

Pip and Posy™

Playday

Resource Pack



Come on!
Let's play!

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Pip and Posy is a preschool television series inspired by characters from Nosy Crow's million-selling Pip and Posy picture book series from multi-award-winning illustrator Axel Scheffler and author Camilla Reid. The series can be seen daily on Channel 5's Milkshake! and is also available on demand on Sky Kids.

Pip and Posy are a mouse and a rabbit whose lives revolve around a wonderful world of play. Packed with warmth and humour, the series is a joyful celebration of their great friendship, its laughter and games, its ups and downs.

Play is very important to Pip and Posy. They play at home, in the park, at the sandpit, in the snow, on sunny days and on rainy days. They make things, they tell stories and they invent games together. Pip and Posy use play to problem solve and to overcome their differences in creative and fun ways. Then they can get back to doing what they love best – having fun!

Magic Light Pictures, the producers of Pip and Posy, share Playday's, and its associated members', belief in the value of play. They believe play is an essential part of every child's life, enabling them to enjoy their childhood, learn important life skills and build lasting relationships with kindness, resilience and flexibility.

Pip and Posy is delighted to be sponsoring this year's Playday, the annual celebration of children's right to play. Playday helps to inspire children into expressing themselves through play with their friends. A cause which is very close to Pip and Posy's hearts!

In the pack you will find a series of activities designed to help encourage free play, which could be used in groups run by play leaders and childminders or just enjoyed in the safety of your own home and garden.

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You will need
scissors • glue or
sticky tape • string

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Pip



Fold
Line

Instructions

1. Print and cut out the three sheets as many times as you want.
2. Fold along the line.
3. Lay out the bunting face down and place the string along into the fold line leaving plenty of string either end for tying up.
4. Glue or tape the fold down, making sure the string sits at the top of the fold.

That's it! Hang up your bunting!

Tip for adults
Some children
may need help
cutting and
gluing.



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Posy



Tip

The extra colour
around the edge
means that it won't
matter if you are a bit
wobbly with the
scissors!

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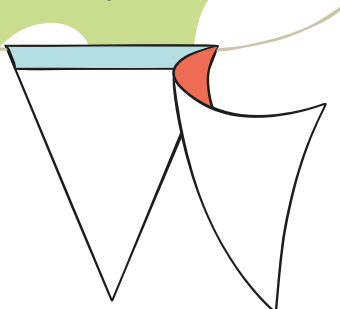
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Optional

For double sided bunting, instead of folding along the line, cut across it. Glue that piece to the back of another piece after the string has been glued in place.



Tip

By keeping the glue or tape away from the string, you will be able to reposition the bunting along the string once it's up.



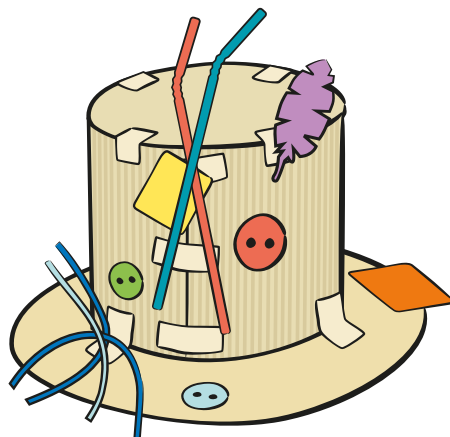
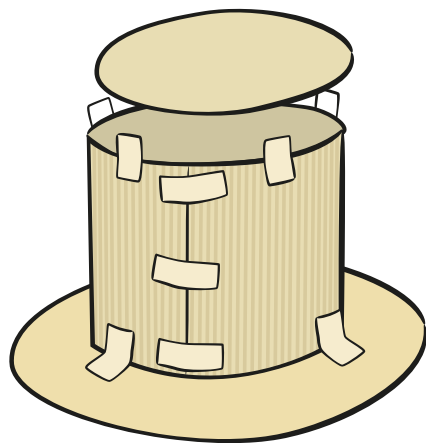
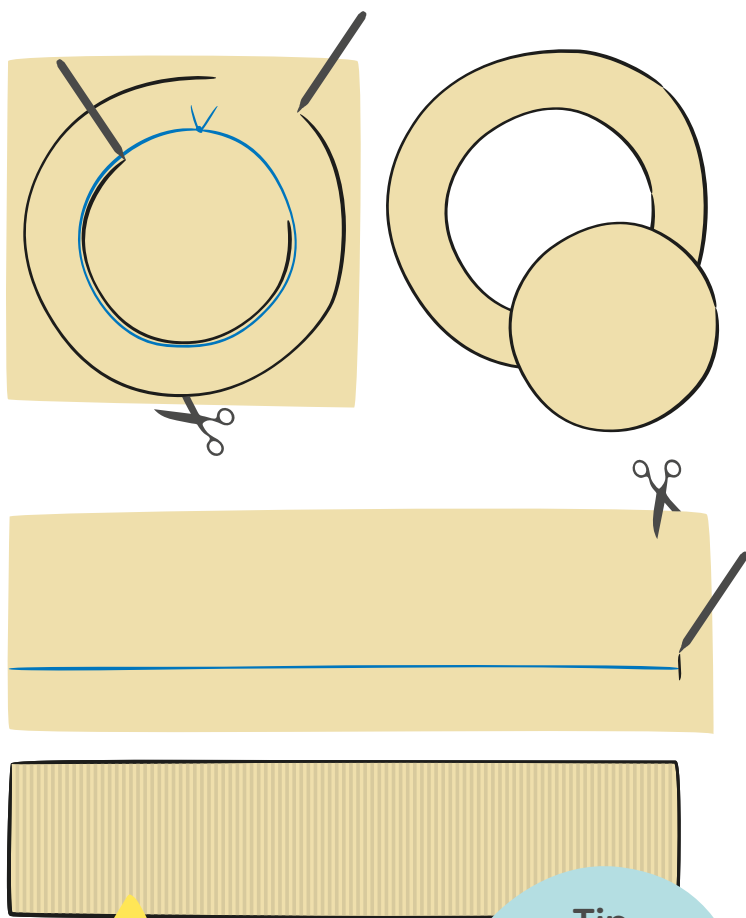
You will need
lots of cardboard • scissors • pen • glue • tape • string or wool • coloured paper, straws, ribbons, feathers, stickers, buttons or anything you like to decorate the hat with



Instructions

1. Using the string or wool, wrap it around the widest part of the head and tie a knot.
2. Place the string on the cardboard and move it into a circular shape.
3. Trace around the wool with the marker and then draw another larger circle around that, and cut that out. The small circle is the top of the hat and the larger ring is the brim.
4. Cut or undo the knot in the string and lay it out in a straight line on a long piece of card. Mark at both ends of the string and cut the card so that you have a cylinder shape, as tall as you want the hat to be and fix with tape.
5. Glue or tape all the parts of the hat together and decorate.

That's it! The hat is ready to wear!



Tip for adults
Some children may need help cutting and gluing.

Tip
For the cylinder, corrugated cardboard is good for bending it into shape.

**Make
a Bug
Hotel**

You will need
A large plastic bottle • string •
scissors • twigs • pine cones •
small sections of bamboo •
bark • leaves and other
natural things from the
garden or collected on a walk



Pip and Posy love worms and bugs and playing outside with their friends. Make a Bug Hotel for little bug buddies, like Posy does for her Spotty Dotty ladybird friend.

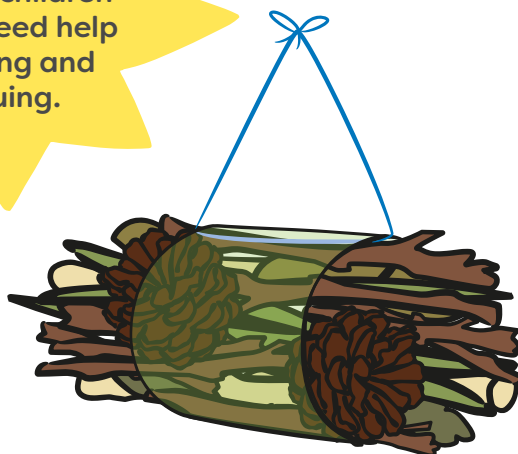
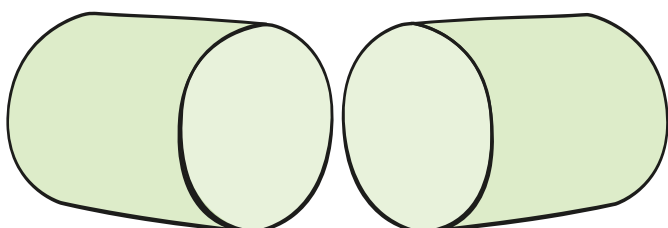
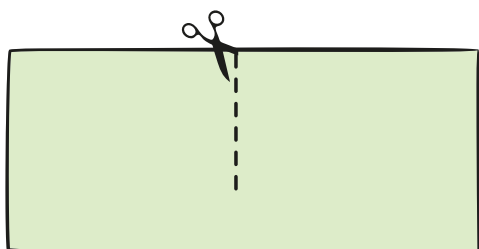
Instructions

1. Cut the ends off the bottle. It helps to pierce a hole in the plastic first to put the scissors into. Take extra care.
2. Cut again in the middle so you have 2 plastic tubes.
3. Put a long piece of string through the tube and tie a secure knot for hanging.
4. Fill the tubes with the natural objects you have collected until it is packed very tightly, to make it a cosy hotel.
5. Hang it up or place on the ground where you can watch which bugs use it.

That's it! The hotel is ready for guests!



Tip for adults
Some children may need help cutting and gluing.



Tip
You can add more plastic tubes and make a multi-storey hotel!



Build a Mega Den

You will need household items such as
 blankets • sheets • towels • pegs
 • elastic bands • string • tape •
 rope • large and small cardboard
 boxes • chairs with tall backs •
 large umbrella • scraps of fabric
 • tea towels • waterproof picnic
 blanket • cushions



Make a den at home, indoors or in the garden just like Pip and Posy's Mega Den. It can be very quick to set up but if you have the space to leave it up for a while, you can keep adding to the Mega Den.

A simple den can be quickly made from two tall backed chairs with a large blanket or bed sheet draped between them. It's more cosy if the blanket or sheet reaches the ground. Use a peg to keep a corner open.

A large umbrella on a picnic blanket makes a quick den. Drape a blanket over it or add tea towels to the edges and attach with pegs or elastic bands.

Large cardboard boxes can be painted or drawn on to match a theme. Windows can be cut into the sides and fabric attached as curtains. Small boxes can be added as chimneys or castle walls. The inside of the box can also be drawn on and decorated.

A simple canopy can be made by draping a sheet between garden chairs or other garden structures.



If you have a suitable fence, tree or other structures in your garden tie rope between them and drape a large sheet over it to make a triangle tent. Bamboo canes are great for adding height and structure. Use stones or weights to keep the sheet in place on the ground.

Once your Mega Den is finished, pop in some cushions and favourite toys, make a picnic and that's it! The den is ready!



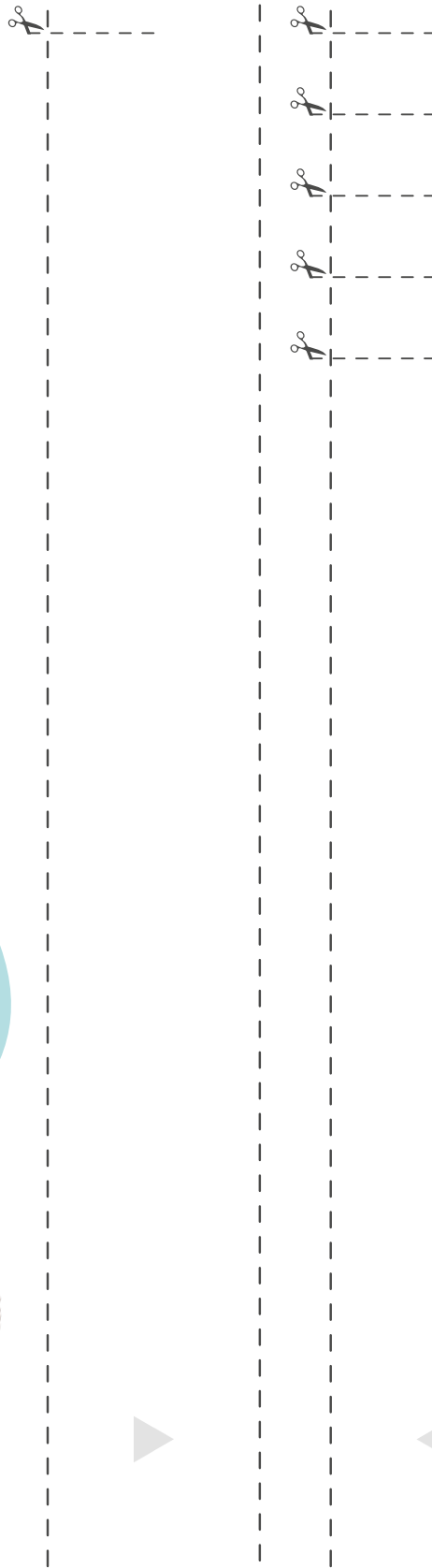
Make
some
Pip-tastic
Bunny Ears!

You will need
card • glue • tape
• scissors



Band 1

Band 2



Instructions

1. Print out and cut around the headbands on this page but leave the sizing lines on Band 2 for now. On the next page cut around the dotted line of the central headband piece and continue around the ears.

2. Glue or tape the 2 headband pieces to the central piece, matching up the guide triangles together as shown.

3. Test the fit on your head and choose one of the sizing lines on Band 2 to give a good fit. Then cut that line.

That's it! The bunny ears are ready to wear!

Tip
Line up the
guide triangles so
that the cut lines are
on opposite sides
when the three
sections are joined
together.

Tip for adults
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may need help
cutting and
gluing.



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• scissors

For extra fun
Colour the
headband in
the same colour
as your hair!



Tip
If your printer
can take card,
print straight onto
it. If not, print out
as normal and glue
both sheets to
card.

Indoor Challenge



The first thing to hunt for is...

...the biggest thing you can see in the kitchen.

Notes for adults:
Talk to them why they think it is the biggest thing. Ask them to describe what colour it is.



The second thing to hunt for is...

...the smallest thing you can see in the living room.

Notes for adults:
Talk to them why they think it is the smallest thing. Ask them if it is soft or hard.



The third thing to hunt for is...

...the shiniest thing you can see in the bathroom.

Notes for adults:
Talk to them why they think it is the shiniest thing. Can they see anything reflected in it?



The fourth thing to hunt for is...

...the softest thing you can see in the bedroom.

Notes for adults:
Talk to them about why they think it is the softest thing, ask them if it is smooth or bumpy to touch.



Set a challenge for little ones indoors on a rainy day or outdoors when it's fine.

Outdoor Challenge



The first thing to hunt for is...

...something that flies.

Be careful not to touch or disturb any wildlife.



Notes for adults: Talk to them about the name of it. Is it near or far away? What colour is it?

The second thing to hunt for is...

...something that crawls.

Notes for adults: Talk to them about the way it moves. Is it fast or slow? Can they see its legs?



The third thing to hunt for is...

...something that is rough.

Notes for adults: Ask them to touch it if it's safe to do so and to describe how it feels. Talk to them about why it is rough.

The fourth thing to hunt for is...

...something that is a bright red colour.

Notes for adults: Ask them if the colour makes it easy to find.



Nature Art

Go on a nature hunt in the garden, the park or a local forest, always with an adult, and find as many interesting things as you can to make a picture.



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