



**Craft**  
**Ages 3–5**  
**20 minutes**

## Soccer Finger Puppets

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### Description

Create your own soccer player finger puppet and then use your fingers to flick a ball towards a net

### Space Considerations

Any type of space where kids can be seated to do a craft

### Competencies

- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination

### Materials

- Paper for printing soccer net template
- Card stock or cardboard for finger puppet template
- Pompoms, ping pong balls or small bouncy balls
- Crayons, pencil crayons or markers
- Stickers, glitter and other decorative items (optional)
- Scissors (adult use only)
- Pen (optional, for tracing finger puppet)
- One-hole punch (optional)

### Preparation

- Print the finger puppets on cardstock paper (or trace the finger puppets onto cardboard) and pre-cut the puppets for participants
- To cut the two holes for the fingers, a one-hole punch may be useful for getting the holes started
- You may consider allowing parents/caregivers to cut out the finger puppet for each participant
- Print and cut out the soccer net templates (card stock preferred)

## **Implementation**

1. Distribute the pre-cut finger puppets, one per participant. (You may consider providing a parent/caregiver with their own finger puppet so they can play with the child.)
2. Encourage participants to colour and decorate their finger puppet as desired, both front and back.
3. Distribute the soccer net templates and have participants fold their nets.
4. Once fully decorated, participants stick their index and middle fingers through the holes on their finger puppets, to serve as the puppet's legs.
5. Participants use their fingers to kick the ball (pompom, ping pong ball, small bouncy ball or other similar object).
6. If desired, participants can pair up and play against another participant, or against their parent/caregiver.
7. The object of the game is to use your finger to "kick" the ball (or pompom) into the other player's net!

## **Accessibility Considerations**

- Participants with limited finger dexterity can be provided with glue or tape to affix popsicle sticks to the finger puppet, and instead use the popsicle sticks to "kick" the ball
- Offer pre-cut options for the finger puppets and the soccer nets, and assist with the folding of the nets as needed
- Offer easy-grip scissors

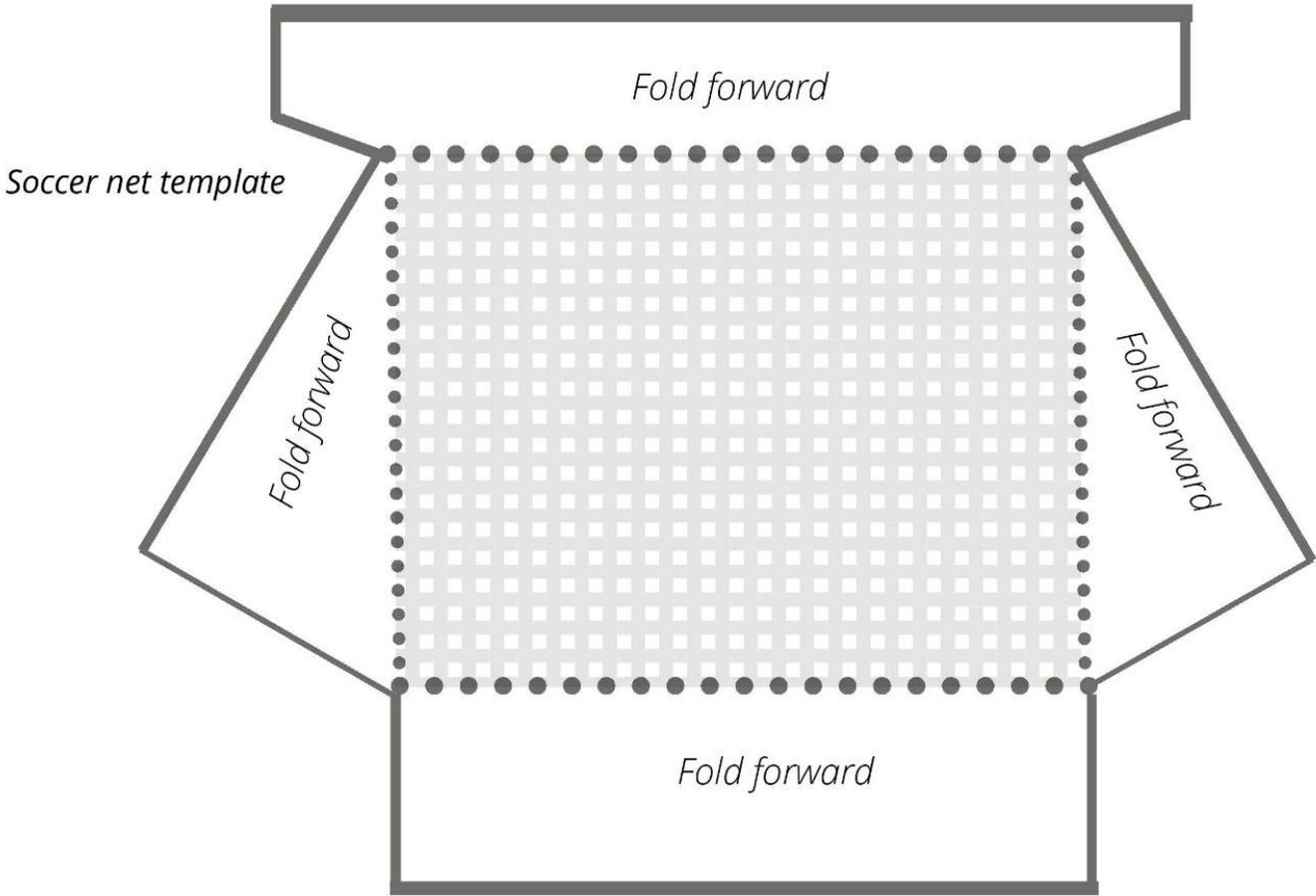
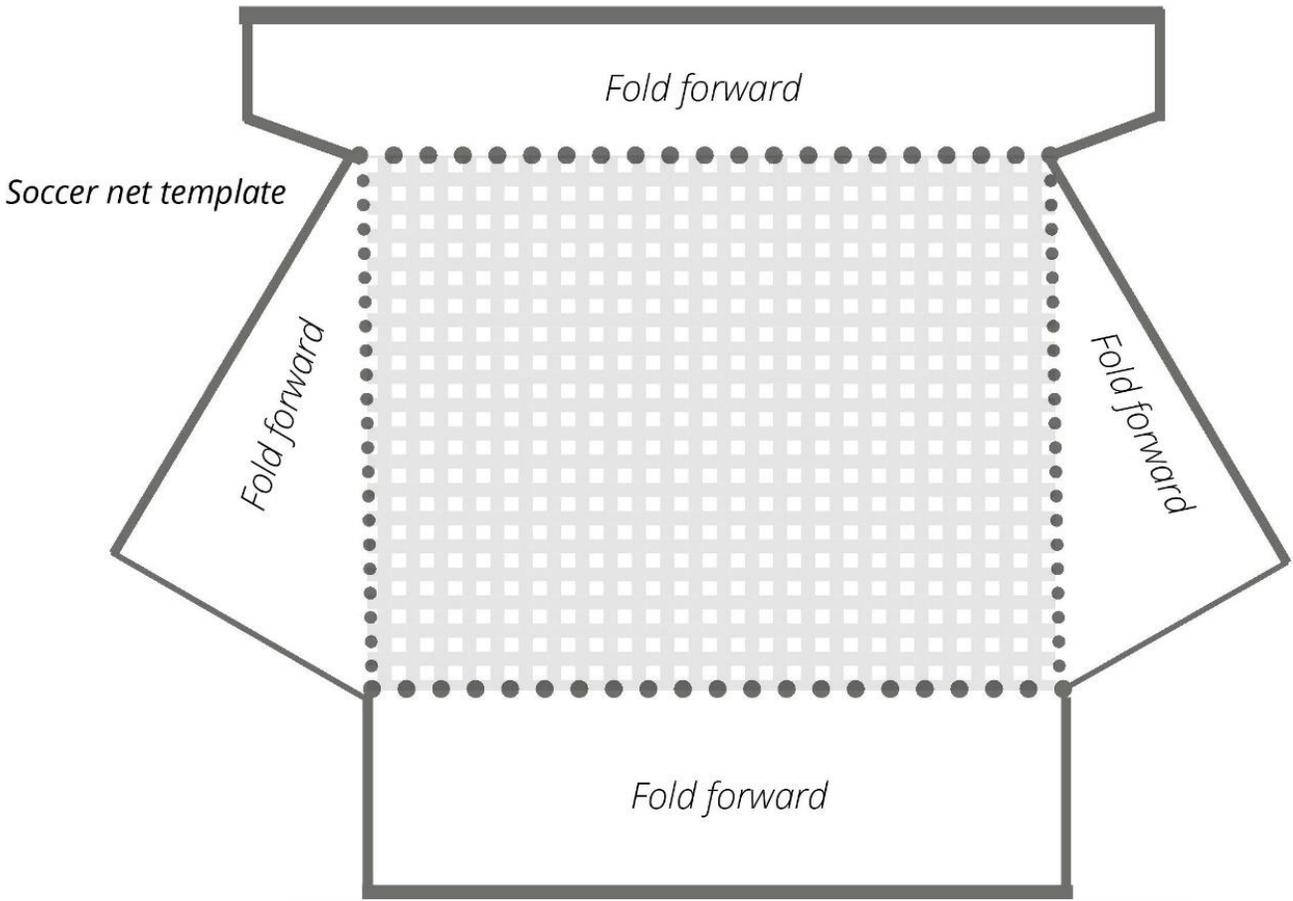
## **Book Suggestions**

*Karate Kakapo* by Loredana Cunti

*The Day Dad Joined My Soccer Team* by Maureen Fergus

*Teamwork* by Robert Munsch

## **Templates and Images**



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