

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



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Supplies:

- Paper bag
- Construction (or other) paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick

Optional:

- Markers or crayons
- Yarn
- Feathers
- Anything else you want for your Wild Thing!

Wild Thing Puppet

In the book *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, Max's Mom sends him to his room without supper because Max was acting wild.

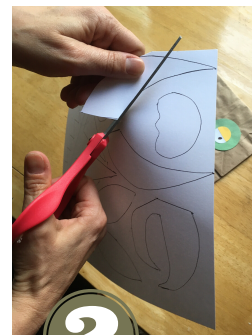
What did Max do when he was feeling wild? What do you do when you are feeling wild?

Max goes on an imaginary trip and meets the Wild Things. Let's use our imagination and make our own Wild Thing paper bag puppet.

1 Lay your paper bag down so the folded flap is facing up at the top with the opening at the bottom. This flap will make the mouth of your puppet.

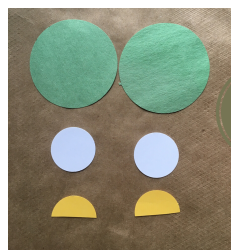


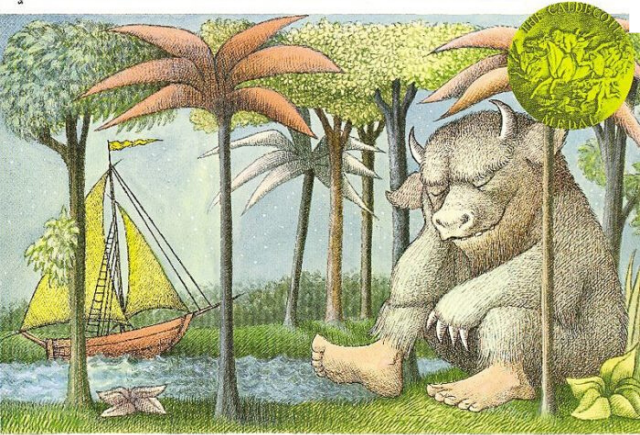
2 What do you want your Wild Thing to look like? Do you want horns? Pointy teeth? Beak? Draw and cut out the features you want from the the construction paper of your choice.



3 If you would like, you can make eyes from two big circles, two small circles, and two half circles. Glue the small circles in the middle of the big ones and cover each with a half circle as an eyelid. Glue the eyes to the middle of the flap.

Eye parts

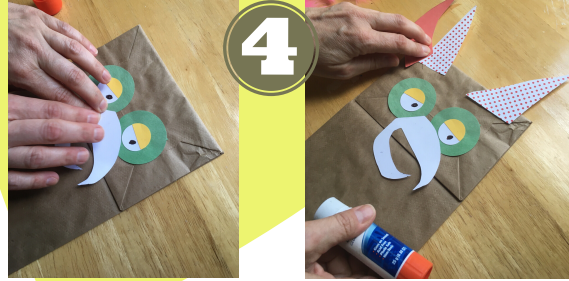




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4 Continue glueing the parts on until it looks just right. If you want to add teeth, glue them under the flap. Glue ears and/or horns to the top.



5 Draw or glue anything else you might want onto your puppet. Some ideas include yarn hair, stripes, feathers, fur, mustache, etc.



6 Put your hand into the bag with your fingers bent over into the flap and move your hand to open and close the Wild Thing's mouth.



7 Take your Wild Thing on an adventure!



Parents, ask your children to tell you about their Wild Thing!

- What is your Wild Thing like? Shy, loud, happy, grumpy, etc.
- What does your Wild Thing like to eat?
- What's your Wild Thing's favorite thing to do?
- Where does your Wild Thing live (house, cave, tree, etc.)? Why does he like it?
- Does he have a family? A best friend?
- How old are they?
- What is your Wild Thing afraid of? What makes him feel better when he is afraid?
- What is your Wild Thing most proud of?
- What does your Wild Thing do when she feels wild?