

PINE MARTENS BOUNCE BACK



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Fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!





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This pack contains lots of family fun activities including things to make, things to do, games to play and fun ways to learn about pine martens and their woodland home.

Pine marten travels – pine marten adventures outdoors!

- Make your own pine marten picnic!
- Pine marten action game – for two or more players
- Senses in nature
- How to take a leaf or bark rubbing
- Tree ID Sheet – how many can you identify?

Click on an activity to get started!

Pine marten activities – pine marten adventures indoors!

- Make your own pine marten mask – instructions and template
- How to draw a pine marten
- Fun colouring sheets x 3
- Use your drawing skills to create a pine marten home
- Make your own pine marten finger puppet – instructions and template
- Make your own pine marten sock puppet – instructions and template

Are you a pine marten champion – test your knowledge

- All about pine martens with quick quiz
- Meet a pine marten – images of pine martens and their lookalikes
- Woodlands and their wonders with quick quiz
- The pine marten quiz!

We hope that you and your family enjoy exploring the outdoors and learning about pine martens!



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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Before you start your pine marten adventure, we'd appreciate it if you could spare 10 minutes to tell us a bit about yourself.

Follow [this link](#) or scan the QR code below to complete our short questionnaire. Your answers will help us monitor the reach and engagement of the Pine Martens Bounce Back: The Two Moors Pine Marten Project.

Thank you!

Use your phone camera to scan here



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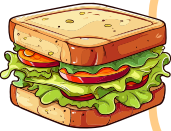


Creating your pine marten picnic

Make some pine marten inspired food, grab your picnic blanket and head to your local woods, a park or your garden to enjoy!

Sandwiches:

Create sandwiches inspired by pine marten food sources, such as nuts and berries. You can make sandwiches with peanut butter, egg or jam for a delicious combination of savoury and sweet flavours.



Nutty Trail Mix:

Pine martens often consume nuts and seeds. Make a nutty trail mix with a variety of nuts, seeds, dried fruits. You can also add a few chocolate chips for extra indulgence.



Wild Berry Salad:

Create a berry salad with a mix of fresh berries, such as strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries for a refreshing and colourful dessert.



Roasted Root Vegetables:

Pine martens live in forested areas, and roasted root vegetables like carrots, parsnips, and sweet potatoes are a great way to evoke the earthy flavours of the woods.



Pine Marten Paw Prints:

For a playful dessert, create chocolate or peanut butter biscuits and use a paw print-shaped cookie cutter to make pine marten paw print cookies. Decorate with icing to mimic paw prints.

Tip!

If you don't have a cookie cutter, make a pawprint template out of card and cut around it (get an adult to help you).



PINE MARTEN ACTION GAME



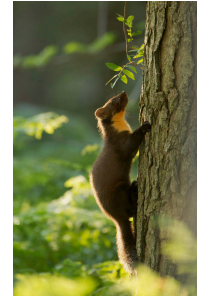
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play



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climb



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pounce



eat



hide



When the leader says the action, the pine martens need to do it!

Did you know...

Pine martens do a wiggle when they go to the toilet. The leader can call out wiggle at any time and the pine martens will need to wiggle!

Photo Credit: Mark Hamblin 2020Vision (play, climb), Peter Cairns 2020 Vision (eat), Terry Whittaker 2020Vision, (run, jump, hunt, hide)



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SENSES IN NATURE

As you walk through the green space think about your five senses.



*Remember to not eat anything without asking an adult first! If your adult doesn't know if you can eat it, don't eat it!



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LEAF AND BARK RUBBINGS

Trees all have different leaves and bark, with interesting patterns and textures.

What does the bark feel like? Is it smooth? Is it bumpy?
Do the leaves have round or spikey edges?

To create a leaf or bark rubbing you will need:

- paper
- a crayon
- a leaf or the bark on a tree

How to create a rubbing:

1. Place the paper onto the leaf or tree bark.
2. Use a crayon, on the paper, to colour over the leaf or over a section of the bark.
3. Remove the paper and check out your leaf or bark rubbing!

Tip!

Use the crayon on its side, so you don't end up pressing too hard.



Why not try to ID the tree using the free Woodland Trust:

woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-id-app/



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TREE ID



Oak



Horse Chestnut



Hazel



Beech



Ash



Rowan



Birch

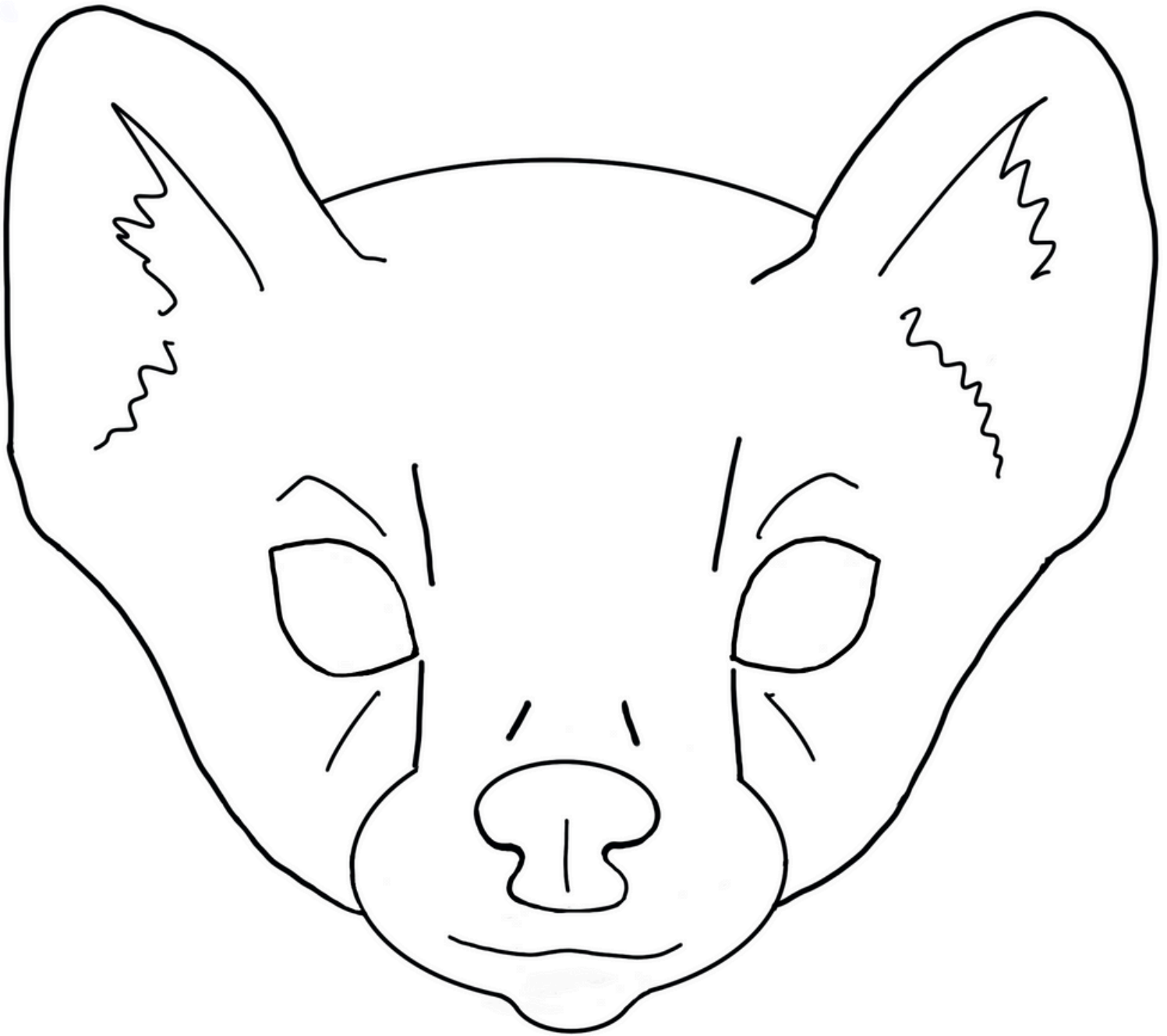


Hawthorn

PINE MARTEN FACE MASK

Print it off, colour it in and create your own pine marten mask.

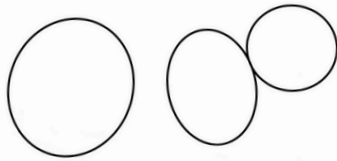
To create the band that goes around your head, work together with a partner to measure a strip of card or paper around your head with an overlap to join it together.



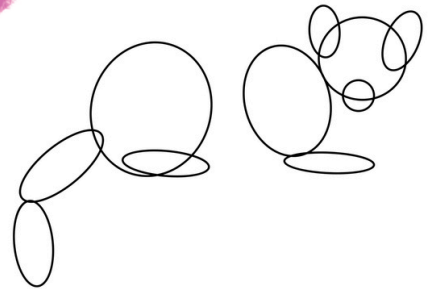
Why not try making the mask out of fabric!

HOW TO DRAW A PINE MARTEN

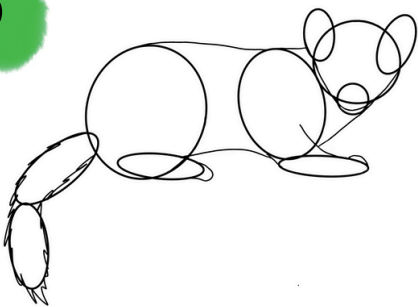
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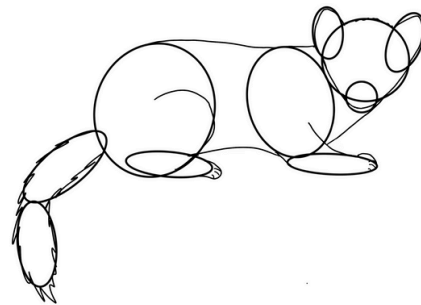
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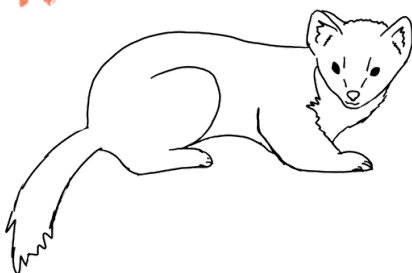
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Why not try making a 3D pine marten out of playdough or clay!

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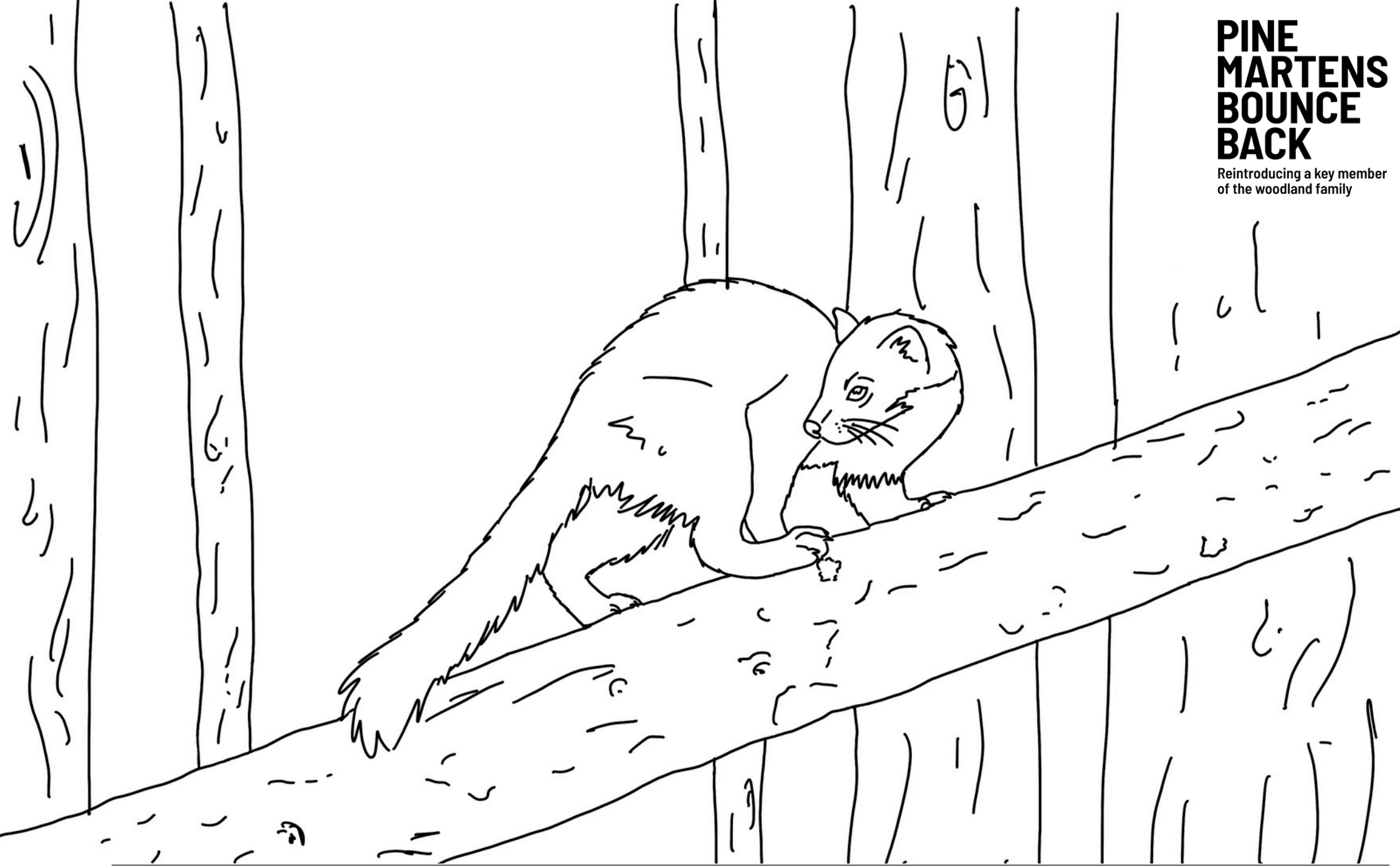
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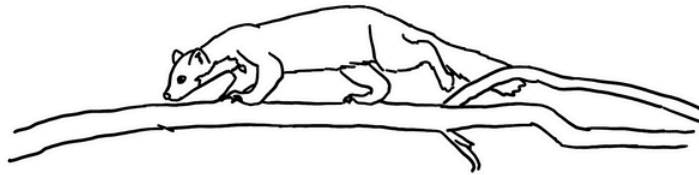
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Use your drawing skills to create a pine marten home

Pine martens live in woodlands. Can you draw some trees?

Think of other animals that live in woodlands. Can you draw them?



HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN PINE MARTEN FINGER PUPPET

You will need:

- scissors
- glue/glue gun **or** double sided sticky tape **or** needle and thread
- brown and cream paper, thin card **or** felt
- black pen
- pine marten template



Step 1)

First, cut out the pine marten template and place it or pin it onto the material or card.

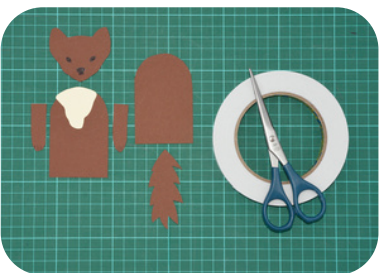
Tip!

Make sure you pick a thin material or card, so that it bends easily,



Step 2)

Neatly cut around the template outlines, cutting through the card or material.



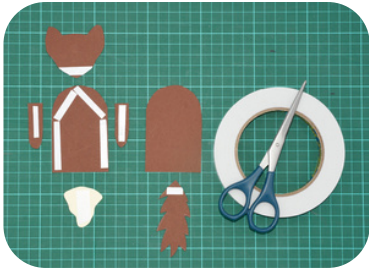
Step 3)

Draw the eyes and the nose onto the face. Stick the bib onto the body.



Tip!

If you have used glue, give it time to dry.



Step 4)

If you are using card, use double sided sticky tape or glue to stick the parts together.



Step 5) Now it's time to test it out!



If you are using felt or material, you can use a glue gun or needle and thread to attach the pieces together.

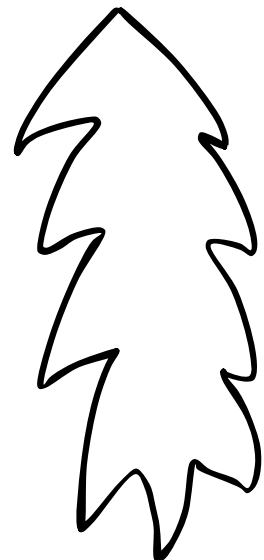
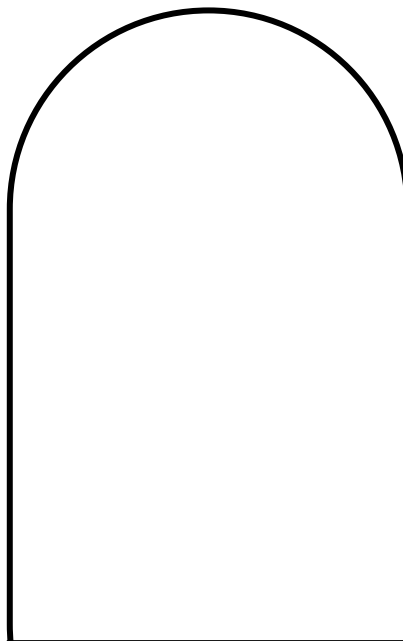
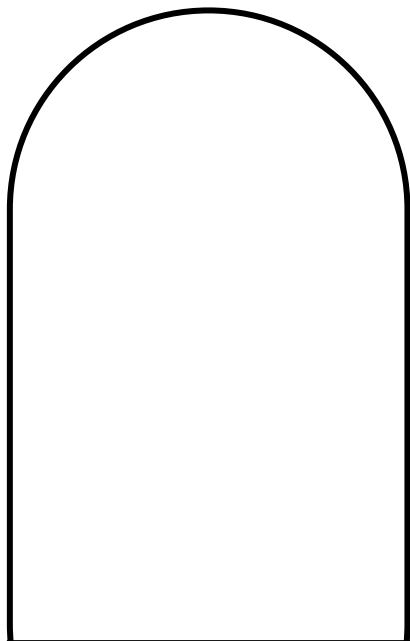
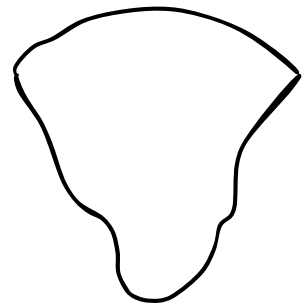
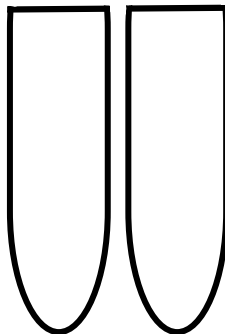
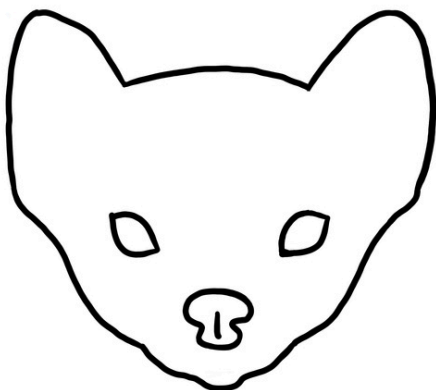


PINE MARTEN FINGER PUPPET

This template can be used in lots of different ways!

You can:

- Print the template, colour in the different parts and then stick it together following the instructions.
- Use the template on coloured paper or thin card. Cut this out, draw on the face and claws and stick it together.
- Use the template on felt or material. Cut this out and sew or glue gun the parts together.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN PINE MARTEN SOCK PUPPET

You will need:

- a brown sock
- scissors
- glue gun or strong glue
- black, brown and cream felt or other material
- black pen or pins
- pine marten template



Step 1)
First, cut out the pine marten template, and place or pin it onto the material.



Step 2)
Neatly cut around the template outlines, cutting through the felt or material.



Step 3)
Next, fold the toes of the sock over and glue the ears on the corners of the fold.





Step 3)
Stick the inner ear pieces onto the ears. Then, Create your own shaped bib by cutting a wiggly line around the outside of the bib. Glue this under the folded toe section.

Did you know?

Each pine marten has a different patterned bib!



Step 3)
Finally, glue on the nose and eyes.

Now it's time to take your pine marten on a woodland adventure!

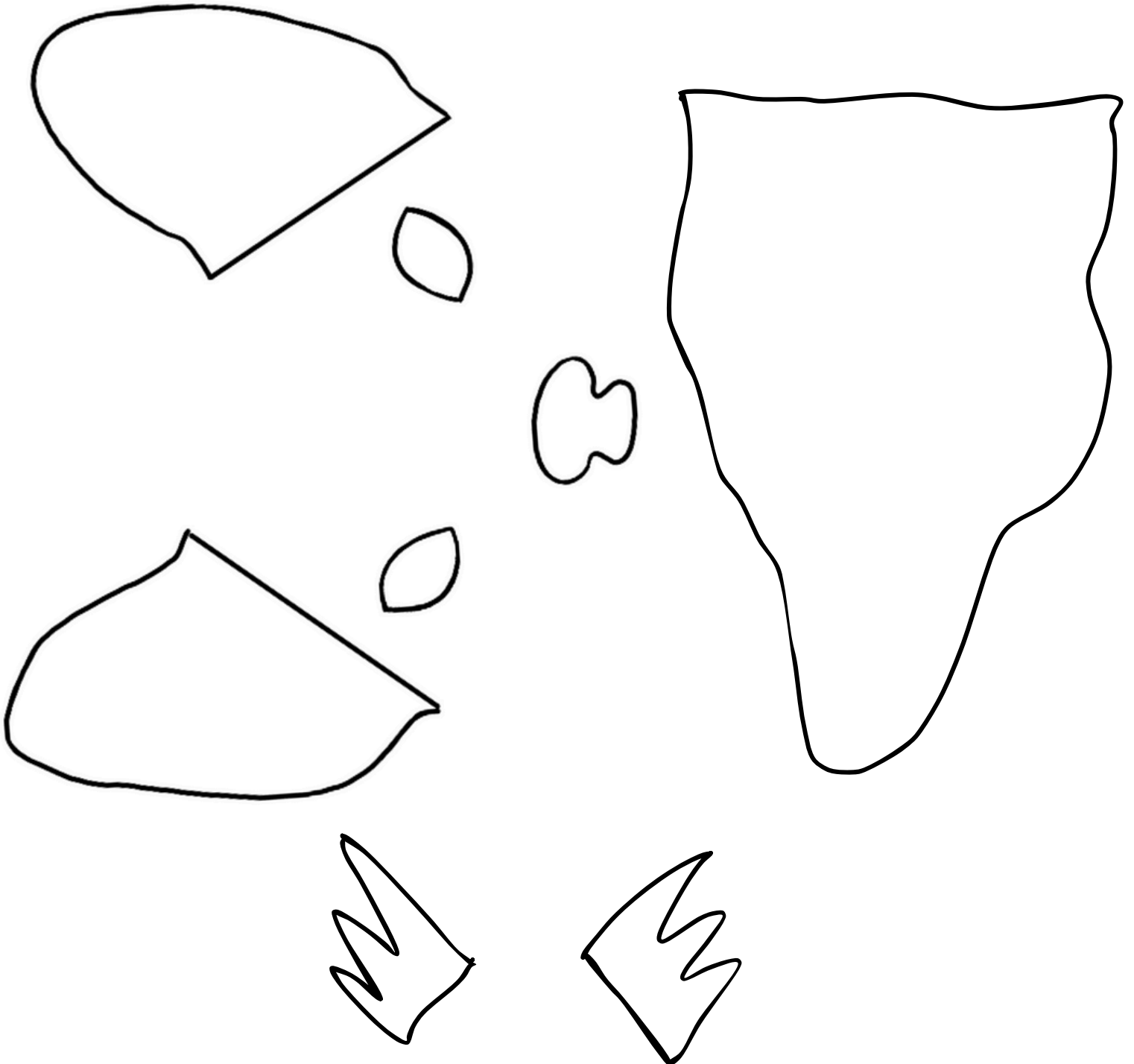


Let's go!



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PINE MARTEN SOCK PUPPET: TEMPLATE



ALL ABOUT PINE MARTENS

Pine martens are fascinating, fun and furry woodland mammals. Although they have been around for thousands of years, there are very few left in the UK.



What do pine martens look like?

Pine martens have soft, brown fur that helps them camouflage in the forest. They also have a uniquely patterned creamy-yellow patch on their throat! They have sharp semi-retractable claws to help them climb and a bushy tail to keep themselves warm.

Pine martens are between 46-54cm long.

Where do pine martens live?

Pine martens live in woodlands. They are excellent climbers, which means they can easily scale trees to find food and escape from other animals. Pine martens used to live all over the UK, but now they mainly live in Scotland and have been reintroduced in a few other locations. Up until the first world war in 1914, humans cut down lots of trees for timber and to clear space for houses. This meant pine martens had no woodlands to live in. After the first world war there was a huge effort to replant these trees, but these new forests lacked spaces for them to live and food for them to eat.





What do pine martens eat?

Pine martens are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and animals. They eat small mammals, birds, bird eggs, insects and berries.

They particularly like voles!



Did you know?

- Pine martens are endangered, which means that there are not many left in the UK.
- Pine martens were hunted which was the main cause of their near extinction.
- Unlike many mammals, pine martens do not hibernate through winter as they are able to keep warm thanks to their thick fur.
- Pine marten's poo is called a scat.
- Pine marten bibs can be used to tell them apart just like our finger prints.

TIME FOR A QUICK QUIZ

1. How big is a pine marten?
2. What colour is a pine marten's fur?
3. What do pine martens eat?
4. How can you tell pine martens apart?
5. Why are there less pine martens in the UK now?
6. How would you feel if pine martens became extinct?



ANSWERS:

1. How big is a pine marten?

Pine martens are between 46-54cm long.

2. What colour is a pine marten's fur?

They are brown with a creamy yellow patch on their throats.

3. What do pine martens eat?

They eat small mammals, birds, bird eggs, insects and berries.

4. How can you tell pine martens apart?

Pine marten bibs can be used to tell them apart just like our finger prints.

5. Why are there less pine martens in the UK now?

Lots of trees were cut down before the first world war and pine martens lost their woodland homes. They were also hunted. Now, they only live in Scotland and a few other places in the UK.

6. How would you feel if pine martens became extinct?

Think about how you would feel if pine martens no longer lived in the UK.



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MEET A PINE MARTEN



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PINE MARTEN LOOKALIKES

In the UK, there are some animals that look very similar to pine martens.
Can you tell which is the pine marten below?



PINE MARTEN LOOKALIKES

These animals are all very similar, but only one is a pine marten.
Did you get it right?

Polecat



Weasel



Stoat

Pine marten

WOODLANDS AND THEIR WONDERS

Woodlands are magical places filled with fascinating plants and animals. From the giant ancient oak trees to the small but mighty wood ant. There is plenty to discover!

Woodland Plants



In British woodlands, you can find lots of different types of tree like oak trees, beech trees and hazel trees. These trees provide homes for many animals. There are also smaller plants like ferns and wildflowers that grow on the forest floor. Some flowers bloom in spring like daffodils and bluebells.

Woodland Animals

Woodlands are bustling with life. Squirrels scamper up trees, collecting acorns and nuts. Birds like robins and blue tits build nests in the branches. If you're lucky, you might spot a deer or a rabbit nibbling on leaves. Woodlands are also home to insects like butterflies and bees, which help plants grow by pollinating flowers.



Woodlands through the seasons



Woodlands change with the seasons. In spring, the trees and flowers blossom, creating a colorful landscape. Summer brings lush green leaves and the chirping of crickets. Autumn arrives, and some leaves turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow before falling to the ground.

Did you know?

- Oak trees can live for over 1000 years!
- Not all rainforests are tropical - we actually have rainforests in the UK! These are called temperate rainforests.

TIME FOR A QUICK QUIZ

1. Can you name 3 types of trees found in woodlands?
2. What birds might you see in woodlands?
3. What happens to leaves in autumn?
4. Which woodland flowers bloom in spring?
5. How long can oak trees live?
6. What are rainforests in the UK called?



ANSWERS:

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Oak trees, beech trees, hazel trees.

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You might see robins and blue tits building their nests in the branches.

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In autumn, some leaves turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow before falling to the ground.

4. Which woodland flowers bloom in spring?

Daffodils and bluebells.

5. How long can oak trees live?

Oak trees can live for over 1000 years!

6. What are rainforests in the UK called?

Temperate rainforests.



THE PINE MARTEN QUIZ

Let's have some fun and test your knowledge about pine martens! Are you ready? Let's get started!
Circle the correct answer...

A pine marten's fur is black.

True or False

Pine martens have a creamy yellow bib.

True or False

Pine martens live in the desert.

True or False

Pine martens are omnivores. They eat small mammals, birds and berries.

True or False

Pine martens live in the UK.

True or False

Pine martens have sharp claws for climbing trees.

True or False

Pine martens are endangered.

True or False

Pine martens have a short skinny tail.

True or False

Pine martens hibernate through winter.

True or False

Pine marten poo is called scat.

True or False



ANSWERS

A pine marten's fur is black.

True or False

Pine martens are a dark brown colour with a different coloured bib.

Pine martens have a creamy yellow bib.

True or False

Pine martens live in the desert.

True or False

Pine martens live in woodlands.

Pine martens are omnivores. They eat small mammals, birds and berries.

True or False

Pine martens live in the UK.

True or False

Pine martens have sharp claws for climbing trees.

True or False

Pine martens are endangered.

True or False

Pine martens have a short skinny tail.

True or False

Pine martens have a long fluffy tail which they can use as a blanket to keep themselves warm.

Pine martens hibernate through winter.

True or False

Unlike many mammals, pine martens do not hibernate through winter as they are able to keep warm thanks to their thick fur.

Pine marten poo is called scat.

True or False

