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Rumpelstiltskin – Create your own costume design



COSTUME DESIGN



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What you will need:

- Print out our Costume Design Template, you don't have to use our template if you have another idea for how you want to design your costume
- Pens, pencils, paint or anything else that will help you add colour to your design
- Chosen fabrics and other materials, useful materials may include lolly pop sticks (especially if you want to try and make your designs 3D), thread, wool, cotton wool (especially for sheep costumes), shredded paper, material from old clothes, towels or sheets (make sure to get permission first) get creative!
- Scissors, glue, tape

Steps:

- Read the synopsis below (or you can read the full story that can be found on our 'Making of Rumpelstiltskin page), choose a character from our Rumpelstiltskin. For example, the King, Queen, the sheep, one of the children who live and play in the village, the girl or Rumpelstiltskin.
- Once you have chosen a character have a think about who this character is and start to create your own version of this character, remember your character does not need to look like our version of the character. Think about:
What time period is your Rumpelstiltskin set?
- What is your character like? What are their interests? Do they have any hobbies?
- How does your character feel in the show, are they happy, sad, magical? How can the colours/materials in their costume reflect this?

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- What will your costume look like when it's being worn by your character?
Can it move in a certain way?
- Before beginning to make your costume, it might be useful to sketch out some ideas on paper first.
- You are now ready to start designing your costume. Use Costume Design Template to make a miniature design of your costumes, if you don't have specific materials can you write about and describe them around your design. If you have enough materials you can always make your costume to be worn by yourself or someone else you know!

SYNOPSIS

A King and Queen live in a splendid castle with gorgeous gardens. They had a son, but the Queen died and left the King grief-stricken. The King was heartbroken at his loss and resented his son, calling him an ugly little *Rumpelstiltskin*, and so the son grew up on his own playing in the fields and taking shelter with the sheep, with other children who liked him.

To distract the King from his loss people entertained him with tricks, but the King remained frozen in grief. A shepherd shouted that his daughter could spin gold from straw. Impressed, the King took the shepherd's daughter and demands that she spin the straw into gold by day break or else her father's flock will die. The frightened girl has no idea what to do until a man, *Rumpelstiltskin* offers to spin the gold in return for a ring necklace.

Delighted with the new gold, the King demands that the girl spin more and more gold, and again *Rumpelstiltskin* helps the girl in return for gifts until she has no more gifts to give. *Rumpelstiltskin* demands her first born child once she becomes Queen and dutifully spins gold.

Pleased with the gold, the King marries the girl and she becomes Queen and soon gives birth to her first child. *Rumpelstiltskin* returns to take the child, but the Queen pleads for him not to. He says that the Queen may keep the child, if she can guess his name in three days. He comes back three times to ask her what his name is.

In the mean-time a messenger inadvertently discovers the man dancing round his fire in the woods singing his name. The messenger rushes home to tell the Queen, who was beyond joy. On revealing that she knows *Rumpelstiltskin*'s name, the man fills the room with gold and reveals his true identity as the Prince.

The King, who's grief is healed, dies peacefully, and the Queen and *Rumpelstiltskin* marry with great ceremony and celebration.

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