet of black paper and line them up together.
- 2. Cut out the individual pieces of the Lotte puppet; you can either follow the solid black line or the dotted line if it's easier. Ask an adult to help you with any tricky areas, such as the puppet's hands.
- 3. Keep the white layer on top of the black paper as you cut the pieces out this will help you to work out where to punch the holes.

Punch the holes

- 4. Test out your hole punch by gently pressing it down, look to see where it will make the holes on one side.
- 5. Once you've worked out where the hole will be punched, line up your white and black puppet piece together and place the black hole underneath this, and punch the hole. Do this with each piece of your Lotte puppet.
- 6. You can now discard the white pieces, or even colour them in to make another puppet!

Complete your puppet

- 6. Now place your black puppet pieces on the table and line up Lotte's head with her neck. Take your split pin and place it through the hole, round side up. Separate the two arms at the back to flatten it. Ask an adult to help you if needed. Lotte's head should now be able to nod!
- 7. Now line up Lotte's shoulder with her arm. Take another split pin and place it through the hole. Again, separate the two arms behind to flatten it. Now Lotte's arm should be able to move too!

If you are using the simple puppet template, your puppet is now ready to play with!

If you are using the more complicated template, continue joining the arm pieces together with split pins, and joining the tops of the arms to Lotte's shoulders. Now your puppet should be ready!

