



Marvin's Story Making Resources

A Practical Guide for Creating Storytelling Materials

Introduction

Preparing materials and resources to support your class in participating in **Marvin's Story Time Show** can significantly enhance engagement, enjoyment, and participation.

This guide outlines the key resources and simple craft techniques that I use when creating storytelling props. Included with this pack are **Marvin and Fabby Frog templates**, which can be coloured, mounted onto card, or recreated using the materials listed below.

The glitter paper recommended in this guide is highly iridescent and sparkly, particularly when illuminated with a torch, helping to capture and maintain children's attention during storytelling activities.

Materials You'll Need

Craft Materials

- Marvin and Fabby Frog templates
- Greyboard or thick card (A4 or A2)
- Glitter paper
- Tracing paper
- Black Berol Broad Felt Pen
- Pritt Stick
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun (adult use only)
- Black card strips

Making the Characters



Step 1: Draw the Character

Using the template as a guide, draw Marvin or Fabby Frog onto greyboard or sturdy card.

Step 2: Add the Outline

Go over all outlines using a **black Berol Broad Felt Pen**.

Step 3: Trace the Sections

Place tracing paper over the drawing and trace each individual section of the character.

Step 4: Create Glitter Pieces

Use the tracing paper templates to cut matching shapes from the glitter paper.

Step 5: Assemble

Attach the glitter paper pieces to the card character using a **Pritt Stick**.

Tip: Characters can be made in either **A4** or **A2** size depending on the space available and how visible you need them to be.

Note: At least three weeks before each new show, a character booklet, the story and the specific story songs are added to Marvin's Story Time Channel to enable you to prepare materials for the live show ahead. An email notification is sent when these resources are available to download.

Character Handles

To make the characters easier to hold:

1. Cut a strip of strong card.
2. Glue the strip vertically onto the back of the character.

2. <https://marvinstorytimeshow.co.uk/>

3. Allow it to dry completely.

This enables you to hold the character like a shield, reducing the visual distraction caused by your hand and helping children focus on the character.

Story Gloves



Story gloves are a fun, visual way to encourage participation.

Remember to wear black and work against a black background.

Instructions

1. Lay each glove flat on a table.
2. Place a small square of card inside the glove.
3. Using a hot glue gun, attach a **5cm yellow fluffy pom-pom** to the centre of each palm.
4. Allow the glue to cool before use.

Important Safety Note

The card inside the glove prevents the glue from soaking through and accidentally sticking both sides of the glove together.

Rainbow Spinner



The rainbow spinner is used during storytelling activities to support engagement and interaction.

Remember to wear black and work against a black background

Assembly Guidance

- ✓ Use only the **largest rainbow wheel**

✗ Do not attach the bee or butterfly that may be included in some versions, as these additional pieces can make the spinner appear visually cluttered.

Character Hats



Character hats provide a simple and effective way to display Marvin or Fabby Frog during story sessions.

Instructions

1. Create a smaller version of your chosen character.
2. Attach the character to a strip of black card.
3. Measure the strip around the hat and secure it with staples to create a band.
4. Fix the completed band to the black hat.

The finished hat can then be worn during storytelling sessions to bring the characters to life.

Recommended Resources

Rainbow Spinner

- [Rainbow Spinner](#)

Red gloves

- [Red gloves](#)
- [5cm yellow pompoms](#)

Characters

- [Greyboard \(A2\) for Characters](#)
- [Glitter paper](#)

Black hat

4. <https://marvinstorytimeshow.co.uk/>

- [Greyboard – A4 for hats](#)
- [Black Hat](#)
- [Glitter paper](#)

Happy Story Making!