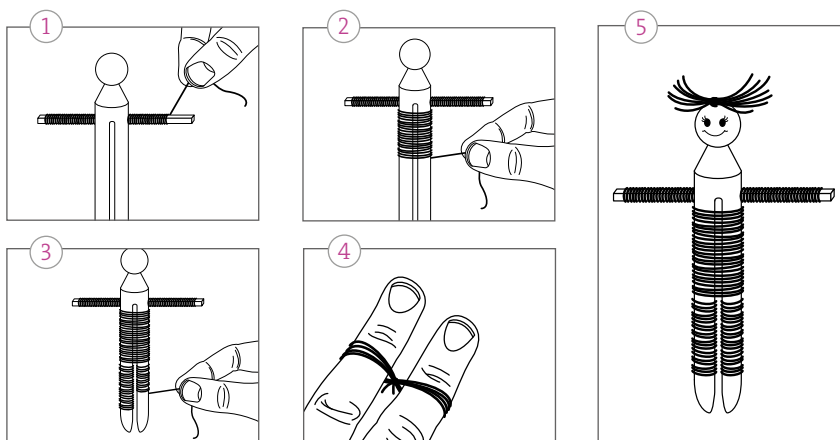


MAKE A WISH DOLL

This quick, cheap and easy activity can help spark discussion among your young people

SUITABLE FOR **BEAVERS**, **CUBS** AND **SCOUTS**



1 Ask your young people to cut the sharp points off two cocktail sticks or the heads from two matches, before gluing one on either side of the clothes peg to act as the doll's arms.

2 Next, ask them to glue the end of some thread about an inch from the top of the clothes peg. Now they can wind this thread around the body of the clothes peg and then the 'arms' to make the doll's top.

3 Now they can choose another colour of thread and glue one end to where the doll's trousers should be (at the point where the doll's top ends). They should wrap this thread around the 'hips' and one of the legs. Help them trim and glue the end of the thread to the 'ankle' before wrapping the other leg in the same colour thread.

4 Now they can choose a different colour thread for their doll's hair. Help them wrap this thread around two of their fingers about 10 times before tying a knot at the centre of this loop with a separate piece of thread. They can then slip this off their fingers and cut the loops to make hair. Glue the knotted centre onto the doll's head.

5 Using a felt-tip pen, draw two eyes and a mouth onto the doll's face and ta-dah! They've made their very own wish doll.

6 Ask everyone in the group to come up with one wish that they have for themselves, and then one wish that they have for the world. You could also ask them to consider what young people in Scouting in other countries might wish for.

TIME NEEDED
15–25 minutes

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- matches/cocktail sticks
- wooden clothes peg
- glue
- embroidery thread (in a variety of colours)
- scissors
- felt-tip pen

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OUTCOMES

You'll be able to introduce your young people to global themes and issues without even leaving the meeting place!

TAKE IT FURTHER

You can use the activity to inspire research into what young people in other parts of the world might hope for so as to broaden your young people's perspectives and identify challenges in the world.

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