

Creating Your Own Roger the Turtle and Padraig the Dragon

1. Download the Roger and Padraig coloring templates.
2. Have your child color the coloring templates and decorate with stickers, glitter, sequins, or other craft-type embellishments that suit their fancy.
3. Cut out around the outline of the character

Options for Completion:

- Glue the decorated Roger and Padraig onto the back of separate paper plates. A small sized paper plate should work. Remember: the thicker the plate, the more stable the puppet. Punch holes in the lip of the paper plate on the right and left side of the character. Use a pipe cleaner, yarn, twine, ribbon, etc. and thread either end through the holes you've created. Tie a knot on either side to secure, pulling the slack out of the back. Cut off excess material on both sides.
- Using a paper lunch bag as the base, cut the decorated templates off at shoulder level of both characters. Glue the head piece of the character to the bottom of the lunch sack. Glue the body just below on a length of the paper bag so that when the bag lies flat, the character looks whole.
- Glue the decorated templates on a small piece of cardboard or cardstock to stabilize the paper. Attach the decorated template to a few popsicle/craft sticks, a tongue depressor, or a plastic utensil.

Or make your own creation using:

- **Clay**
- **Sock puppets**
- **Plastic cups**
- **Construction paper**
- **Etc.**

The more creative, the better!