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75 years in 2020!



HOW TO HOST
YOUR OWN

Pippi

LONGSTOCKING

PARTY!



WELCOME TO THE PIPPI LONGSTOCKING PARTY GUIDE!



Or to be correct, the first book about Pippi turns 75—she herself will always be nine years old.

The book *Pippi Longstocking* was published in the autumn of 1945. From a world devastated by war, Astrid Lindgren wrote about a completely new type of girl character. A strong, kind, curious, anti-authoritarian, and playful girl who makes extraordinary things happen.

With her mismatched stockings, carrot-coloured hair and freckly face, not to mention super-human strength and resilience, Pippi Longstocking has become a cultural icon.

In this pack you'll find ideas for invites, decorations, food, games, dressing up and more—to' make a Pippi party that will go with a bang!

Don't forget to share pictures of your party and preparations using the hashtag **#Pippi75Party**

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MEET THE CHARACTERS

Tommy

Tommy is Pippi's friend. He lives in the house next door.



Pippi

Every day is an adventure when Pippi Longstocking is around!



Mr Nilsson

Mr Nilsson is Pippi's monkey. He was a present from her father.



Pippi's horse

Pippi is so strong, she can lift her horse over her head!



Annika

Annika is Tommy's sister. Together they share many of Pippi's adventures.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW PIPPI LONGSTOCKING?

Take our Pippi quiz

1. What is Pippi's full name? *Clue: she has four middle names!* _____

2. Where does Pippi live? _____

3. How does Pippi clean her kitchen floor? _____

4. What's unusual about how Pippi sleeps? _____

5. How many somersaults can Pippi do in a row? _____

6. What fruit does Pippi like to eat, hanging upside down from a tree?



Answers:
1. Pippi's full name is Pippilotta Victoriana Tea-cosy Applemint Ephraim's-daughter Longstocking.
2. Pippi lives in Villa Villekulla—she lives there all alone with her horse and her monkey.
3. Pippi straps brushes onto her feet and pours a whole bucket of water onto the floor. Then she skates on the brushes to clean.
4. When Pippi sleeps, she always puts her feet on the pillow and her head under the covers.
5. Pippi can do 43 somersaults in a row!
6. Pippi can climb up a ladder backwards and eat pears hanging upside down in a tree.

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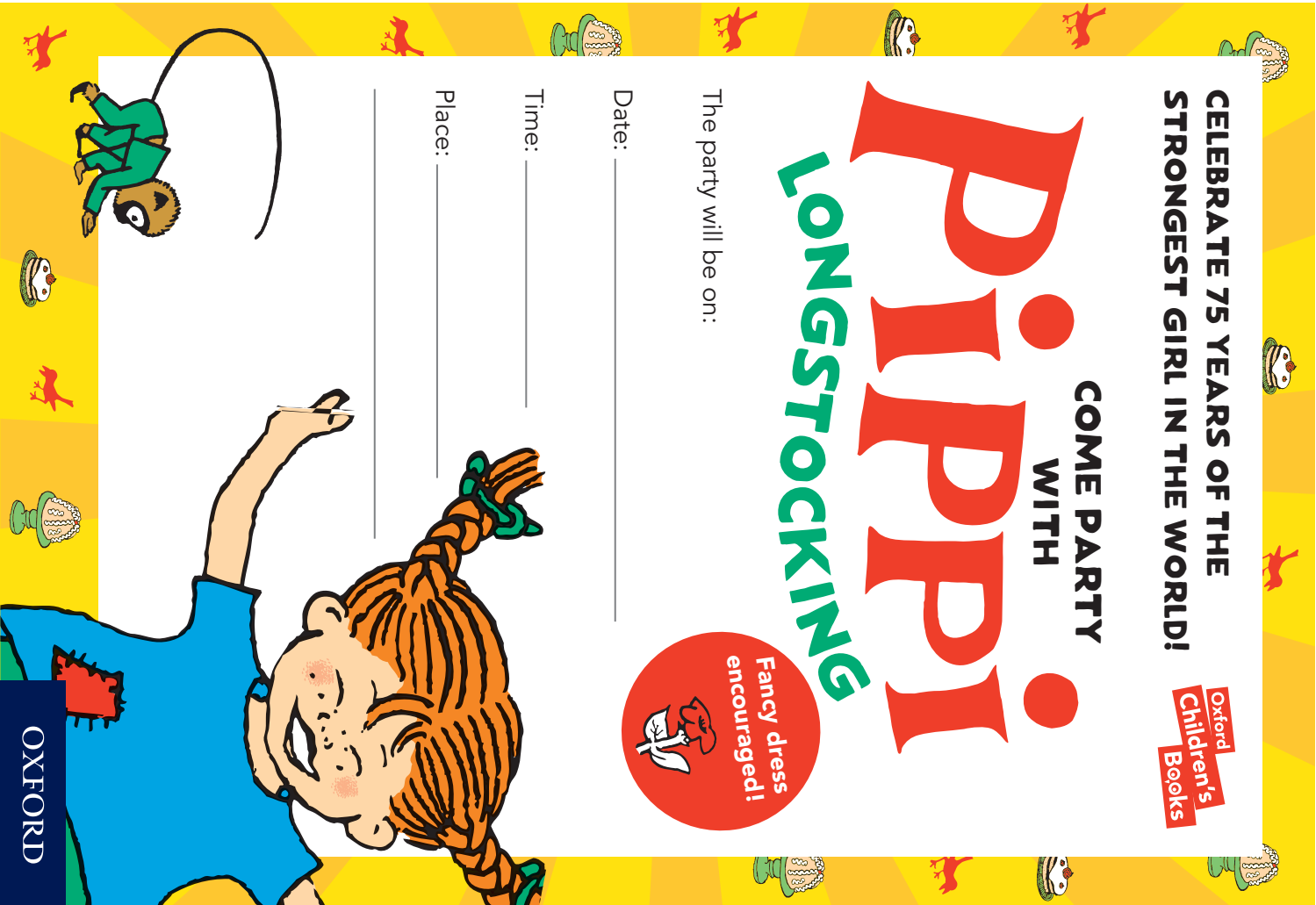
COME PARTY WITH Pippi LONGSTOCKING

The party will be on:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____



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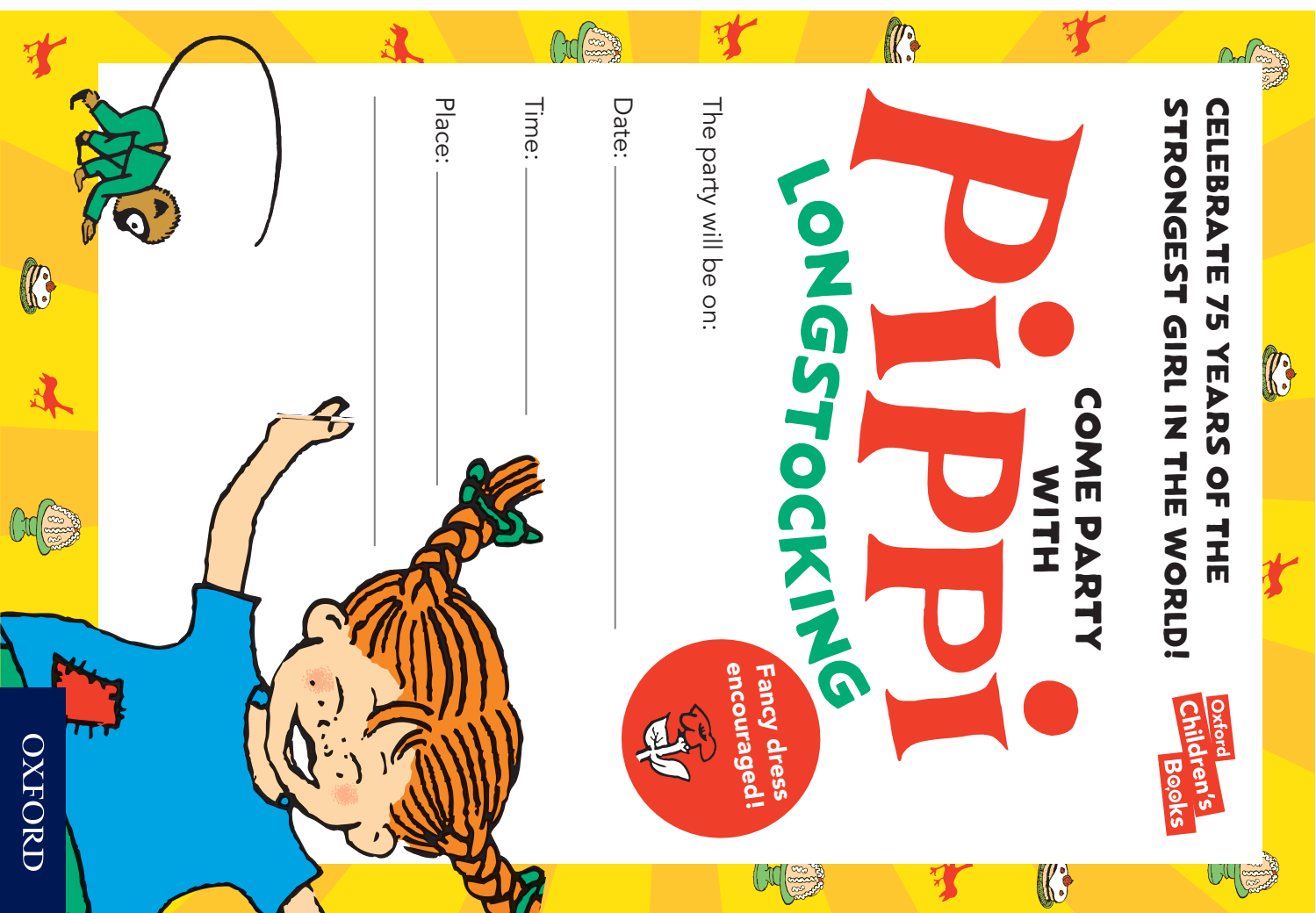
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MAKE YOUR OWN

Pippi

LONGSTOCKING

BUNTING

You will need:

- Five colour copies of this page for every 2 metres of bunting
- String or ribbon
- Glue or tape

Instructions:

1. Print out your colour copies and cut out each individual bunting diamond.
2. Fold the diamond in half to make a double-sided triangle.
3. Place this over your bunting string or ribbon, leaving a 3cm gap between each one.
4. Glue or tape the bottom together so they are held in place.
5. Remember to leave some spare ribbon at the ends to hang the bunting.



DRESS UP AS **Pippi**! LONGSTOCKING

“On her long, thin legs she wore a pair of long stockings, one brown and the other black, and she was also wearing a pair of black shoes that were precisely twice as long as her feet.”

From the *Pippi Longstocking* chapter *Pippi Moves in to Villa Villekulla*



To complete this outfit, you will need:

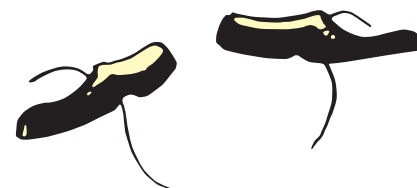
- A blue dress
- 3 square pieces of red felt
- White socks
- Scissors
- Black fabric paint or normal black paint
- Masking tape
- Paintbrush
- Black pen—a sharpie would be good for this
- Double-sided tape or glue
- Print-outs of the pocket and collar templates

Don't forget
to add Pippi's
freckles!



And for the hair:

- Orange t-shirt
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 2 orange pipe cleaners



INSTRUCTIONS

1 MAKE THE RED POCKETS AND RED COLLAR.

- Cut out the pocket and collar templates and draw around them onto red felt (or an old red t-shirt or red paper).
- Cut out the shapes and attach them to your blue dress with double-sided tape or glue.
- If you don't have a blue dress, you could always dye an oversized white t-shirt and cut down.



2 DRAW ON SOME 'STITCHES' WITH A BLACK PEN AROUND THE POCKETS AND COLLARS.

3 MAKE SOME STRIPY LONGSTOCKINGS.

- Take the masking tape and stick it in circles around your white socks, one with thicker stripes than the other
- Paint the parts that are still showing with black paint, and leave to dry.
- When the socks are dry, unpeel the masking tape.

Alternatively, if you have them, just put on some stripy socks!



FOR THE HAIR

1 CUT ACROSS YOUR ORANGE T-SHIRT JUST UNDER THE SLEEVES.

- Draw a pencil line first if that helps.
- You will be left with a wide tube of fabric.
- Save the top of the t-shirt, which you'll need later.



2 CUT ALONG ONE OF THE SEAMS OF THE T-SHIRT TUBE.

- You'll be left with one long strip of fabric.

3 NOW PLACE THE FABRIC ON YOUR CHILD'S HEAD SO THE SEAM IS APPROXIMATELY OVER THE TOP OF WHERE THEIR HAIR PARTING WOULD BE.

- With the fabric on your child's head, mark vertical lines where you'll need to cut Pippi's fringe.
- Then take the fabric off their head and cut along the lines to make the fringe.

4 RETURN TO THE TOP SECTION OF THE T-SHIRT (THE BIT YOU CUT OFF EARLIER).

- Cut the edges of the t-shirt sleeves off.
- You will be left with two rings of fabric.
- Cut these in half so you have two long pieces of t-shirt fabric to use as ties.



5 PLACE THE BIG PIECE OF FABRIC OVER YOUR CHILD'S HEAD WITH THE FRINGE IN PLACE.

- Use the ties to gather a bunch either side of their head.
- Cut the bunches into three pieces.

5 PLAIT THE BUNCHES.

- Push a pipe cleaner through each plait and bend to make Pippi's upturned plaits!



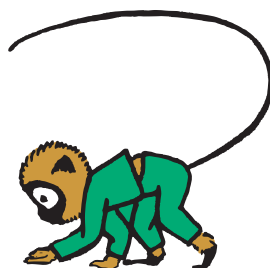
DRESS UP AS MR NILSSON THE MONKEY!

“What especially amazed Tommy and Annika was the monkey sitting on the new girl’s shoulder. It was a little squirrel monkey, dressed in blue trousers, a yellow jacket and a white straw hat.”

From the *Pippi Longstocking* chapter *Pippi Moves in to Villa Villekulla*

To complete this outfit, you will need:

- Brown card and white card
- Pink felt-tip pen
- Black pen
- Scissors
- 20cm length of black elastic
- Pipe cleaners
- Parcel tape
- Optional white hat and some black tights wrapped round



INSTRUCTIONS

I MAKE A MONKEY MASK.

- Cut out the mask template.
- Draw around the template onto brown card and cut this out.
- Cut out the ear templates and, with a felt tip pen, colour them pink.
- Punch a hole on each side of the mask, tie a length of elastic and thread through the holes.



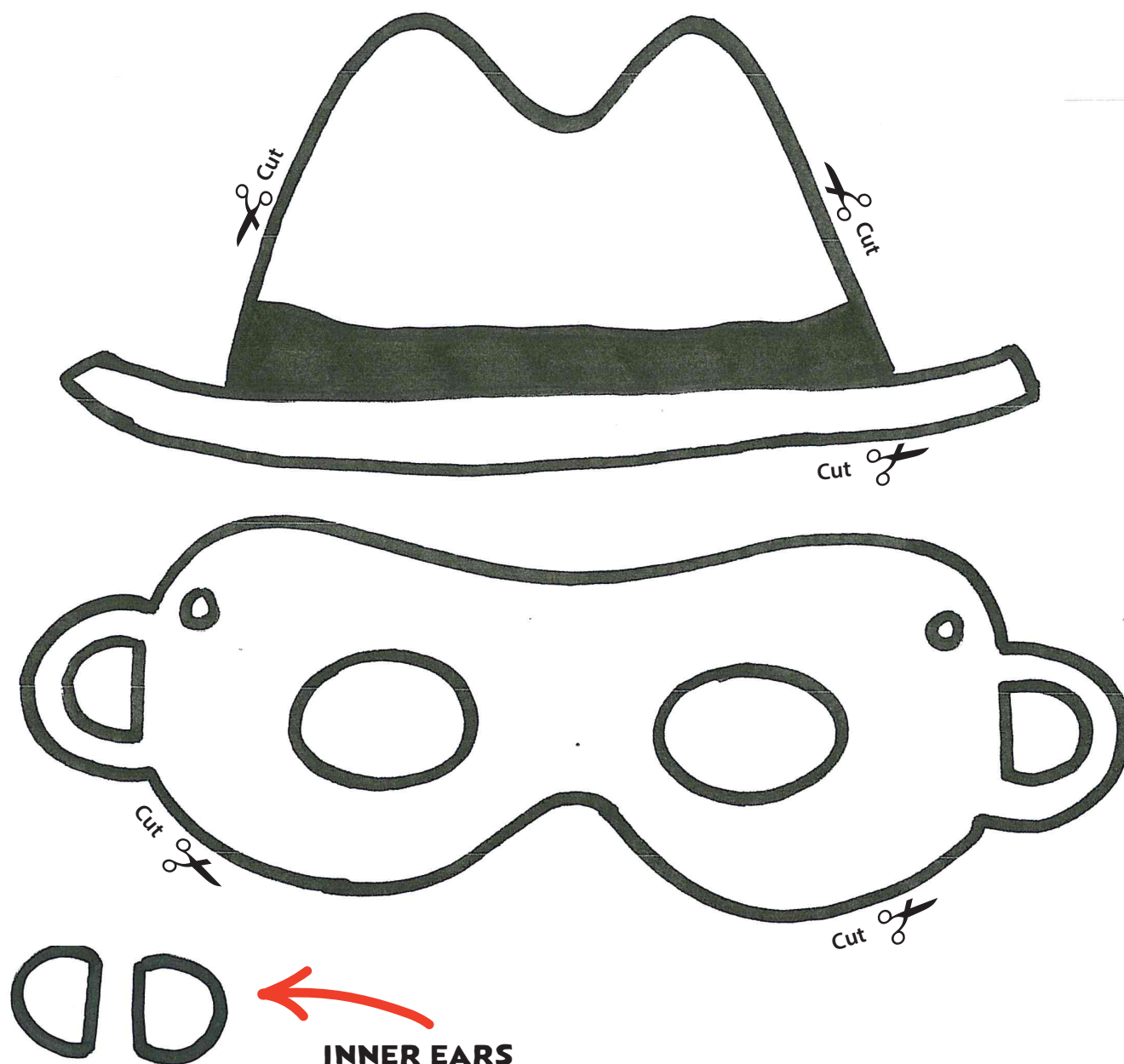
Option 1: If there is a real hat you can borrow

Take a white hat and tie around some black tights to make a sash for the hat.

Option 2: Include the hat as part of the mask.

Cut out the hat template. Draw around this onto white card, and then cut the hat out. Attach to the top of the monkey mask with double-sided tape or glue.





2 CREATE MR NILSSON'S CLOTHES.

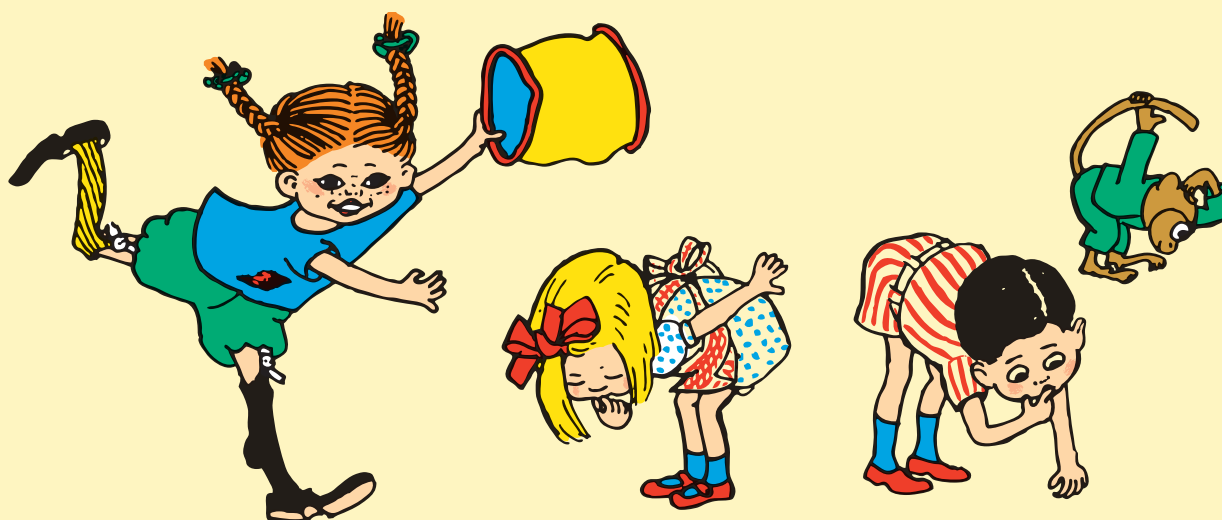
- For Mr. Nilsson's jacket, cut a yellow t-shirt vertically down the front to make an open shirt.
- Wear this over the top of a brown t-shirt and some jeans or blue trousers.
- Wear flip flops or summer sandals.



4 MAKE A MONKEY TAIL.

- Wind two pipe cleaners around each other.
- Wrap some parcel tape around the pipe cleaners.
- Hook this over the trousers or safety pin in place.
- Alternatively you could try stuffing an old pair of tights with paper for a more bulbous tail.

CREATE A THING-FINDER TREASURE HUNT



“ ‘I’m a thing-finder,’ says Pippi one day to Tommy and Annika
‘A thing-finder, what’s that?’ asks Tommy
“A person who finds things,” says Pippi ”

From the Pippi Longstocking chapter *Pippi is a Thing-Finder and Gets into a Fight*

Create your own thing-finder treasure hunt by hiding Pippi items around the party venue and leaving clues to get the children to search and find them.

YOU WILL NEED:

- A metal can
- A cotton reel
- A notebook
- A pen
- A children’s necklace

Or print out the images on the next page and hide those for the children to find instead!

EXAMPLE CLUES:

I have four legs but no feet.
When you get tired, have a seat.
[A chair]

Open me up and take a peek,
inside you will find a chilly treat.
[The fridge]

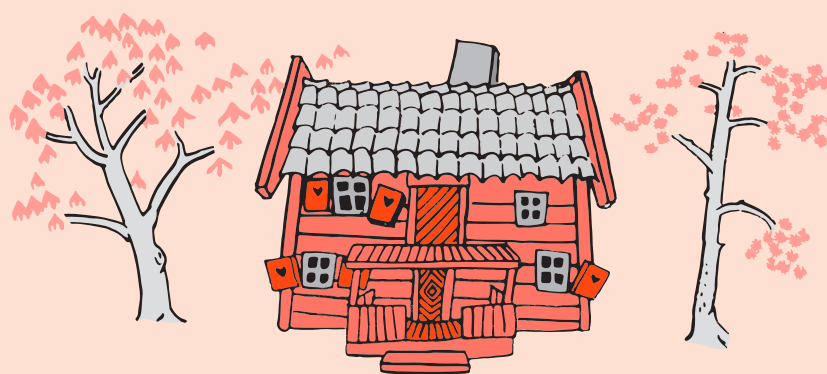
THINGS TO FIND

INSTRUCTIONS:

Print out this page and stick it onto cardboard. Cut out each picture and hide around the venue before the children arrive.



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VILLA VILLEKULLA



MR NILSSON



**TOMMY AND
ANNIKA**

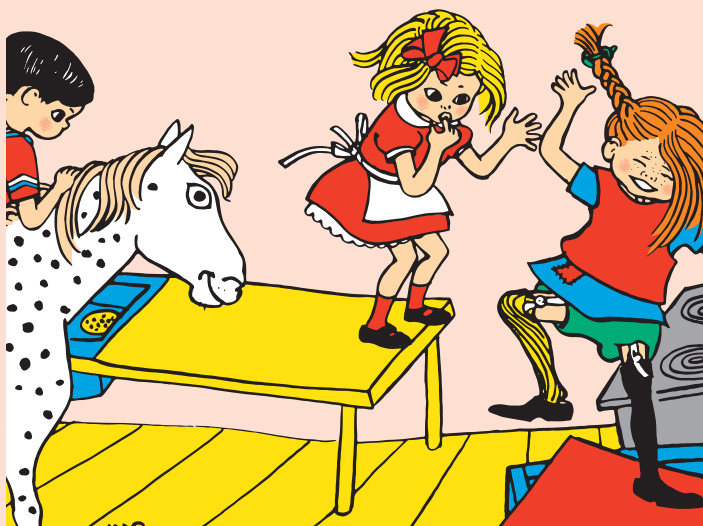


PIPPI AND HER HORSE

DON'T TOUCH THE FLOOR

“Then it was time for games. Pippi suggested they play one called *Don't Touch the Floor*. It was very simple. All they had to do was make their way round the kitchen without putting a single foot on the floor.”

From the Pippi Longstocking chapter Pippi Celebrates Her Birthday



You probably won't be popular if you leap round your kitchen and on to the draining board, so here's another version of this game!

It works best in the garden or a large room or hall.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Clear the space as much as possible
- Then put some 'islands' on the floor, so that they follow some kind of natural course—or number them. You can use cushions, mats, duvets, and airbeds; chairs and rows of chairs; boxes or chests
- The children have to go round the room without touching the floor, by jumping from island to island
- You'll need to test this one out beforehand, and you may need to tweak things according to the size of the child each time
- Whoever falls to the floor the least number of times is the winner

OTHER GAMES

LONGSTOCKINGS!

- For each child, put at least six socks in a basket
- Have the children sit in a circle
- Find some fun music or a song to play
- When the music starts get the children try to put on as many socks as possible, one over the other
- When the music stops, the one with the most socks on wins

PIN THE TAIL ON THE MONKEY

- Get a large piece of card and draw a picture of Mr Nilsson, with his blue trousers, yellow jacket, and straw hat—but without his tail!
- Make a separate tail
- Blindfold each child in turn and get them to try and fix Mr Nilsson's tail in the right place, using blutack
- The one who gets it right—or most nearly right—is the winner

**'NO, BUT IT'S MY BIRTHDAY, ISN'T IT?
THAT MEANS I CAN GIVE YOU
BIRTHDAY PRESENTS.'**

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MAKE YOUR OWN PEPPARKAKOR

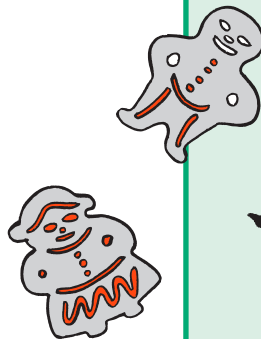
These thin ginger-spiced biscuits are traditional in Sweden—particularly at Christmas time.

Bake them for your Pippi Longstocking Party with this simple recipe.

INGREDIENTS:

(Makes around 75 pepparkakor)

- 75g butter
- 125g soft light-brown sugar
- 25g golden syrup
- 10g treacle
- ½ tbsp ground ginger
- ½ tbsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp of ground cardamom
- ½ tsp ground cloves
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 50ml water
- 225g plain flour



METHOD:

1. Mix the butter, sugar, syrup, and treacle in a saucepan. Heat gently until the butter melts, stirring continuously.
2. Add the spices and mix thoroughly. Add the bicarbonate of soda, water, and flour and stir thoroughly until it is completely mixed in.
3. Empty the mixture into a bowl. When cool, cover with cling film and then leave the dough to rest in the fridge (ideally overnight).
4. Preheat the oven to 200°C (400°F, gas mark 6, fan 180°C).
5. Knead the dough and then roll it out thinly on a lightly floured surface. Cut it into shapes using a biscuit cutter.
6. Transfer to a greased baking tray and bake for 5–8 minutes until golden brown. Keep an eye on them as they burn very easily, but they should be crisp.
7. Leave to cool on the baking sheets as they break easily when hot.
8. When cooled, decorate with icing and enjoy!

MAKE YOUR OWN PIPPI PANCAKES!

Follow along with this recipe to create scrumptious pancakes, just like Pippi's!

**'MIXY-MIXY,
PANCAKE-IXY
BAKEY-BAKEY
PANCAKE-MAKEY
TAKE YOUR SEATY
PANCAKE EATY'**

PIPPI LONGSTOCKING

INGREDIENTS:

- 300ml milk
- 1 large egg
- 110g plain flour
- Pinch salt
- Butter or oil (for frying)



“ ‘Those were the best pancakes I’ve ever had’ says Tommy ”

From the *Pippi Longstocking* chapter
Pippi at Home



METHOD:

1. Put the flour and a pinch of salt in a large bowl, and make a hole (or well) in the middle.
2. Mix the egg and milk together in a jug, then pour into the well and whisk until smooth.
3. Set aside to rest for a while if you have time, or get cooking straight away!
4. Ask a grown up to help you put a frying pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper or a little butter.
5. Once the frying pan is hot, pour in the pancake batter and cook for 1 minute on each side until golden.
6. Serve with your favourite filling!

Why not share pictures of your fantastic pancakes with us, using the hashtag **#Pippi75Party**



You can find out more about Pippi Longstocking's 75th birthday celebrations at www.oxfordowl.com/pippi

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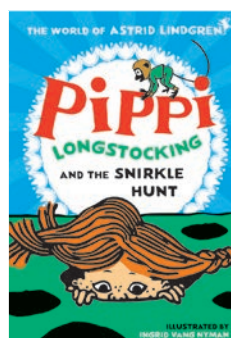


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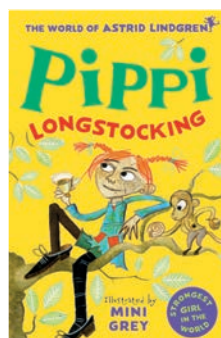
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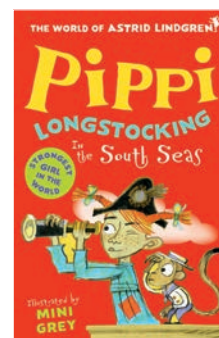
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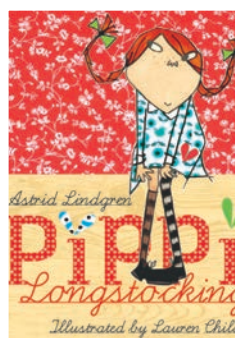
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