

# LIVING IN THE PAST. TOYS

## Make your own Jumping Jack.

**Moving toys are amazing! And a favourite has to be Jumping Jacks. Also known as 'Dancing Puppets' or 'Pantins', Jumping Jacks have been around for thousands of years.**

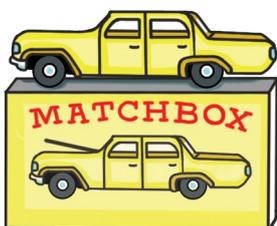
The earliest versions of this style of toy are thought to be from Egyptian times. However they were very popular in many different parts of the world in the past including France, Poland and India. In Victorian England children would buy them from toy shops and street sellers, but some children would make them themselves.

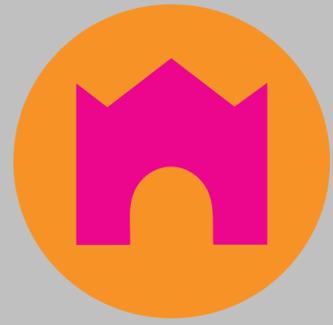
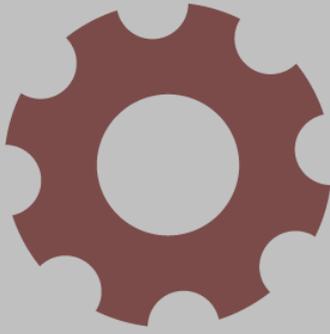
Inspired by the robot in Portland Basin Museums toy collection you will find a template that you can use to make your very own 'Jumping Jack' robot. If you would prefer you could adapt this template and make whatever style of Jumping Jack you would like.

**Resources needed: card, colouring pencils or felt tips, split pins, string and scissors.**

### How to do it:

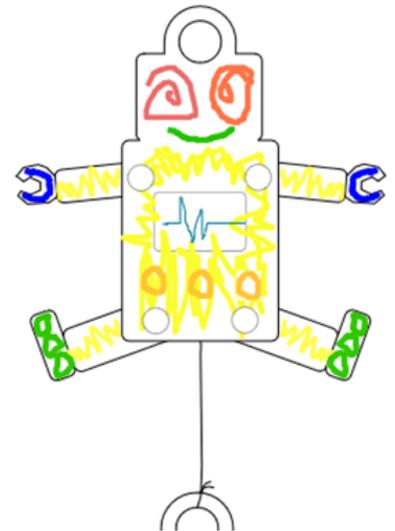
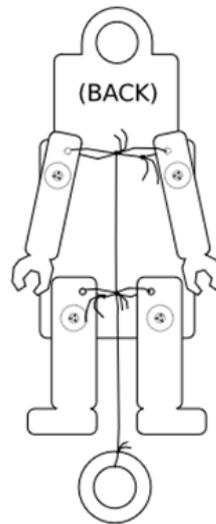
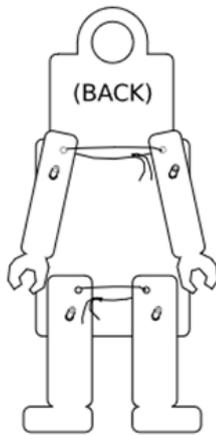
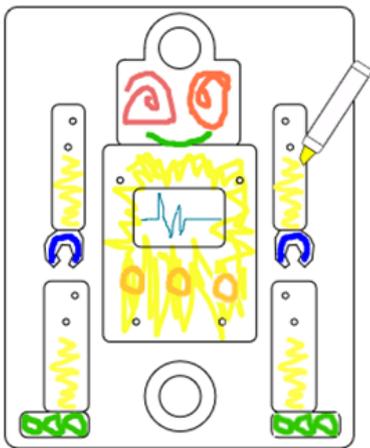
- \* Use the Jumping Jack template and decorate your robot. In the body of your robot 'Jumping Jack' you could draw buttons, spiny things and levers—the design is up to you.
- \* **Once you have finished your design cut the pieces out.**
- \* Using the holes marked out on the template connect the body and limbs with split pins. Now you've got a character with a head, arms and legs!



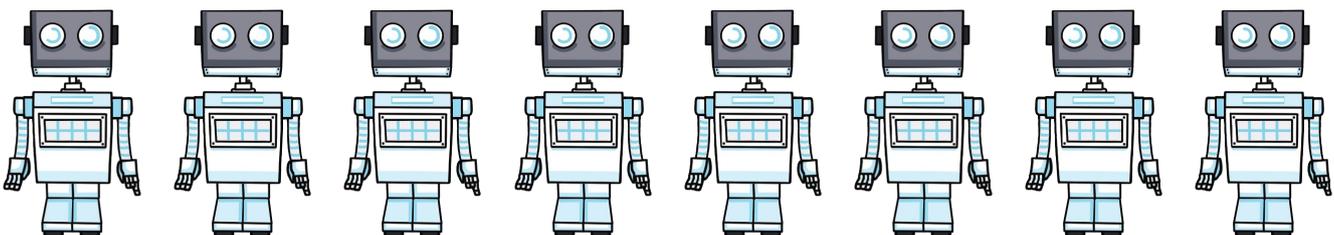


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- \* To make your Jumping Jack move, use a thick needle and thread, and string it through the cardboard just above each metal split pins. Make sure to connect the arms together and then the legs. \*TOP TIP you may need to ask an adult for help with the stringing together element.
- \* Now tie one long string to the string between the arms, and then tie it to the string between the legs, still leaving plenty of length.
- \* Tie a bead or the circle of card within the template to the end of the long string and pull it to make your Jumping Jack do a happy dance!



Robot 'Jumping Jack' template on the next page.



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