

### MAKE YOUR OWN:

## *pretty polly*

Our whole family has fallen in love with pretty polly – even Sunday (our springer spaniel) who keeps trying to pull the colourful feathers out! This activity is great fun to do but make sure you keep an eye out for those skewers.

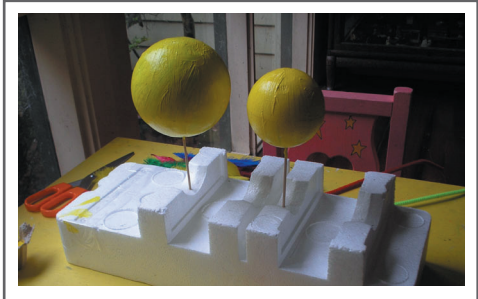
### YOU WILL NEED:

- one large and one medium-sized foam ball
- some colourful feathers
- acrylic paint and paintbrush
- one pipe cleaner
- googly eyes or buttons
- kids pvc glue
- two wooden skewers
- a chunk of polystyrene packaging

### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Stick a wooden skewer into each of the balls and then poke the other end into a chunk of polystyrene. Once they're stable, paint the balls with acrylic paint.
- 2 Once the paint is dry, cut one of the wooden skewers into small stakes, about two inches in length. Use two of these stakes to attach the head to the body. Use a folded pipecleaner to form a parrot beak and insert ends into the head. Then add googly eyes – if you don't have any you can use buttons.
- 3 Use the other wooden skewer to poke holes (about half an inch deep) into the body and insert feathers into each of the holes. Older kids will be able to use the skewer and the feathers, younger ones will have to settle for the feathers. To finish off, form some feet from pipecleaners and stick into the body.
- 4 Sit polly on a friendly shoulder and offer plenty of crackers!

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