

Bringing the Museum Home: Happy Hanuman

Hanuman is one of the most well-known gods of Hinduism. Also known as the Monkey King, Hanuman is usually shown with the body of a man and the face of a monkey. He also has a tail.

Hanuman is a very powerful and strong god. In the ancient Hindu tale of the Ramayana, Hanuman helped to rescue Princess Sita from the evil demon Ravana. In the story, Sita has been kidnapped by Ravana. She sees some monkeys in the forest and throws down her jewels hoping the monkeys would pick them up and attract the attention of her husband Rama, who was searching for her in the forest. The plan worked and Hanuman and his monkey army then built a bridge across the seas, successfully stormed Ravana's hideout and freed Princess Sita.

You can make your own Hanuman puppet. Here's how:

1. Print the Hanuman template and cut it out.
2. Decorate Hanuman with coloured pens, coloured paper or anything you have to hand.
3. With tape attach a lollipop stick to the back of Hanuman. Or take an A4 piece of paper, roll it into a tight tube and secure with tape. Attached the tube to the back of Hanuman.

