

# Better Kids

Be busy not bored

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## FINGER PUPPETS

Our super Aussie animals are easy to create with scraps of felt, glue and a little stitching.

### You'll need

- Scraps of felt in assorted colours
- fabric glue
- sequins
- small black beads.

### Here's how

1 Draw a 1cm grid (or use 1cm grid graph paper) and copy the pattern square for square or enlarge patterns on the photocopier until you are happy with the size.

2 Cut two complete head pieces for each puppet using the picture as colour guide.

3 Stitch sequins and beads to head pieces for eyes.

4 Cut the other facial features as follows for each animal.

**Frill-necked lizard** Cut frill piece on fold. Cut frill strips from green felt and stitch to frill. Cut slit as marked on pattern.

**Cockatoo** Cut two orange beaks and two crescent-shaped combs from pink. Glue one comb and beak to each head piece. Cut slender nicks in comb, as marked.

**Kangaroo** Cut two small black triangles for nose; glue to each head piece.

**Koala** Cut two crescent-shaped ears from pink and one nose from black. Glue in position on one head piece. Cut small nicks in ears, as marked.

5 To finish, stitch completed head pieces together with wrong sides facing following stitching lines on diagrams and leaving bottom seam open. Place frill over lizard's head. Tie a bow around koala's neck.



### RIDDLES

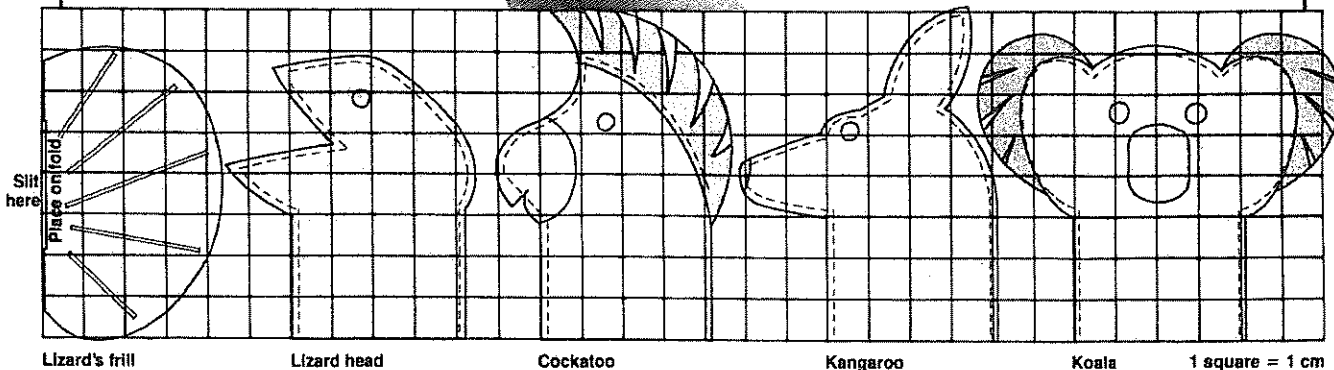
**Q** What's long, skinny and goes "hith, hith"?

**A** A snake with a lisp.

**Q** What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence?

**A** Time for a new fence.

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Lizard's frill

Lizard head

Cockatoo

Kangaroo

Koala

1 square = 1 cm