

Abundant Possibilities...

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Chook Squawker

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You will need:

- ♦ plastic disposable cups
- ♦ red and yellow felt pieces
- ♦ permanent markers
- ♦ polyester thread
- ♦ sewing needle
- ♦ small rectangles of household sponge
- ♦ PVA craft glue; scissors

What to do:

- ♦ Draw chicken face on cup.
- ♦ *Optional:* make a beak and wings from felt and glue on instead of drawing them.
- ♦ Cut out a comb from red felt and glue on top of cup.

Thread:

- ♦ Make two holes in the top of the cup with the needle, one on either side of the comb.
- ♦ Cut a long piece of polyester thread and thread the needle with it..
- ♦ With the needle, thread one end of the polyester thread through one of the holes from the top, under the plastic cup base and back up through the other hole.
- (See diagram)
- ♦ Tie one end to the rest of the thread so it fits loosely around the comb.
- ♦ Thread the other end back down through one hole and pull through so the knot is underneath the plastic cup.
- ♦ Remove the needle.
- ♦ Tie a small rectangle of household sponge to the bottom end of the thread.

To make the Chicken squawk:

- ♦ Dampen the sponge.
- ♦ Fold the damp sponge over the thread close to the cup and hold firmly with one hand.
- ♦ Hold the thread above the sponge with the other hand.
- ♦ Gently jerk the sponge down the thread.
- ♦ The chook will cluck, cackle or squawk depending on how it is done.

