

Hamish McHaggis At-Home Pack

Twentieth Anniversary, 2025



Using the At-Home Pack

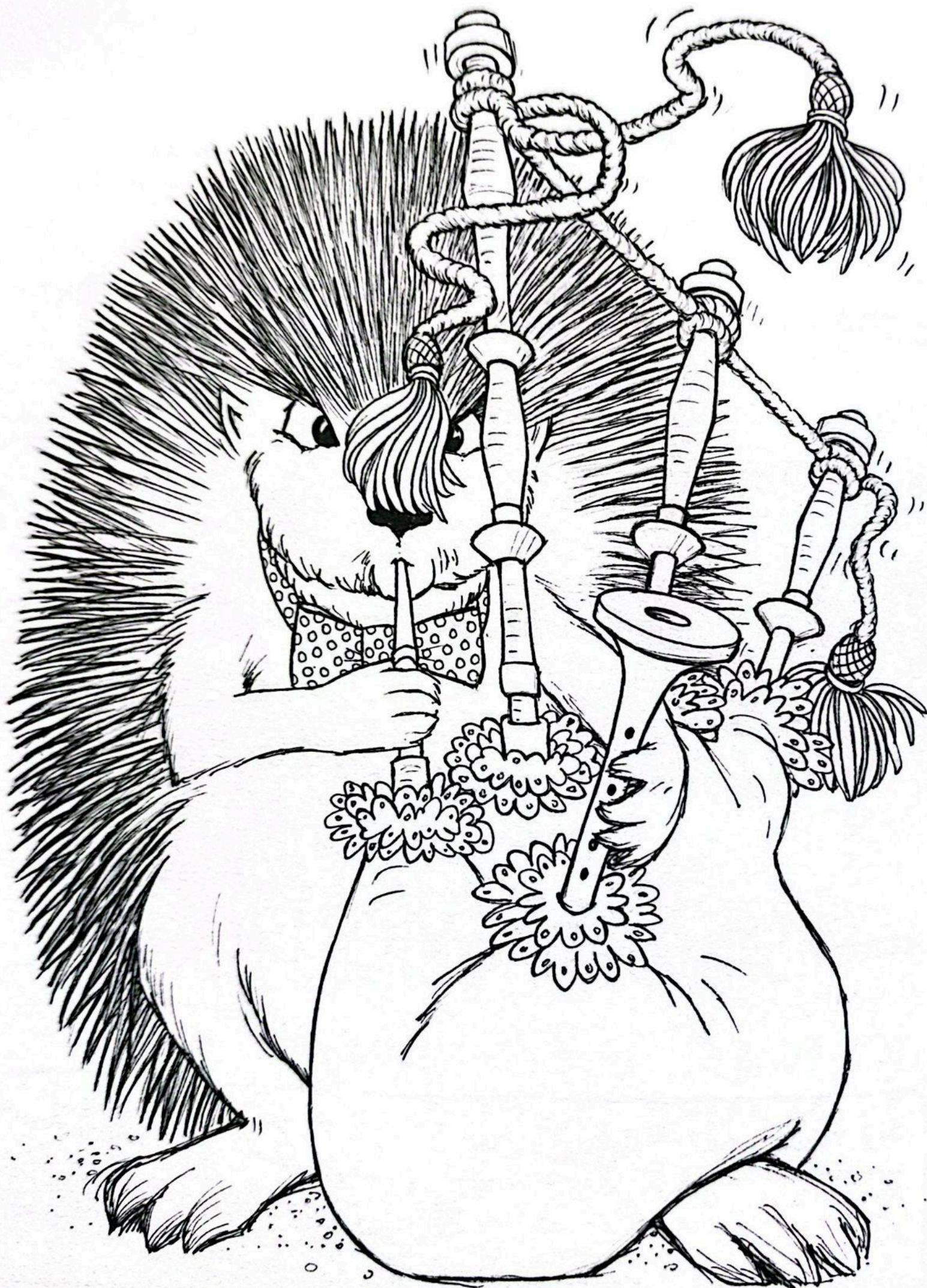
With this year marking the 20th anniversary of the publication of the first *Hamish McHaggis* books, we hope that these pages can serve as a guide for anyone wanting to celebrate along with us from the comfort of their own home.

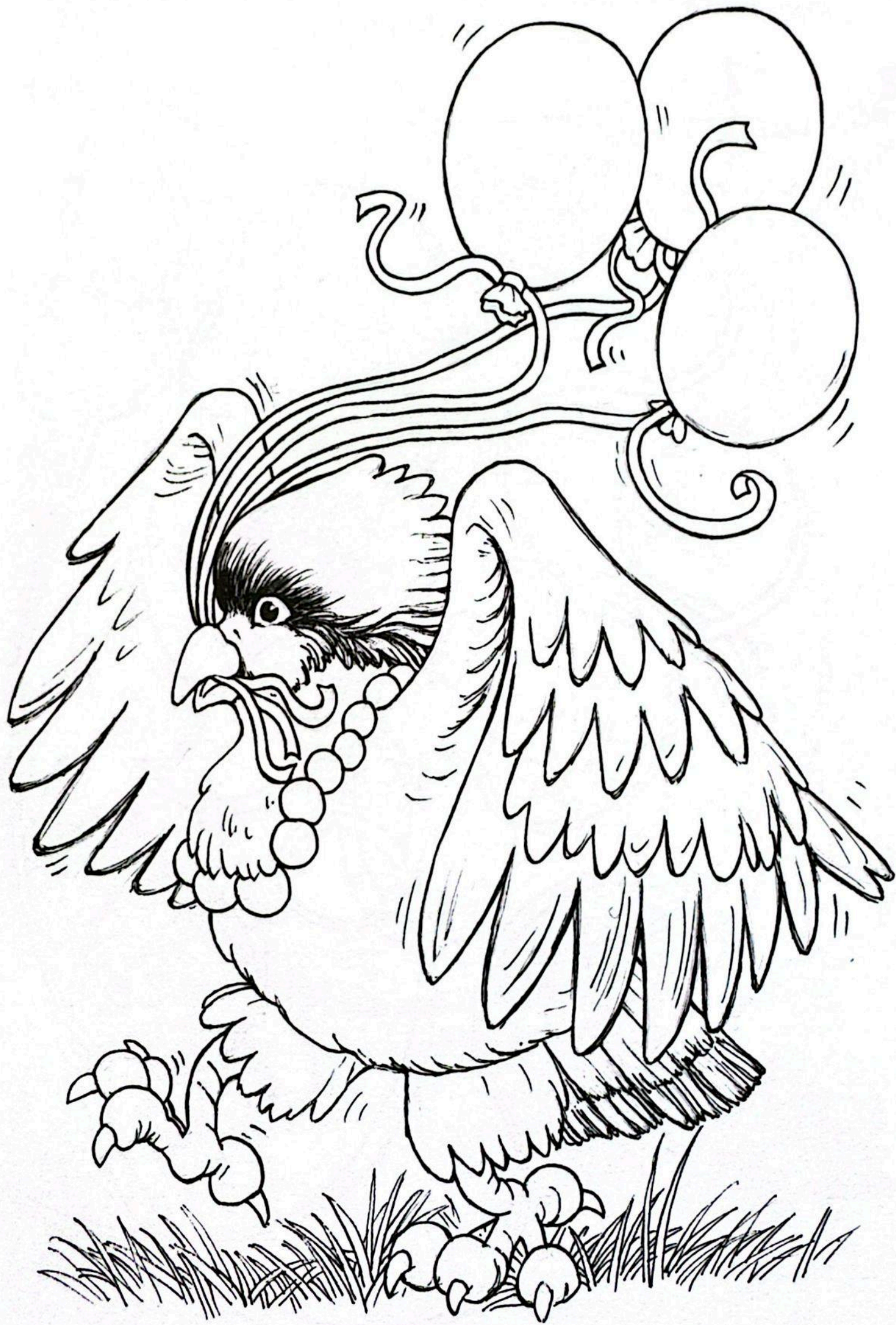
This pack contains colouring pages and printable activities that are not currently available elsewhere online, as well as guides for Hamish-themed activities that you can complete at home. Feel free to use your own creativity when bringing *Hamish McHaggis* into your home and you can use this resource or make up your own ideas.

This is a lengthy pack; if you're looking to only print the printable colouring sheets and activities, print pages 3-12. For the party hats, 13-16.

Looking for more? Visit www.hamishmchaggis.co.uk for more information about the books, and links to teacher resources.





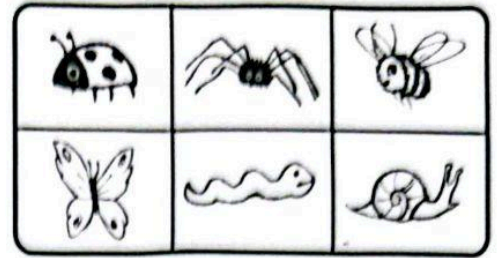




Lost in the Heather

Six wee creatures are lost in the heather -
a ladybird, a spider, a caterpillar, a snail,
a butterfly and a bee.

Can you find the mini beasts?



Jeannie's Fish

Jeannie is trying to catch some fish for her tea. Can you help her find 15 fish hidden in the picture?



Rupert's Scots Word Puzzle

Rupert is puzzling over these Scots words.

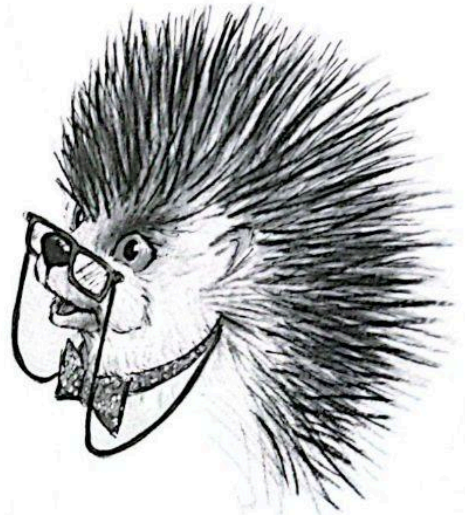
Can you help him find the right English word to put below each picture.

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scarecrow big/little cow crying

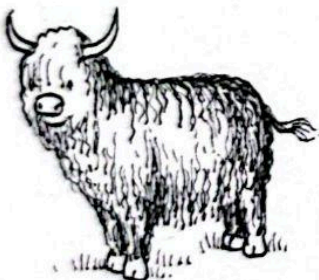
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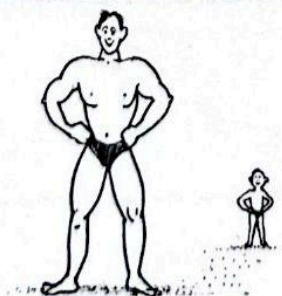
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A Hamish Jigsaw

Trace this picture of Hamish onto card and colour it in.
Then ask an adult to cut out the jigsaw shapes, so that you
will have your own Hamish jigsaw!

Please be very careful when using scissors.



Word Square

The friends are getting the food ready for the ceilidh. Hidden in the word square are some of the things they love to eat. Can you find them all?

APPLES BANNOCKS SANDWICHES FISH
NUTS CHEESE BERRIES

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R	C	P	A	V	H	R	P	G	I
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Did You Know?

Cullen Skink is a delicious creamy soup named after the fishing village of Cullen, in Scotland. It is made from smoked haddock and potatoes.

Skirlie is a side dish made from oatmeal and onion.

A Selkirk Bannock is a fruit loaf.

Drop Scones are small pancakes made on a girdle (a flat hotplate).

Dundee Cake is a rich fruit cake.

Home to the Hoggle

Hamish McHaggis Board Game for 2 or more players. Who will be first to get back home to the Hoggle?

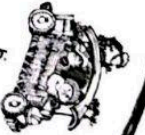
START



Hamish is in a hurry.
Move forward 1 space.



Rupert has forgotten his camera. Go back 3 spaces



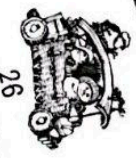
Rupert stops to take a photo. Miss a turn.



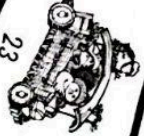
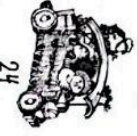
The Whirry Bang whizzes downhill. Go forward 1 space.



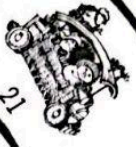
Angus is lost. Go back 5 spaces to find him.



Hamish stops to have a picnic. Miss a turn.



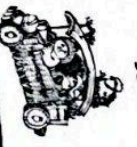
Jeannie gives you a lift. Move forward 1 space.



The Whirry Bang loses a wheel. Miss a turn.



Angus sees a ghost. Run forward 2 spaces.



Jeannie crash lands and breaks her beads. Go back 3 spaces to help her find them.



HOME

Game Instructions
You can use dice and counters to play this game. If you like, you can cut or tear off the pictures of Hamish, Angus, Jeannie and Rupert at the corners of these pages to use as counters.

A tree has blown down across your path. Miss a turn.

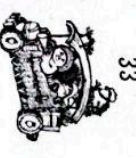


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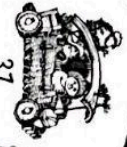
You take a shortcut. Go forward 3 spaces.



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Printable Hamish Birthday Hats

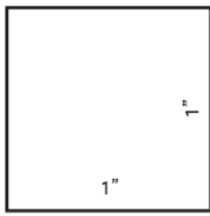
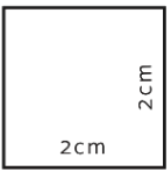
These Party Hat designs are created to be printed on standard A4 Size paper.

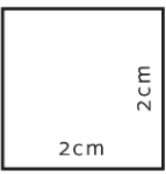
You can print in colour or in black and white, but if you choose black and white, we would suggest offering coloured pencils or crayons so attendees can colour in their own.

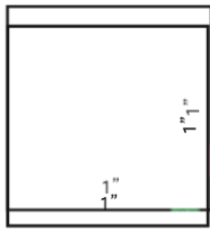
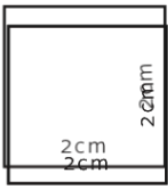
Hat Assembly:

1. Cut out the hat shapes from A4 paper
2. Roll paper into a cone shape
3. Secure hat in cone shape by:
 - a. Carefully cutting along the dotted line and creating a slot to push to tab through (multiples can be cut out at the same time)

Using tape to create a more firm bond.





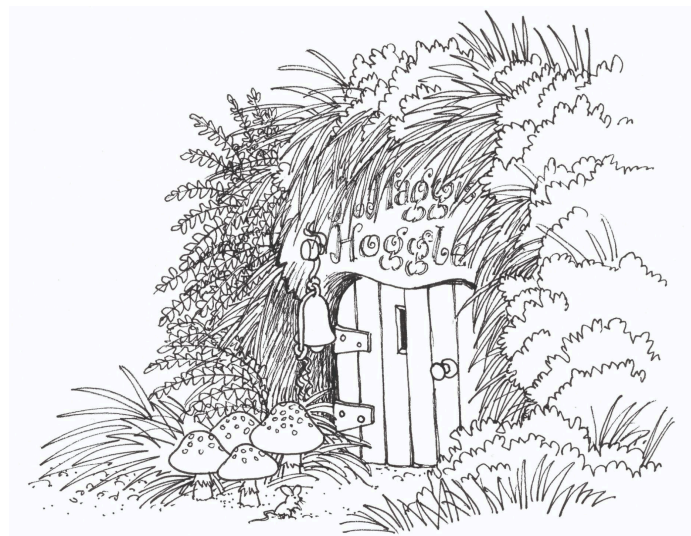


Activity Guide – Make a Hoggle

Create your own version of Hamish's home!

Though Hamish sometimes prefers to sleep in the heather, he has his own cozy home – the McHaggis Hoggle!

There are any number of different ways to make your own version with whatever you can find at home, such as cardboard boxes or coloured paper. You might even want to try building a pillowfort Hoggle. Here is a beautiful example from Howwood Primary School:



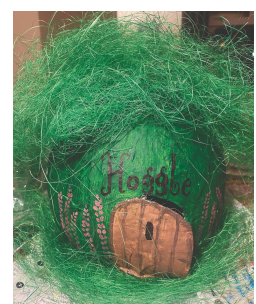
One option is to use Paper Mache, which we will outline here. Paper mache is a fun and easy craft that lets you create all kinds of cool things. It's a perfect activity for a rainy day, and you only need a few simple ingredients. Let's get started!

Materials:

- Old newspaper
- A balloon (+ something to keep it upright)
- 1 mug of plain flour
 - Can be substituted for PVA glue
- 1 mug of warm water (plus a little extra if needed)
- A big mixing bowl
- A paintbrush (optional, but helpful)

Instructions:

1. **Prepare the Balloon:** Blow up the balloon, and find something to put it in that will keep it upright. We have used a small flower pot.
2. **Rip the Paper:** Tear or cut your newspaper into small strips or squares. Do this first so your paste doesn't dry while you're getting ready.
3. **Make the Paste:** In a big bowl, mix the flour and warm water until it's smooth, like pancake batter. If it's too thick, add a little more water. Try to get rid of any lumps.
4. **Time to Get Messy:** Cover your table with newspaper to keep it clean. Dip a strip of paper into the paste, wipe off any extra on the edge of the bowl, and stick it onto the top half of your balloon. Use a paintbrush to smooth it out and remove air bubbles.
5. **Layer It Up:** Keep adding paper strips until the entire top half of the balloon is covered. Though two layers should be enough, feel free to add more to make your Hoggle extra sturdy!
6. **Drying time:** Let your creation dry completely before it's time to paint. The drying time will depend on how many layers you have included. Check back in 24 hours to see, but it might take an extra day if you have more than two layers.
7. **Final preparations:** Once your creation is completely dry, it's time to pop and remove the balloon. If your Hoggle isn't very steady, you might need to use some scissors (ask an adult if you need help!) to cut off some at the bottom. There is also the option to cut out a door shape, should you wish for your Hoggle to be slightly open.
8. **Decoration time:** This is the time to let your imagination run wild and make your Hoggle come alive. We have used acrylic paint to decorate and added some fake easter grass, but you could always look for things in your garden for some final touches!



Activity Guide – Build your own Whirry Bang

Hamish's Whirry Bang has been a favourite among children who love crafts, possibly because there are an infinite number of ways to make your own!

The Whirry Bang that Hamish and his friends use to travel in the Hamish McHaggis books is a feat of engineering. It was built using things that Hamish could find in his surroundings - such as logs, bark and a wicker basket. In order to build your own Whirry Bang - put your imagination to the test, and scavenge for bits and pieces at home and even outside in the garden.

This is your chance to have a lot of fun with your own wild ideas. Why not look for recycled materials to create your own masterpiece? However, if you are looking for a quick and easy craft we have also provided a printable template and step-by-step guide.

A few tips for materials:

- An empty cereal box, egg carton or shoe box could make a sturdy base.
- If you want wheels that support a heavier body, look for corrugated cardboard, styrofoam or bottle caps.
- Should you wish for a roof similar to that of Hamish's Whirry Bang, skewers could help support your creation.
- Card, paper, carpet pieces or thick cloth could make the roof.

No two Whirry Bangs are the same, so scavenge for parts among what you have at home and get crafting!

Here are some masterpieces created by students in the past at Howwood Primary School, for inspiration:



Quick & Easy Whirry Bang:

If you want a quick and simple way to make a Whirry Bang, this printable template might be perfect for you!

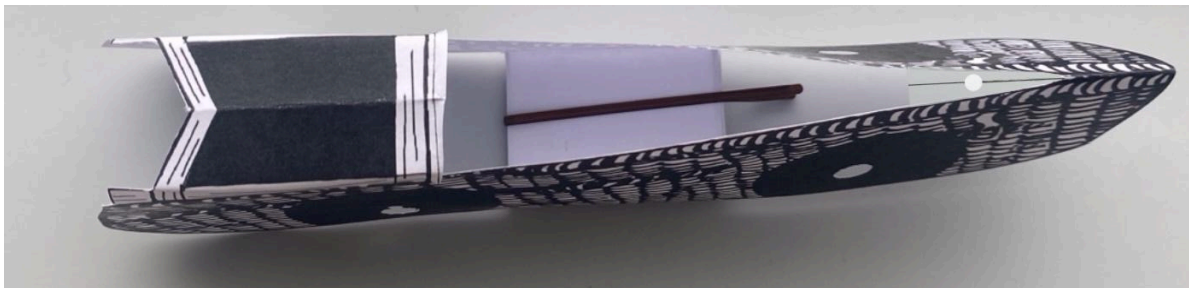
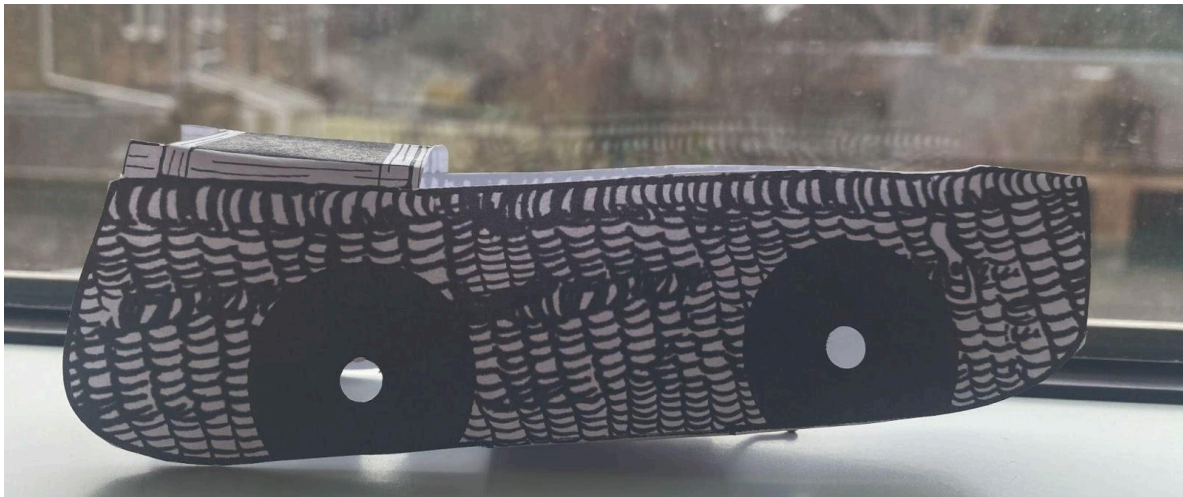
Materials:

- Printed template (on the last page)
- Corrugated cardboard
- 2 toothpicks
- 4 small beads
- Hole punch
- Scissors (ask an adult if you need help)
- Glue

Instructions:

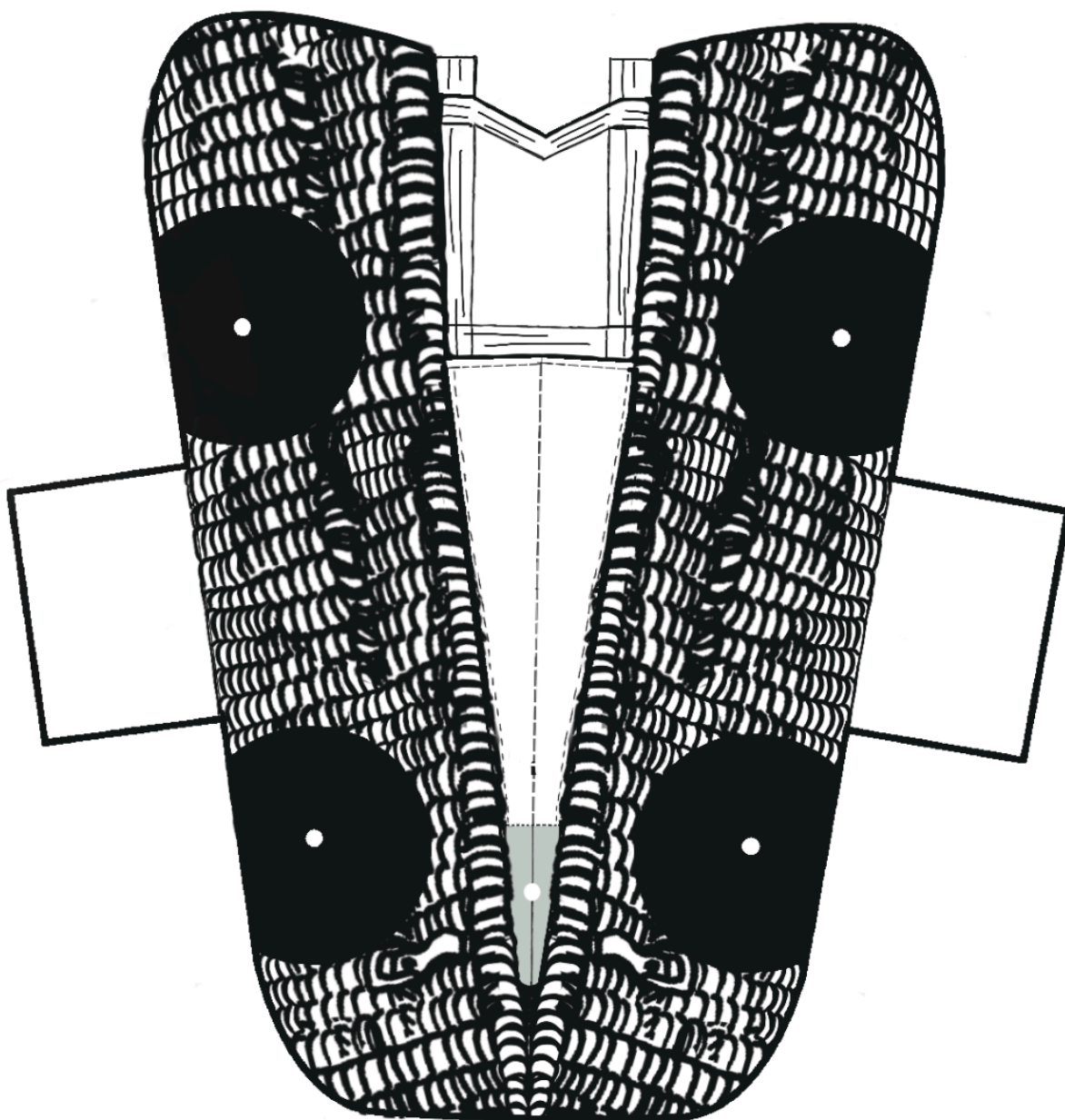
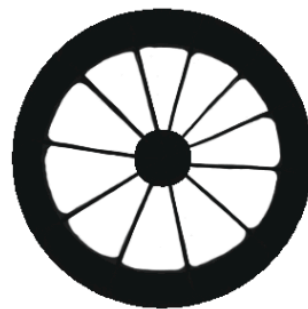
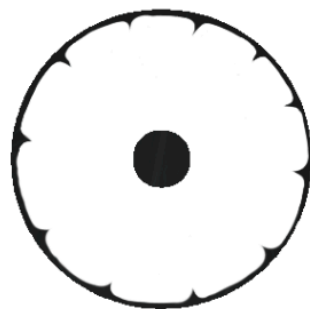
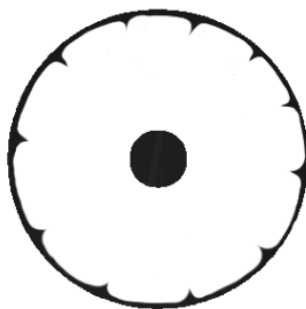
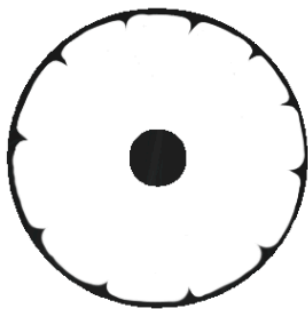
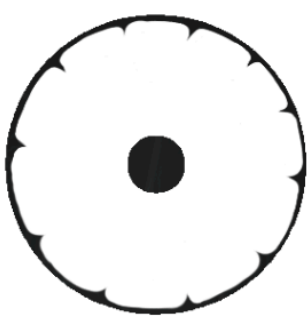
1. Print template on an A4 sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the outline of the car, the 4 individual wheels and the steering wheel.
3. (Optional) Draw your favourite thing to bring when travelling in the white space in the crate at the back of the Whirry Bang. Decorate the sides of the car to your liking.
4. Fold along the midline of the car.

5. Cut along the dotted lines, leaving a hole in the middle of the car.
6. Punch a hole through the middle of the wheels on each side.
7. Fold the middle of the crate at the back of the car down, creating some width to the car.
8. Fold the two flaps at the bottom of the car inwards and glue them together. At this point, this is what the Whirry Bang should look like:



9. Glue each of 4 wheels and the steering wheel to corrugated cardboard and cut the cardboard to match the size of the wheels.
10. Punch a hole through each of the 4 wheels with a toothpick. There is no need to punch a hole through the steering wheel.
11. Place the 4 wheels by the marked places at each side of the car.
12. Thread one toothpick per side through the wheels and the holes punched in the car.
13. Place small beads at each end of the toothpick and glue on to ensure that the toothpicks stay in place.
14. Glue on the steering wheel at the marked spot in the grey box.
- 15. Finished!¹**

¹ The design of this craft was inspired by krokotak.com's Moving Paper Cars.



Activity Guide – Turn Your Teddy Into Hamish

Hamish wears his Tartan hat everywhere that he goes. If you want to turn your Teddy into Hamish, a hat goes a long way!

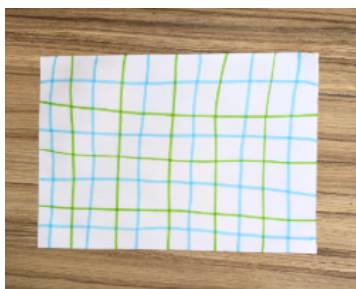
Simple Paper Hat:

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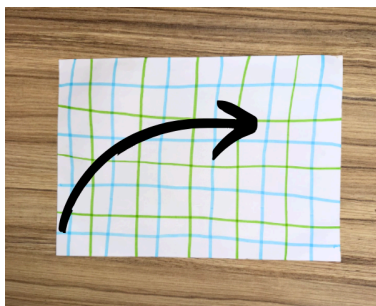
- Paper (A4 size works best, but any rectangular shaped paper can work)
 - Coloured paper or white paper is fine! Encourage the children to use their creativity to make their own tartan pattern.
- Markers

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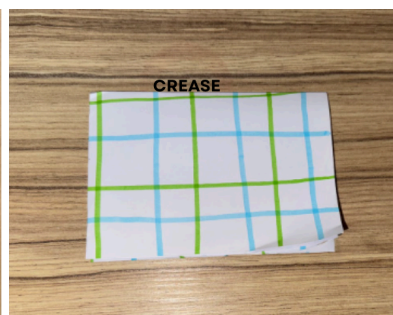
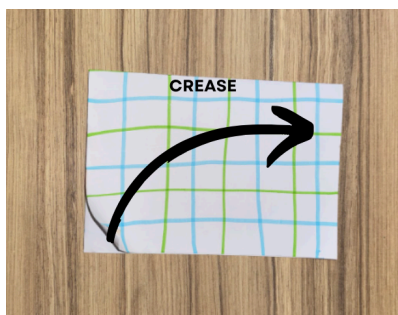
1. Make your Tartan! Pick your favourite colour marker and make a pattern of lines going both side-to-side and up-and-down. Then, pick another colour and make a repeat the pattern.



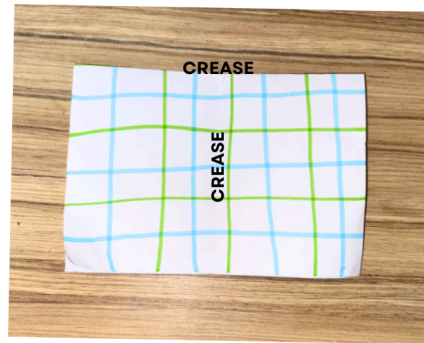
2. Make the first fold, short side to short side, and crease.



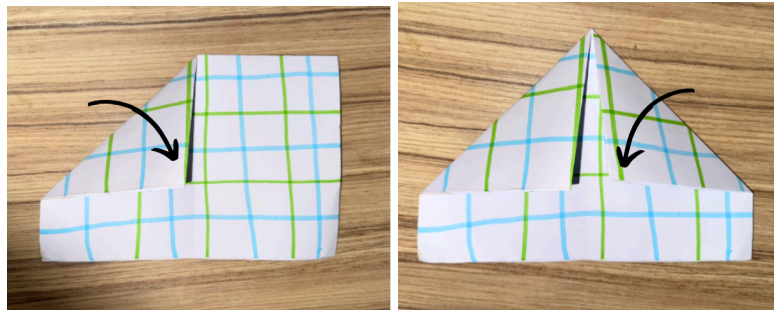
3. Make the second fold, short side to short side



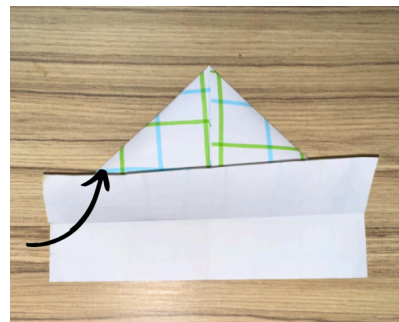
4. Unfold the second fold, but keep the first. The paper should now be folded just at the first fold, but with a crease running down the center. Make sure the open side is facing you!



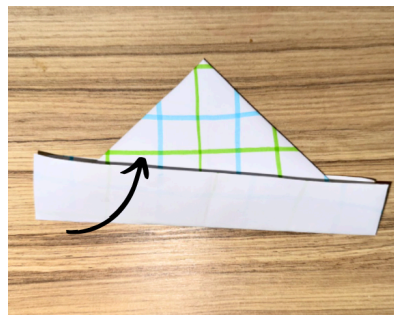
5. Fold the top corners down, making triangles that meet at the middle crease



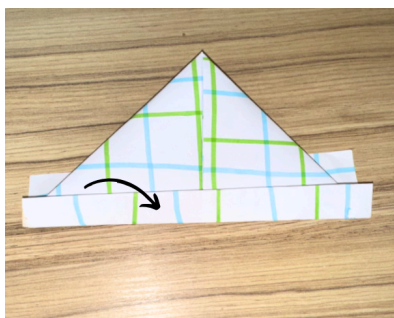
6. Fold the bottom edge up and over the bottom of the triangles to make the brim.



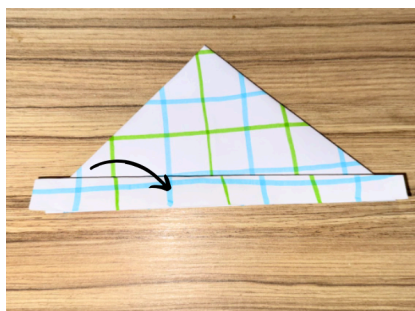
7. Flip the hat over, and repeat step 6.



8. Fold the edge of the brim down, so that the tartan pattern is showing



9. Flip the hat over, and copy step 8.



10. Done!



Fabric Hat

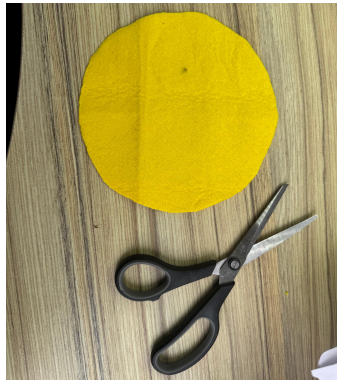
Materials:

- Measuring tape
- Fabric
- Washable or fabric markers
- Sewing needle
- Thread

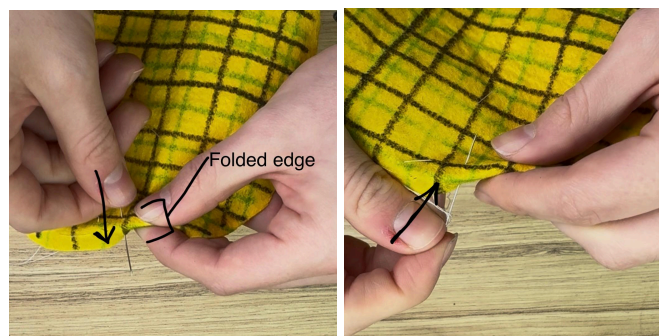
Instructions:

1. Measure your Teddy's head, then add 3 centimeters.
2. Cut a circle out of the fabric, using the measurement from above as the diameter (length across the circle)

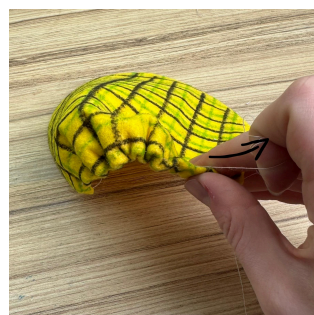
If you're using white or plain coloured fabric, design your tartan! To make a simple tartan pattern, use fabric or washable markers to make a series of lines going side-to-side and up-and-down in one colour, and then repeat in a second colour. Encourage children to be creative and pick their own colours and designs.



3. Thread a needle.
4. Fold the tartan side edge of the fabric down over the plain side, about 1.5 centimeters.
5. Sew a running stitch (in through the first side of the folded edge, then out through the second, then in through the second, out through the first, and repeat) through the folded edge of the fabric.



6. Every few stitches, gently pull the thread to begin gathering the fabric. This will be easier than trying to pull it all at the end!



7. Once your stitch goes all the way around the fabric, finish pulling the thread tight to gather the fabric and create a puffed up and rounded hat shape, and tie the thread off.



8. (Optional) Fill the rounded shape with cotton wool to puff it up



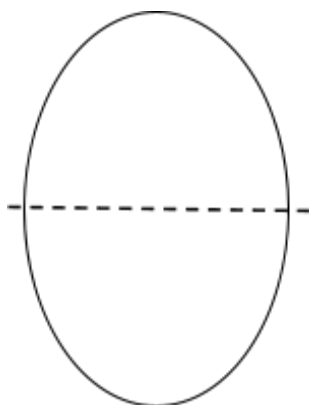
To make the tourie (pompom) for the top, make a yarn pompom

1. Cut a half-arms length of yarn and set it aside.
2. Wrap yarn around your tines of a fork (not too tightly!). The more yarn you wrap, the bigger your Pom Pom will be.
3. Tie the length of yarn around the bundle, knotting it tightly
4. Pull the bundle of yarn, now tied together at the center, off of the fork.
5. Cut all of the loops of the bundle, and trim them to a similar size
6. Fluff the pompom up, trimming any long pieces as needed.
7. Sew to the top of the hat

Nose and Eyes

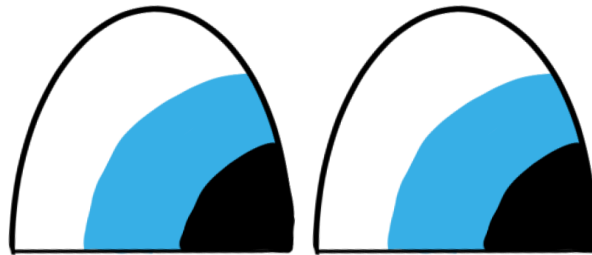
Hamish has a bright red nose and big, cartoony eyes! You can make them using felt (or whatever fabric is available)

1. Cut a circle out of red fabric for his nose.
2. Cut an oval out of white fabric.



3. Cut the oval in half, like so:
4. Option 1: Using fabric markers, draw in the iris and pupil of hamish eyes.
Option 2: Cut out blue fabric in the shape of Hamish's iris, and

then stitch to the white fabric. Cut another smaller version of the same shape out of black fabric, and stitch on top of the blue fabric. Repeat two times for two eyes.



5. Stitch the eye shapes to the Teddy, over its eyes and nose.



Refreshment Ideas

It's been twenty years since the first Hamish McHaggis book was published, and it's time to celebrate! Try these simple snack ideas for a *Hamish* themed spread.

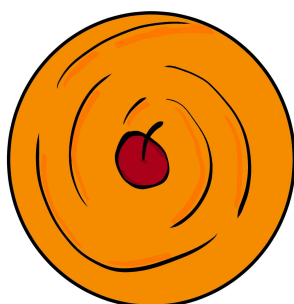
Sweets

Hamish Swirl Cupcake

From Side:



From Top:

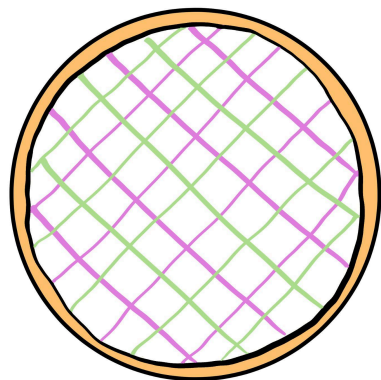


Directions

- Get cupcakes! Store bought or home baked is fine, and any flavour works!
- Get Icing! Again, store bought or home made is fine!
- Colour the icing orange using your preferred food colouring.
- Using a piping bag, make a swirl of orange icing on the top of the cupcake.
- Top off the swirl with a cherry, raspberry, strawberry, or red sweet.
- To make it look even more like Hamish, you could add chocolate buttons or chips for eyes.

Hamish's Hat Tartan Iced Biscuit

From Top:



Directions

- Keeping some icing white, dye one portion of the icing light purple, and one portion light green.
- Spread white icing over the top of the biscuit.
- Using a piping bag, copy the lines of Hamish's Hat Tartan.

Savoury Snacks

A common theme of the *Hamish McHaggis* books is that Hamish and his friends love to enjoy a picnic at the end of their adventures. Even their car—the Whirry Bang—is made of a picnic basket! If you're looking for Hamish-themed snacks, a picnic spread is the perfect choice.

You can include easy snack foods such as:

- Washed and cut fruits, such as:
 - Apples
 - Grapes
 - Orange slices
 - Melon slices
 - Berries
- Washed and cut raw veggies, such as
 - Carrots
 - Cucumbers
 - Celery
- Crackers, oatcakes, or biscuits
- Cheeses
- Mini sausage rolls
- Sandwiches