



Galgo puppets

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Introduction

This resource contains the instructions and templates for creating galgo puppets.

You can use the puppets with the activities provided to promote English language development and raise awareness of the galgo.

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Activity guide

English language activities

The following activities are suitable for all age ranges and abilities, we have also provided extension ideas for older/more able groups.

Story telling

Use the templates and instructions included in this resource to make galgo marionettes and sock puppets, which you can use to help retell the story of Niko from the big book, or make up your own story about the galgos, their lives as hunters, their rescue by the shelters and the start of their journey to find loving pet homes. Imagine what it is like to travel to your new home in a new country. Use what you have learned about houses and homes to describe where you live. What will your new family be like? What would you miss most about living in Spain?

Extension activity

Try telling your story from different perspectives for example as a narrator explaining what happened or as the voice of the lost and lonely galgo on the streets of Spain or the happy, healthy galgo in his new European home.

Time

Use your puppet to help learn time vocabulary.

Days of the week:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday

Months of the year:

January, February, March,
April, May, June, July, August,
September, October, November,
December

Seasons:

Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter

Years:

last year, this year, next year,
leap year, in 5 years' time,
decade, century, millennium

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Here are some rhymes to help you, why not make up some actions to perform with your puppets?

January brings the cold perhaps even snow,
put on my coat before we go.

February brings the rain,
splashing in puddles, my favourite game.

March brings breezes and fresh smelling flowers,
in this cool weather I can run for hours.

April means chocolate, dark and thick,
But not for us galgos you'll make us sick.

May is the last month of Spring,
the last of the cool long evenings.

June brings the sunshine,
too hot to play.

July even hotter,
in the shade I will stay.

August is fun for the whole family,
I'm glad they found room for a galgo like me.

September sees the hunting start,
I'm happy not to be taking part.

October days still spent on the beach,
soon Summer will be out of reach.

November when the leaves are falling,
in my bed I will be snoring.

December and the year is through,
Christmas I will enjoy spending with you.



30 days has September,
April, June and November,
All the rest have 31,
Except for February alone,
Which only has but 28 days clear
And 29 in each leap year!

Extension activity

Try using different tenses to describe events.

- What has happened in the past?
- What is happening now?
- What will happen in the future?

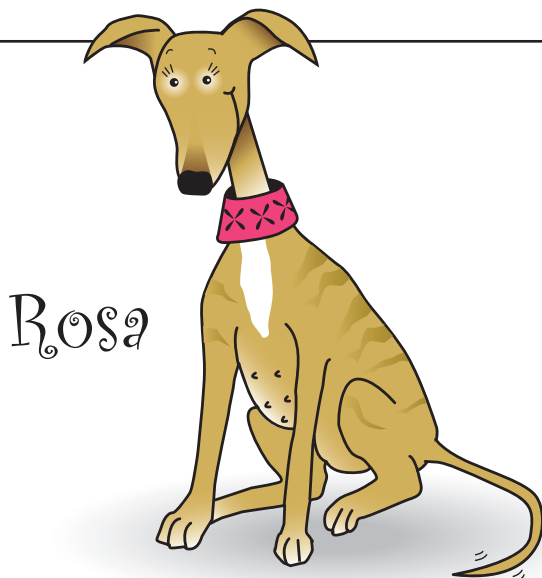
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Prepositions and directions

Use your puppets to play 'Where's the galgo?' by taking it in turns to place the puppets around the room. Players use prepositions to describe where the galgo is to someone else.

Useful vocabulary:

in on under round near next to
opposite beneath in between on top
of to the right to the left straight on up
down through in the middle behind
by in front left right midway over
below adjacent perpendicular



Extension activity

Hide the galgo puppet from sight somewhere in the room.

Using English words only, direct someone else to find the hidden galgo.

Make a galgo puppet

Make a sock puppet

For each galgo you will need:

1 piece of A4 card
Ears and tail templates from page 8 and 10
1 sock
Fabric
Scissors
Needle and thread
PVA glue
(optional) felt, buttons, fabric pens to decorate.

- 1 Photocopy the galgo ears and tail templates on to stiff card.
- 2 Use these templates to mark and cut ear and tail shapes from fabric.
- 3 Using a needle and thread, sew the ears and tail onto the sock, so that when you place your hand inside with your thumb in the heel of the sock, the ears sit where your knuckles are, and the tail hangs from the open end of the sock.
- 4 Using available materials add galgo features to your sock, using either a needle and thread or glue to secure.
- 5 Place your hand inside your sock puppet and move your thumb and fingers apart and together to operate your galgo's mouth.

Make a string puppet (marionette)

For each galgo you will need:

4 pieces of A4 card
Templates from pages 8-13
1m of string or wool
1 x barbecue skewer (with sharp ends removed)/stick
Scissors
Sticky tape
(optional) wool, fabric or coloured pencils/felt tips to decorate

- 1 Photocopy the templates on to stiff card and decorate if required.
- 2 Carefully cut out each body part, using a bradawl to make holes where indicated.
- 3 Cut the string or wool into 4 x 10cm lengths and 2 x 30cm lengths.
- 4 Follow the step by step instructions on the next page to make your puppet.

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Make a string puppet

Step by step instructions for your string puppet.

Head

- 1 Cut out galgo's head.
- 2 Crease along the dotted lines so that his cheeks fold down.
- 3 With the head, right-side up, line up one crease along the edge of a table. Press down with the flat of your hand and roll the head out and over the edge until you reach the crease on the other side – this will add a curl to the top of his head.
- 4 Fold down his nose.
- 5 Cut out two ears. Crease along the edge of the tab, and curl the ear over the edge of the table, as above. Do the same for the other ear, but on the opposite side, to make a pair. Put glue on each tab and glue the tab along the lines on the top of his head, so that the tabs point out, the ears fold out and over on top of the tabs.
- 6 Cut out his tongue, curl it on the edge of a table, and glue inside his head, under his eyes, so it pokes out under his nose.

Body

- 1 Cut out the galgo's body.
- 2 Crease each tab, and curl his top section over the edge of a table.
- 3 Put glue on each tab and assemble by sticking it to the base, gluing each tab to the long sides.

Legs

- 1 Cut out the shapes for the legs.
- 2 Roll the paper to make tubes.
- 3 Secure each tube leg with tape or glue.

Attaching legs and feet

- 1 Make a small hole in the top tab of each paw and in the body.
- 2 Tie to the body, then thread the 10cm wool/string through each leg and tie to a paw.

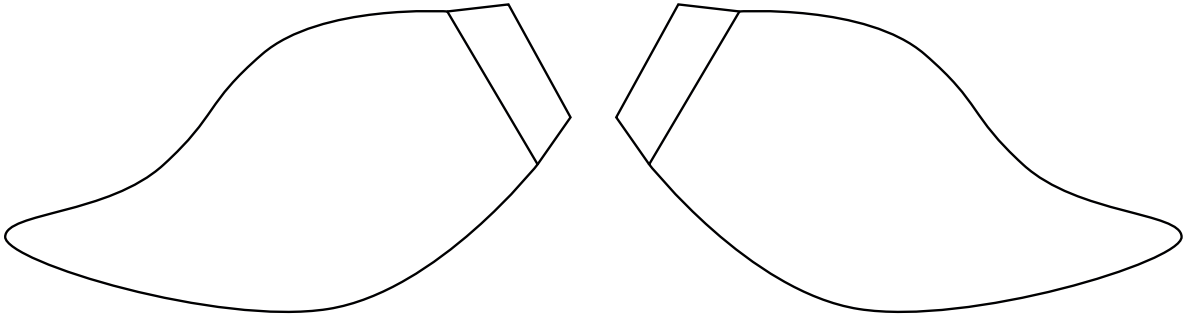
Attaching head and tail

- 1 Cut out the tail.
- 2 Make a small hole as marked on the tail, and another as marked on the body. Reinforce if required.
- 3 Tie the tail to the body with 30cm piece of wool or string, leaving a short gap between the tail and the body then bringing the remainder up to the stick for control.
- 4 The tail will hang loosely. Make a small hole at the back of the head and front of the body as marked, again reinforce if required.
- 5 Tie the head to the body with wool or string and bring up excess to other end of stick for control.
- 6 Secure wool/string at both ends of the barbecue skewer/stick with sticky tape.



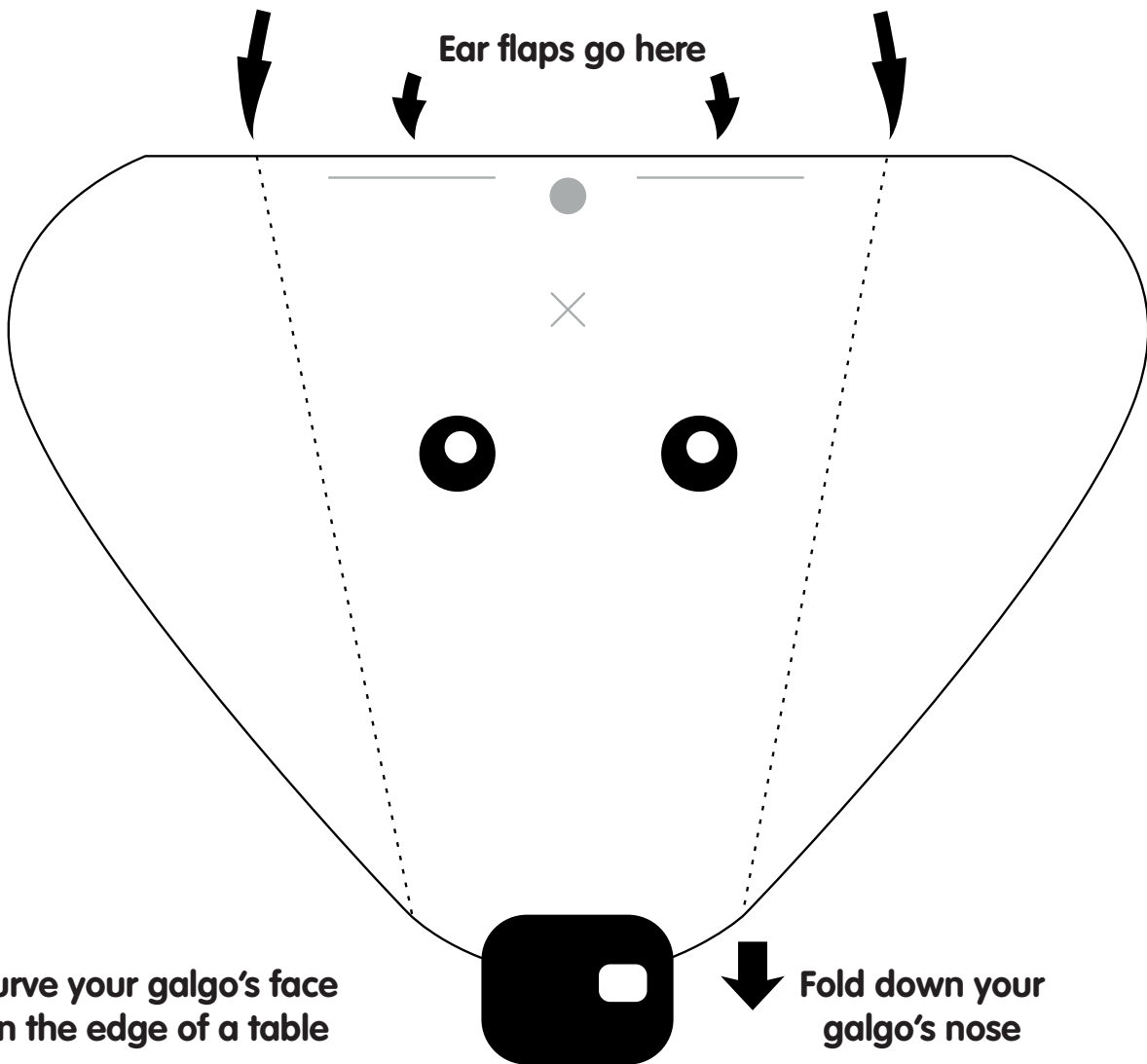
Make a puppet – template 1

Your galgo needs two ears. Curve them on the edge of a table.



Crease your galgo's head along the dotted lines

Ear flaps go here

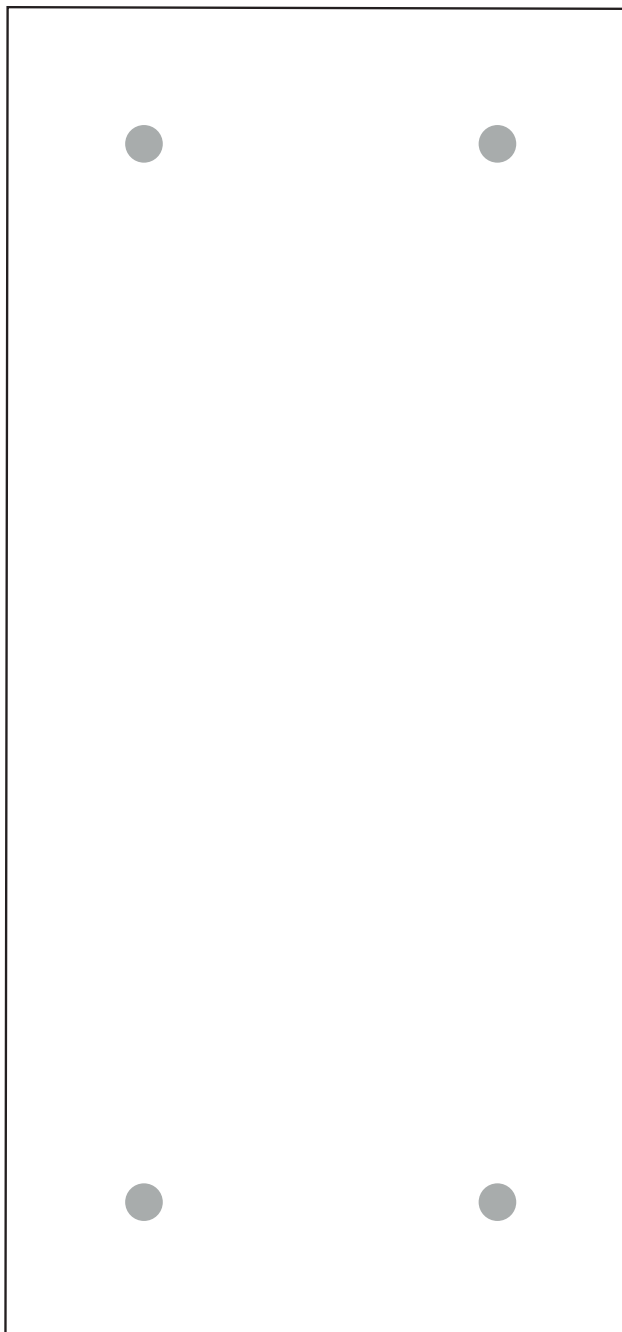


Curve your galgo's face on the edge of a table

Fold down your galgo's nose

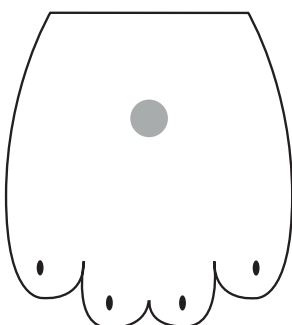
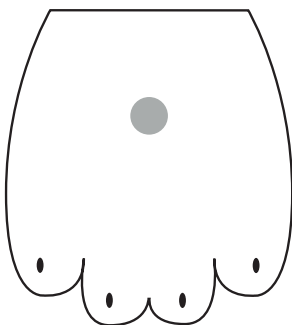
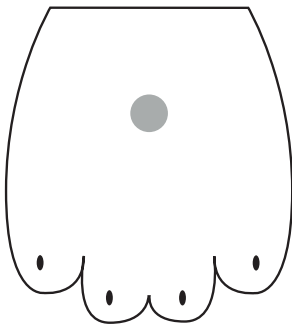
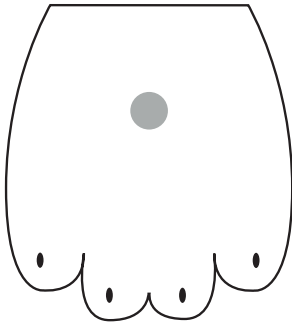
Make a puppet – template 2

This is the base for your galgo's body. You can make it from stiff card for a puppet.

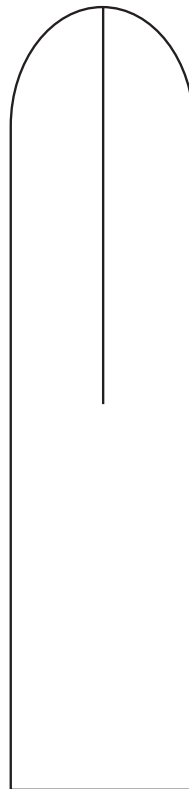


Make a puppet – template 3

Your galgo needs four paws as well.

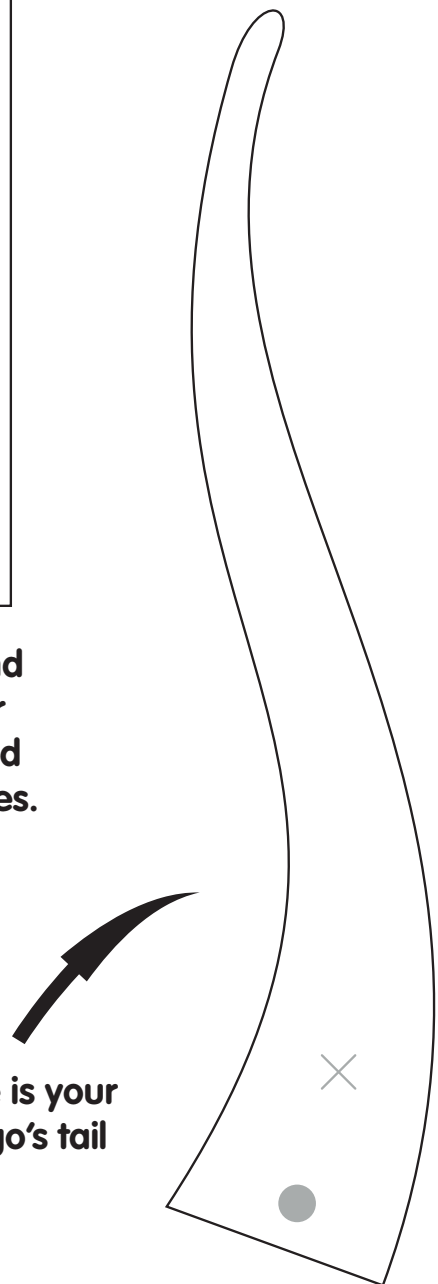


Your galgo has a tongue.



Stick this end inside your galgo's head under his eyes.

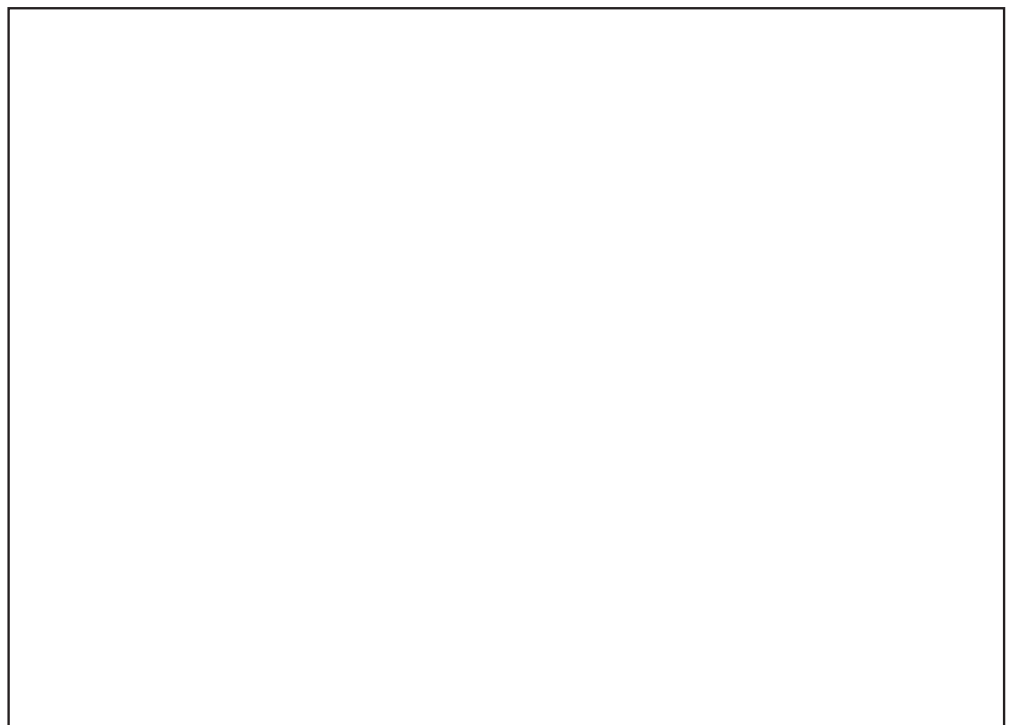
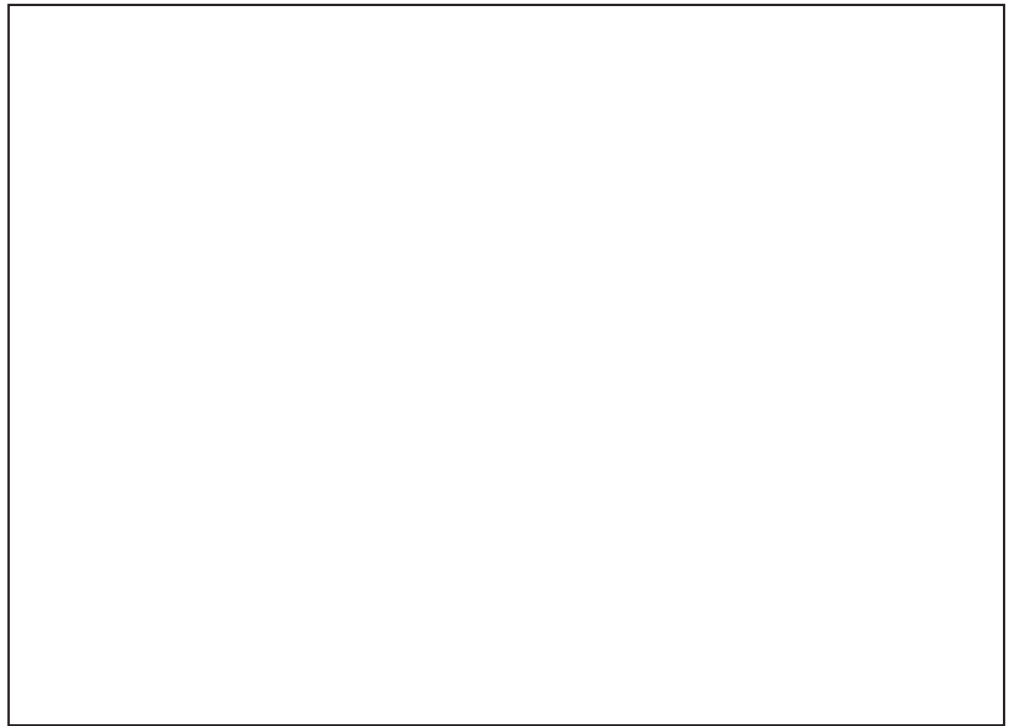
Here is your galgo's tail



Make a puppet – template 4

**You need
four legs for
your galgo.**

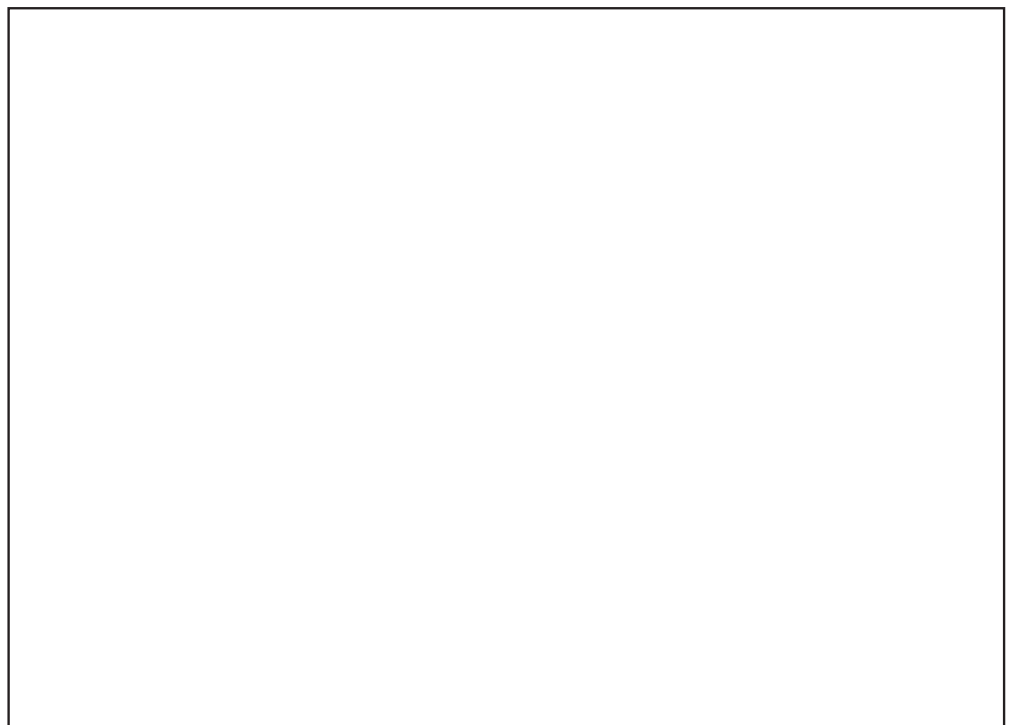
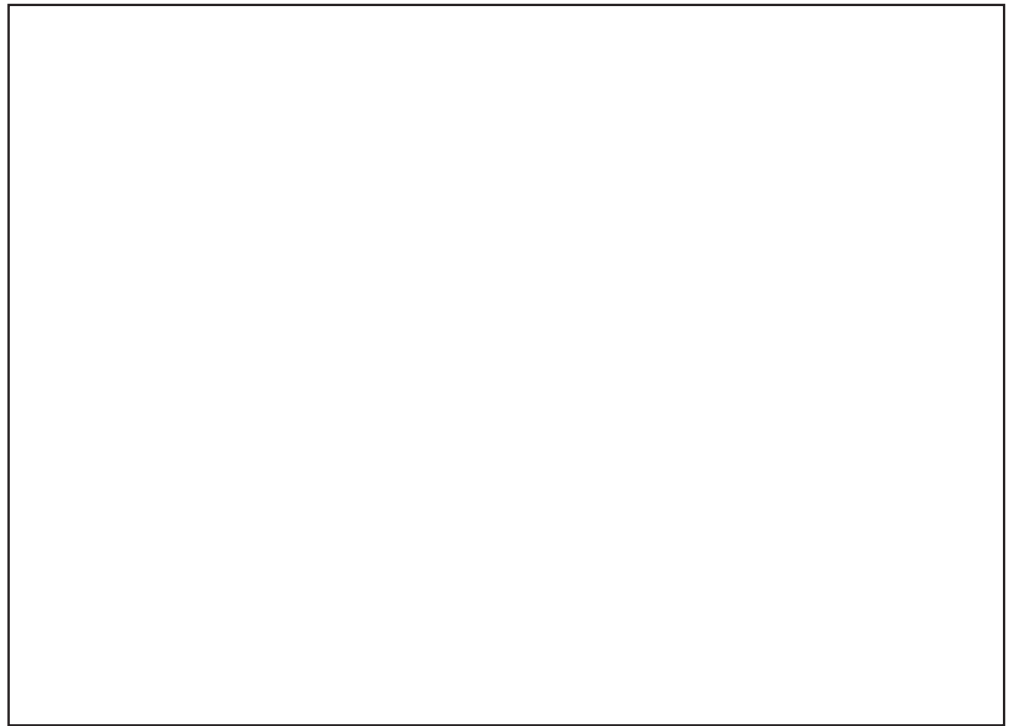
**Cut out the
rectangles and
roll around
a pencil to
make a tube**



Make a puppet – template 5

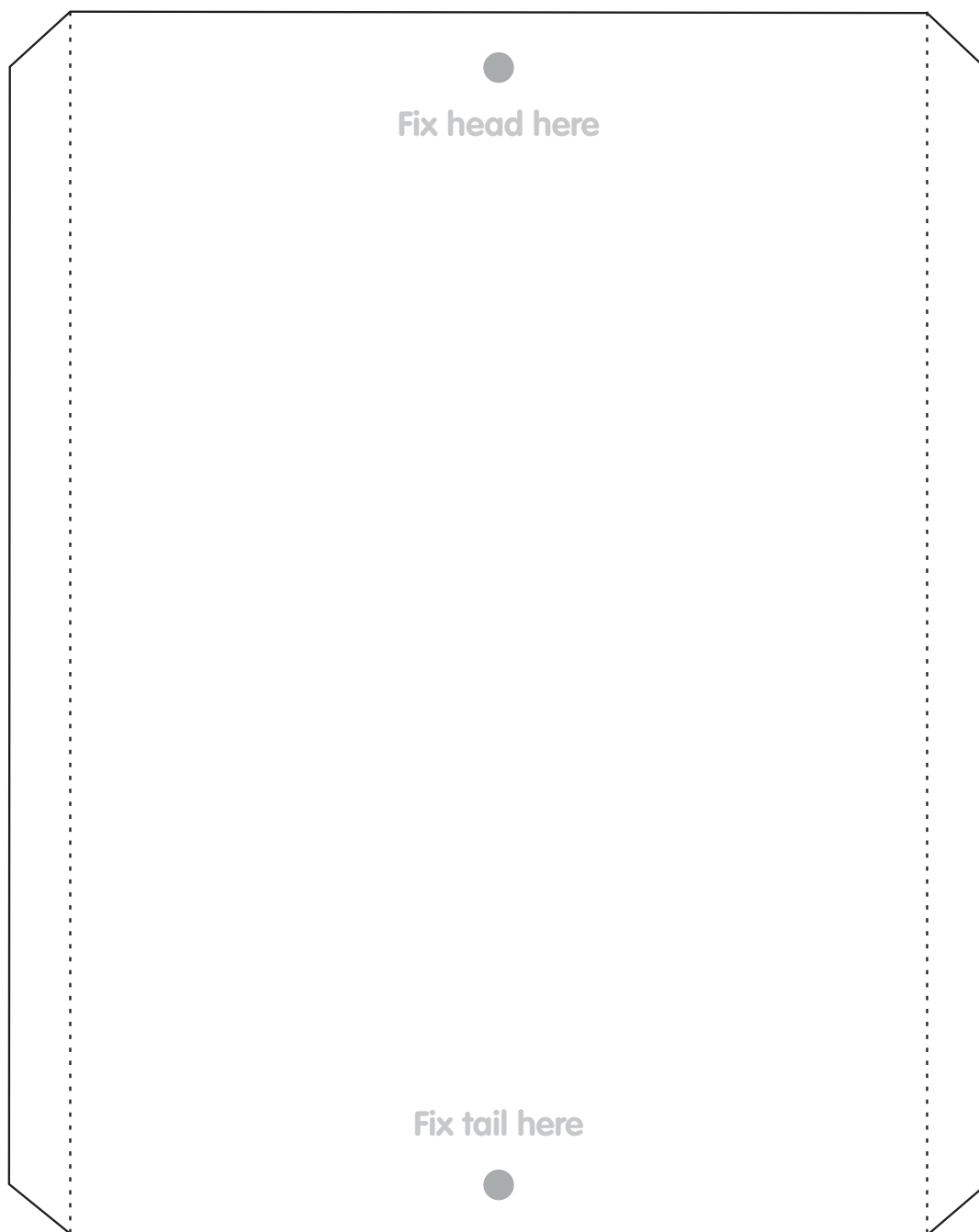
**You need
four legs for
your galgo.**

**Cut out the
rectangles and
roll around
a pencil to
make a tube**



Make a puppet – template 6

This is your galgo's body. You can make it from stiff card.
You could cover it in fabric if you want.



Make a puppet – template 7

This is how your galgo fits together.

