

PUPPETRY

The Runaway Bunny

Finger Puppets:

In this activity, children will make their own finger puppets out of paper. This is a fun activity for the family!

Materials Needed:

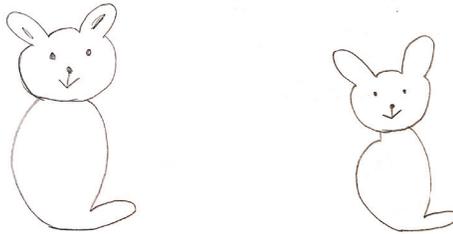
For this activity you will need a blank piece of paper, a pencil, scissors, ruler, glue/tape, and coloring utensils of your choosing.

Directions:

Step 1: Use Your Imagination and Draw

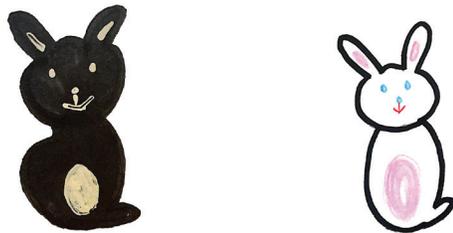
- Before you draw your characters, think about the following question to yourself:
 - How can you make two characters look differently? The more different physical characteristics you draw, the more fun you'll have playing with them. Make them special and unique to one another.
 - Make sure you leave enough space on both ends, left and right side, of your character.

DID YOU KNOW? The original ending of *The Runaway Bunny* was a little different from the story as it stands today. According to Read Geek, legendary editor Ursula Nordstrom suggested a rewrite of the ending to Brown, who later added the final line: "Have a carrot," said the mother bunny."



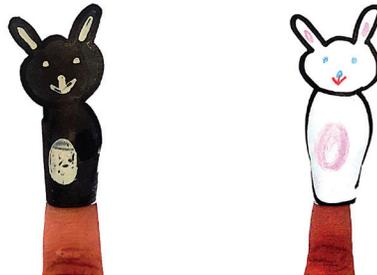
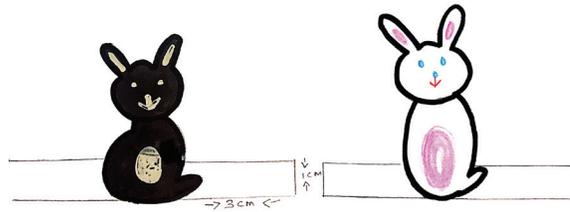
Step 2: Color Your Character

- This is the most fun and exciting part! Color in your characters and add in any finishing details. You can use any coloring materials you like!



Step 3: Turn Your Character Into a Finger Puppet

- On each side of the bunny draw two rectangles as shown below. Keep in mind that these rectangle wings will need to be long enough to fit around your finger. Make sure your wings are long enough to fit nicely around your finger.
- Now cut the outline of your puppet and include the wings. Once your finger puppet is cut, you can try it out by wrapping it around your finger. Use glue or tape to secure its place.



Closing:

Create your own finger puppet show of *The Runaway Bunny* for your friends and family! Feel free to incorporate your own voices and sounds to your performance.

Bonus:

Create your own story using these same bunnies! What story can you tell? Make sure it has a beginning, middle, and end.