



**Craft**  
**Ages 0–3**  
**20 minutes**

## Country Mouse, City Mouse

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### Description

Create a country mouse or a city mouse

### Space Considerations

Any type of space where participants can be seated to do a craft

### Competencies

- Development of fine motor skills
- Following directions
- Understanding shapes

### Materials

- Printouts of the mouse templates (coloured paper optional)
- Crayons, pencil crayons or markers
- Scissors (adult use only)
- Glue
- Tape (optional)
- Cotton or tissue paper for stuffing (optional)
- Yarn (any colour), cut into 8 cm pieces (three per participant)
- Pompoms, one per participant (any colour)
- Stapler (adult use only) (optional)

### Preparation

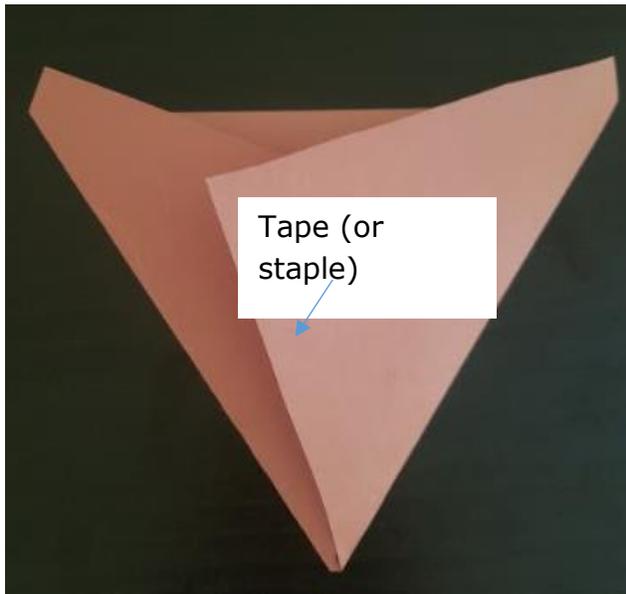
- If desired, cut out all templates before the program. Alternatively, allow parents and caregivers to assist with this step.
- Prepare the room for a program that uses glue.

### Implementation

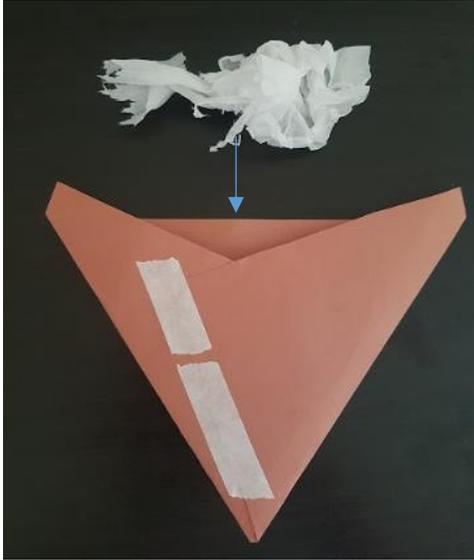
1. Distribute [mouse templates](#) to kids. A full package of templates includes one face, two inner ears, two outer ears, two eyes and one hat. If desired, you

can have multiple colours of the templates available and allow kids to choose.

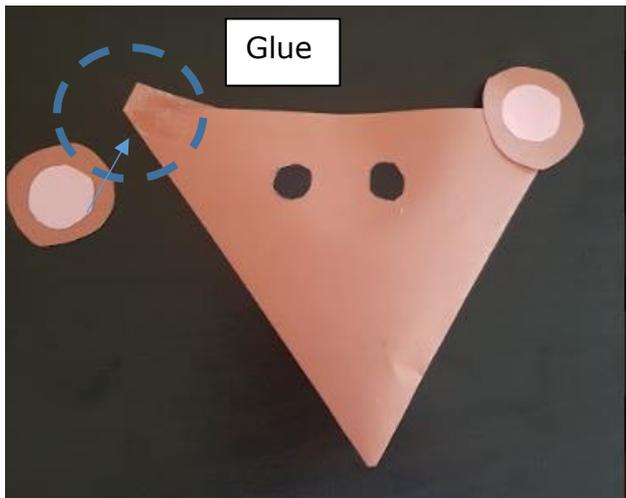
2. Distribute all the craft materials: crayons, pencil crayons or markers; glue; tape (optional); cotton or tissue paper (optional); three 8 cm pieces of yarn; pompom; scissors (adult use only); stapler (adult use only) (optional).
3. Start with the face template: cut around the outer border of the face template, or have these pre-cut before the program.
4. To create the face, fold template forward along the dotted lines so the bottom of the paper comes to a point. Secure the paper with tape (or staples) at the back where it overlaps.



5. Optional: stuff the pocket of the folded paper with a bit of cotton or tissue paper for a 3-D effect, and add a bit of tape to secure it in place.



6. Glue each of the inner ears to the outer ears.
7. On the front side of the mouse face (the side without tape), add the eyes and the ears using glue.



8. Tape (or staple) the three pieces of yarn to the back of the mouse at the bottom horizontally and diagonally for whiskers.
9. Add the pom-pom for the nose at the bottom using glue.
10. Glue a country hat or a city hat to the top of the mouse and decorate it in any way you see fit!

## Accessibility Considerations

- Offer pre-cut templates
- Offer assistance with cutting and gluing as needed

- Offer kids a variety of instruments to colour their image, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Offer larger glue sticks
- Offer buttons, stick-on googly eyes, or 3-D stickers for eyes to give the craft some tactile elements

## Book Suggestions

*Come, Read with Me* by Margriet Ruurs and Christine Wei

*Read to Your Toddler Every Day: 20 Folktales to Read Aloud* by Lucy Brownridge and Chloe Giordano

## Download Links

[Mouse templates](#)

## Images

