

Rupert's Garden

A Diorama • Puppet • Game

Get a friend and print out the pages to create your own diorama, have a puppet show and play a game. Have fun!

Once upon a time in the great grasses and hills there lived a Rabbit, named Rupert, who was born with a special ability in the animal world. He had an opposable thumb that allowed him to do things other animals couldn't do. It just so happened to be a green thumb, which means he was a very good gardener.

He had the most amazing garden filled with carrots & lettuce. He lived in a small house with his friends and he loves to garden and share his ability and food with his friends.

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Booklet

A booklet of Rupert's story and the directions to the Game are to the right.

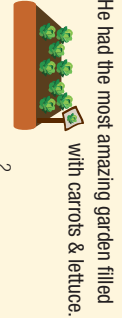
- Score the outside edges of the green and the internal lines. Cut out, fold in half lengthwise, and glue. You can then fold it like an accordion and store it in the mailbox if you like.

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Getting Started

- Choose a garden, carrots or lettuce.
- Select your veggies and plant them in the garden.
- Choose a basket to collect your veggies to enjoy and share with Rupert Rabbit.

The Rules

- Take turns rolling the die
- If you land on a 1-4 this indicates the number of veggies you can collect in your basket.



- If you land on Gus the Guinea Pig then you have to give 1 veggie to Gus in the mailbox. (You can't get it back, Gus gets pretty hungry. Sorry)



- If you land on the watering can you lose a turn because it is time to tend to water your garden.



The Winner

The first person to collect the most of their vegetables after they have all been harvested.

Rupert's Garden: Puppet

Assembly Instructions

Time: 60 minutes

Ages: 6+ (Some children may need adult assistance.)



Getting Started

Materials:

- Metal-edged ruler
- Butter knife
- Small hole punch
- Scissors or X-ACTO knife
- Cutting Mat (optional)
- Glue Stick
- 6 or more brads

Step 1.

Score all the pieces: Using a ruler as a guide, run the back side of a butter knife firmly along all the solid outside lines.

Step 2. & 3.

Cut around each piece, leaving a bit of white border. Punch holes where indicated with an "x" on all pieces except the sticks. Next, fold each body piece in half on the line before cutting out along the solid lines with scissors or X-ACTO knife and cutting mat.

Assemble the Sticks

Step 4.

- Cut around each piece, leaving a bit of white on solid lines, and hold off on punching holes.
- Fold the stick piece over and over on lines between the pattern. Continue to fold paper over until your stick is complete. Glue into place and let dry.
- Repeat with the other two stick pieces. Punch a hole where indicated on the top of **two** sticks.

Step 5.

- Align holes with the body and one of the arms with the "x" facing the rabbit's body.
- Place the brad between the arm going into the body so that it is secured inside the body.
- Fold on line and glue. Repeat this step with the other arm.

Assemble Arms & Legs to Body

Step 6.

- Align holes for the top and bottom part of the leg forming the knee joint. Insert a brad on the inside (white) so that it is hidden between the two halves of the leg.
- Place a stick behind the two joints so that you can have control of the legs. Repeat for the opposite leg.

Step 7.

Once all limbs are attached to the body fold in half. Glue the last stick on the inside of the tail and then glue the entire body together.

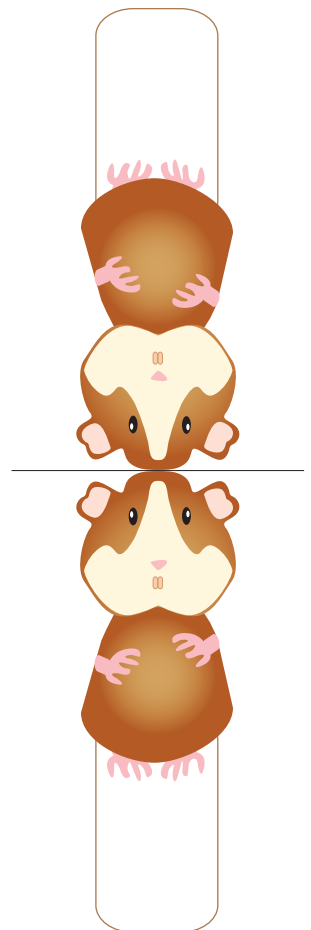
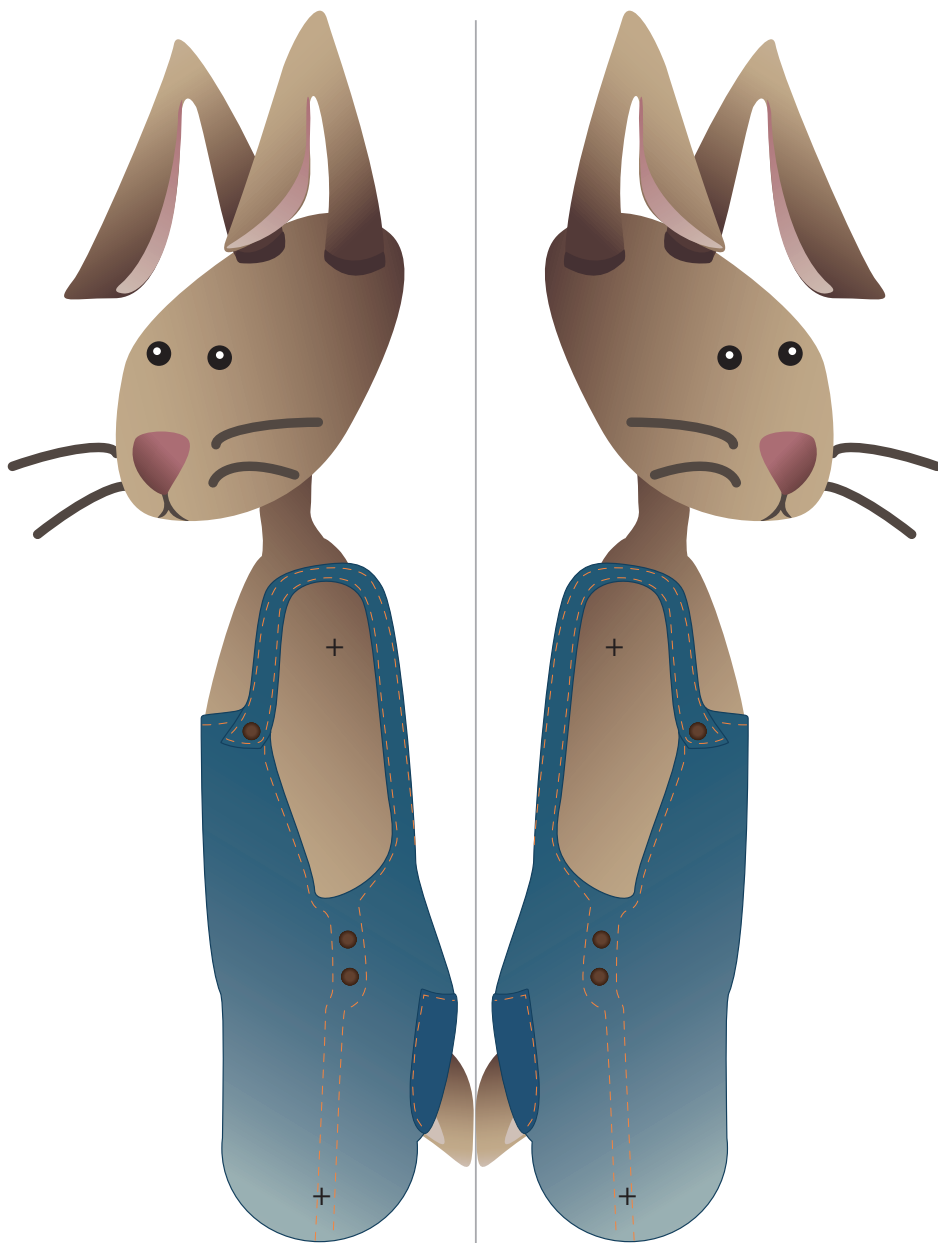
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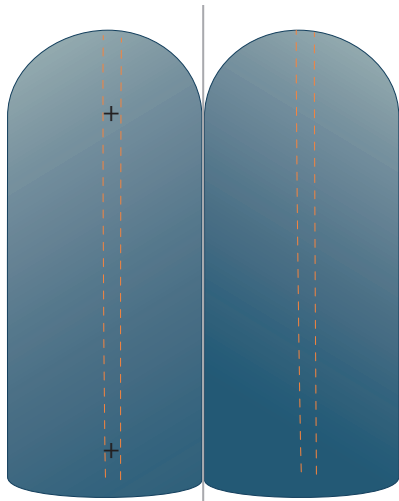
Align holes for the top part of the leg and the bottom half of the bottom and place brad between the half of the upper leg into the lower half of the body. Repeat this step for the opposite leg.

Gus

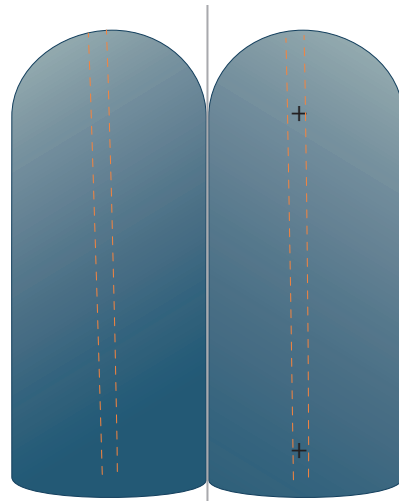
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Fold Gus in half along the black line. Glue, then cut out.

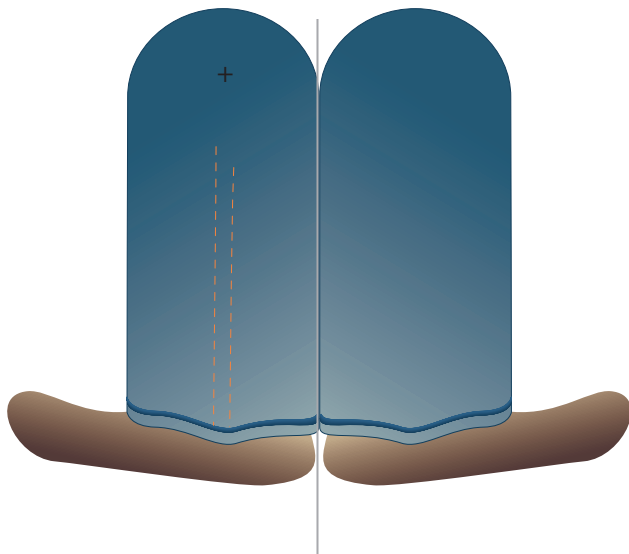




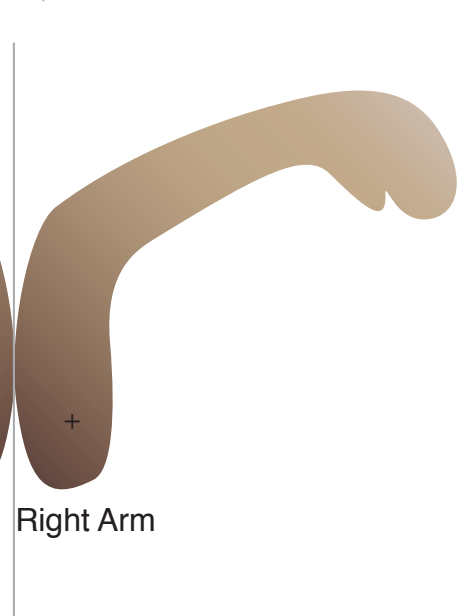
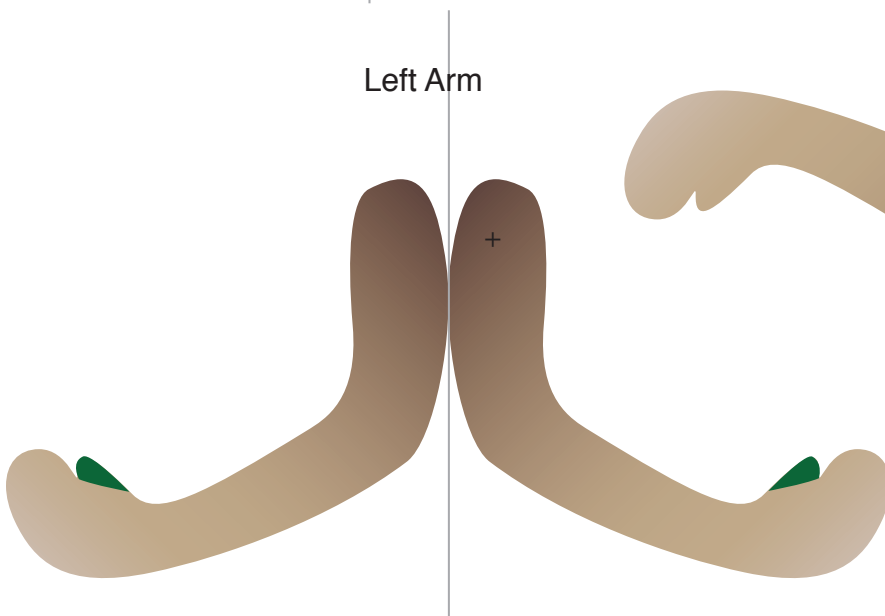
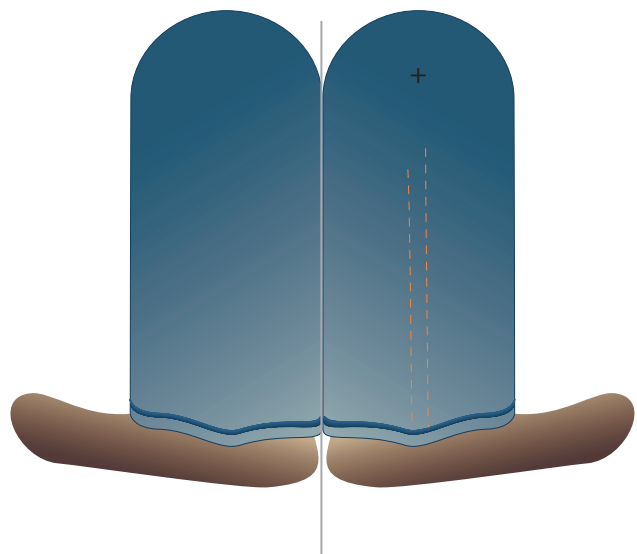
Left Leg



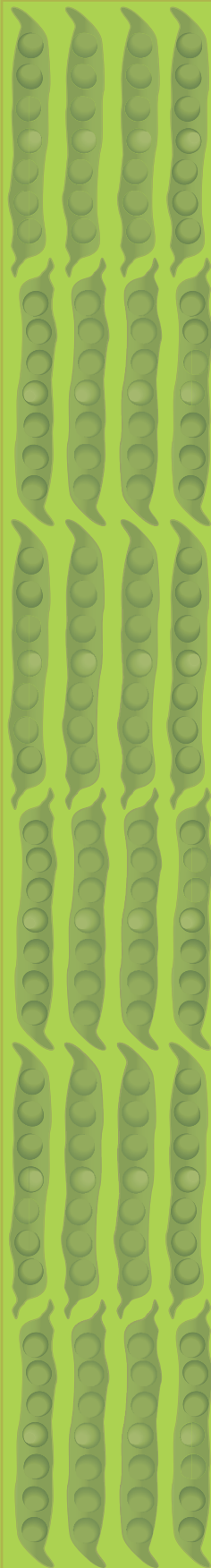
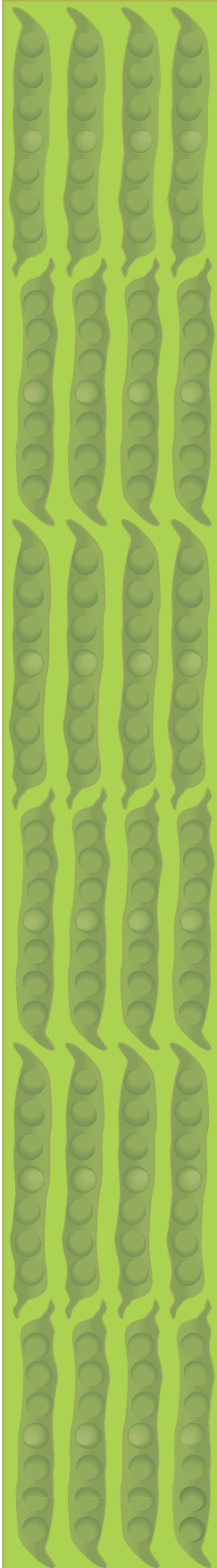
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Left Arm



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Rupert's Garden: Diorama & Game Pieces

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Step 2.

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Mailbox [You will need Gus.]

Step 3.

- Cut along dotted line on the bottom of the mailbox and front flap.
- Fold the post and glue the last flap onto the other side to form a square tube and then close one end glue the flaps.
- Insert Gus the Guinea Pig in the slot on the other side of the post. Adhere the post to the mailbox fitting the post tabs through the hole in the bottom of the mailbox.
- Fold along solid lines with the color showing on the outside.
- Glue the tabs to the inside of the mailbox bottom to create the arc of the mailbox.
- Fold and glue mailbox handle in half and bend on indicated lines. Place the long end into the slot in the door and glue in place. Bend the outside to make a pull tab.

Garden Label & Veggies

Step 4.

- Fold label post to form square tube and secure with glue. Close the top leaving the tab with pink dot visible.
- Glue one of the vegetable labels to the pink dot.
- Fold vegetables in half along the black line. Glue. Then cut around solid outlines.
- Set aside.

Garden Bed

Step 5.

- Cut along the dotted lines and cut out the yellow box with an X-ACTO knife.
- Get garden label and insert the tabs into the square hole and glue in place.
- Next fold down the sides and glue tabs into place.

Diorama

Step 6.

- Glue the left and right side of the scene to the white tab on the back wall.
- The house can be glued to the sides of the wall or the tabs can be bent back and glue the strip to the flaps and bend in the middle to hold the house upright.

The Die

Step 7.

- Fold white flaps inward and close the box in on itself gluing the tabs into place inside.

Basket

Step 8.

- First be sure to cut out two of these pages for a two player game.
- Fold in half and glue, then cut around the outside edges.
- Fold at seams, then overlap corners and secure with glue.

