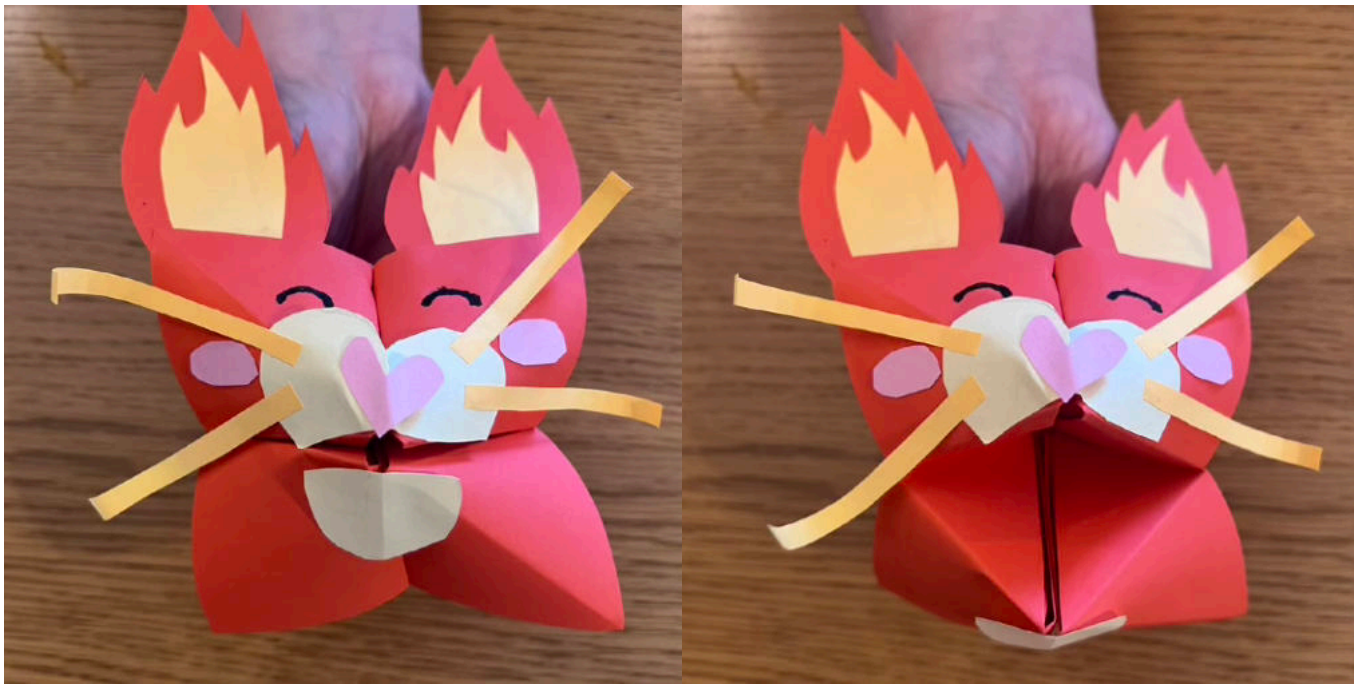
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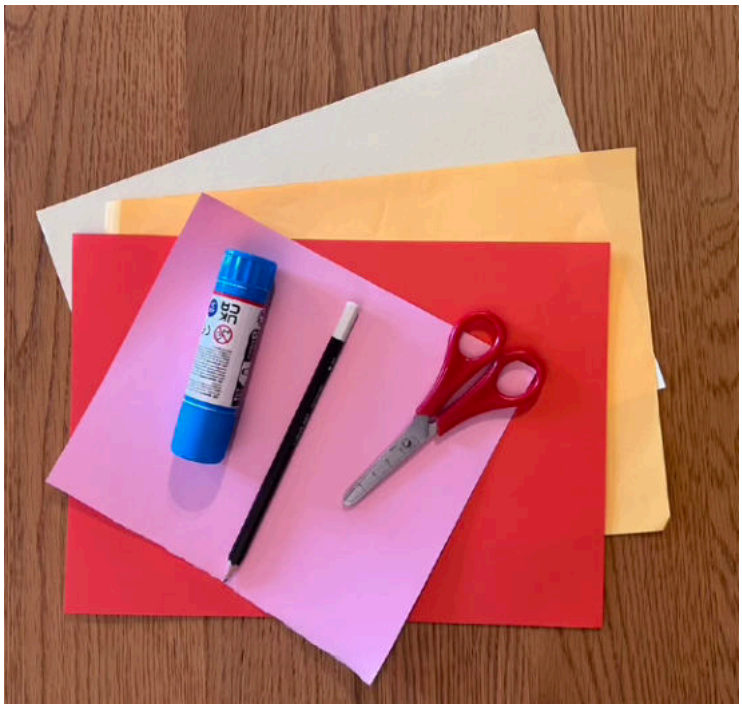
Squirrel Chatterbox



Red Squirrel Appreciation Day falls on 21st January annually and it is a day to celebrate not only the beauty of the Red Squirrel but also highlight awareness around conservation of these creatures. Inspired by this we created these paper puppets using “chatterboxes”

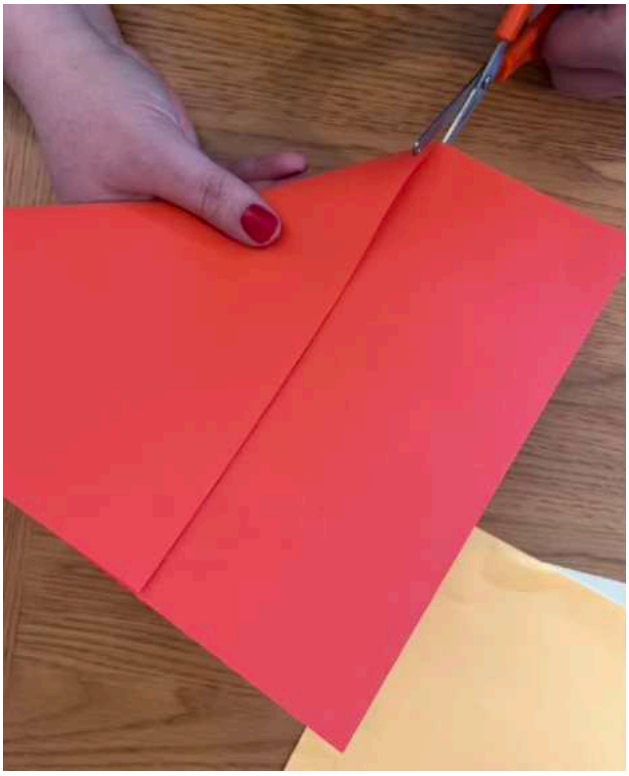
Tools and Materials:

- Coloured Paper
- Pencil
- Glue Stick
- Scissors

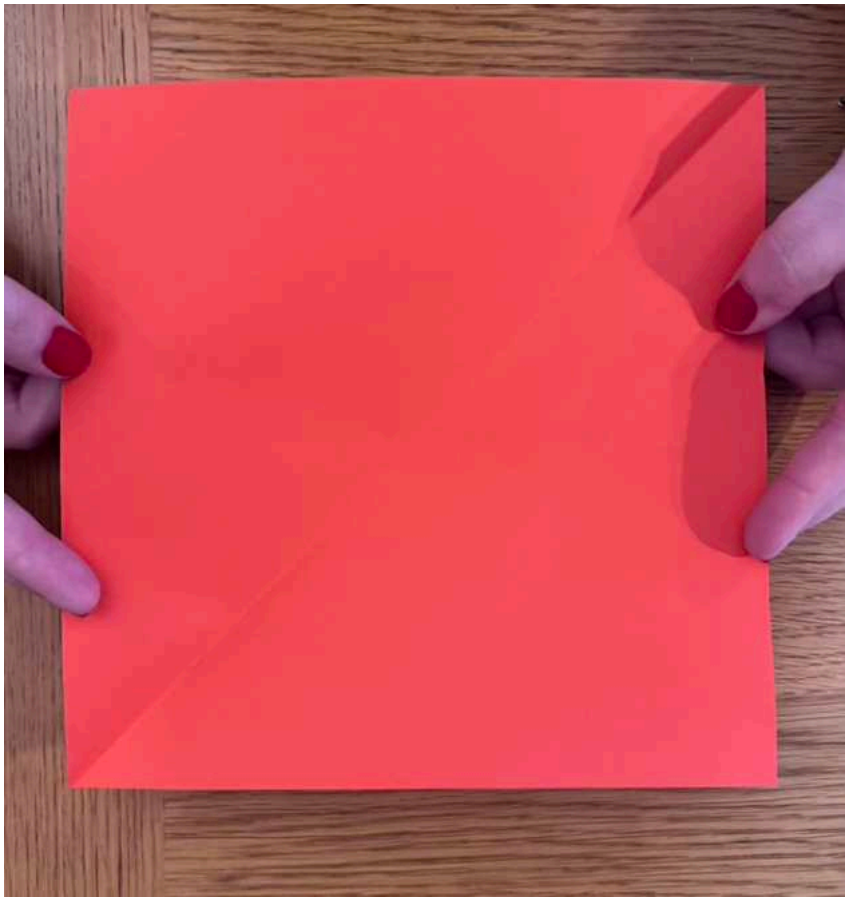


We started off with A4 paper for the base of our squirrels so you need to square the paper. You can do this by folding over a corner to the other side like so - which leaves a spare rectangle which you need to cut off

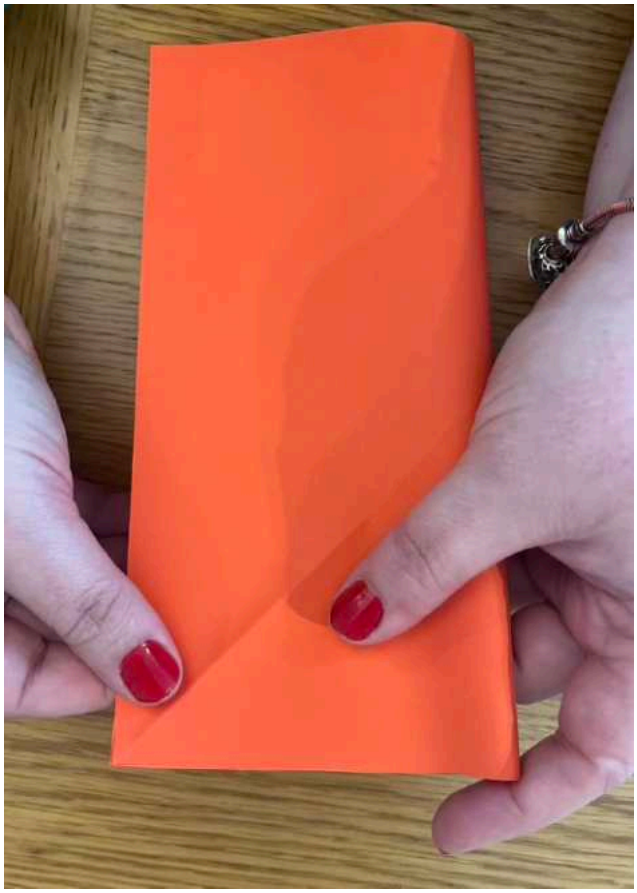


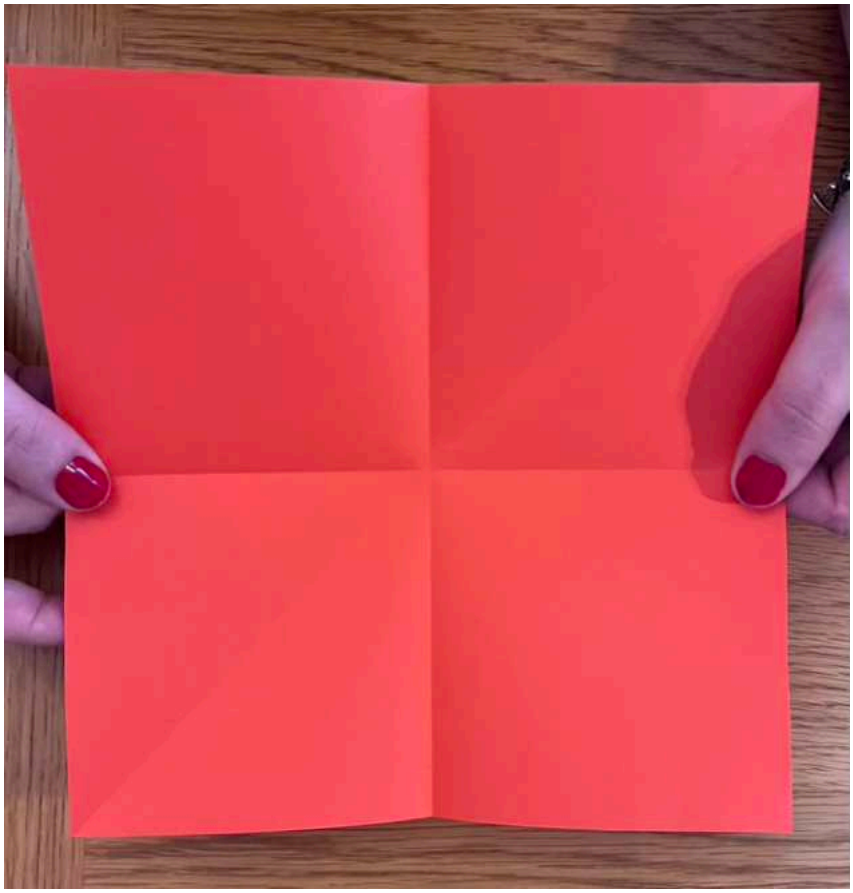


It ends up looking like this when you open it back up



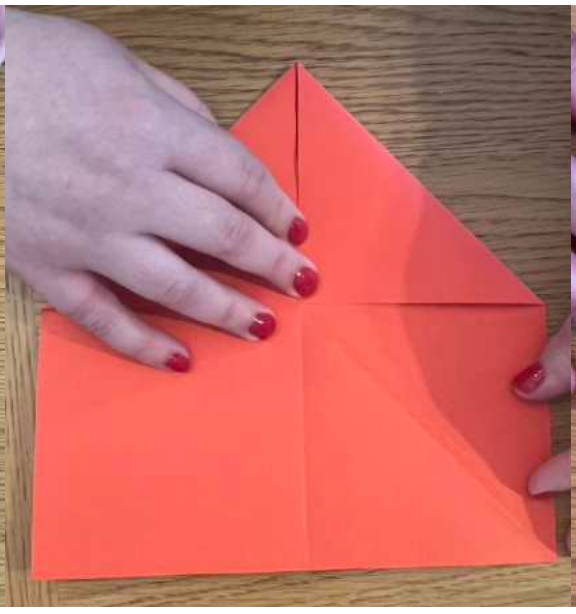
Once your square is opened back up you need to fold it in half both ways - like so, fold then open then fold the other way so you end up with an X plus the diagonal line too

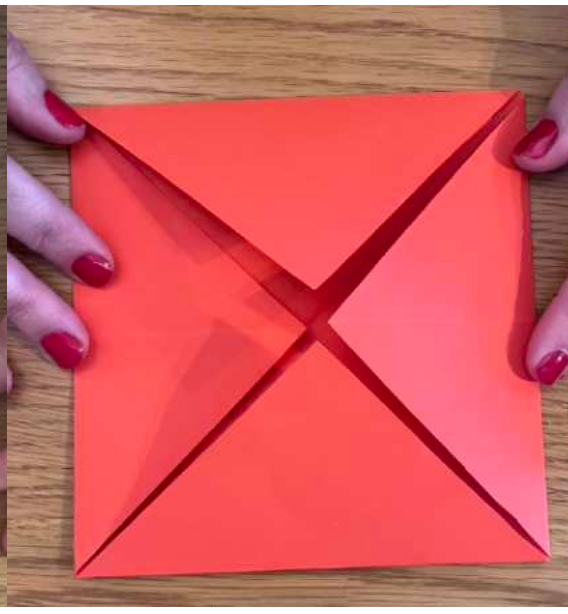




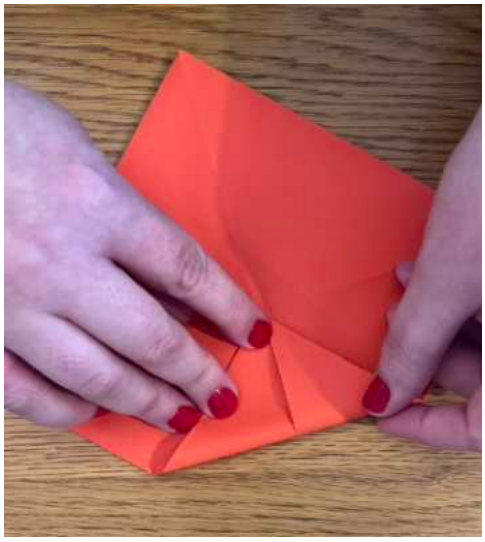
Once you've done that then one by one fold each corner into the middle point like so

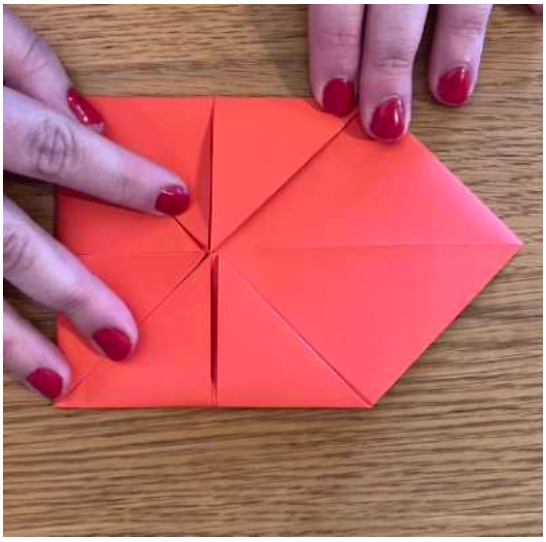




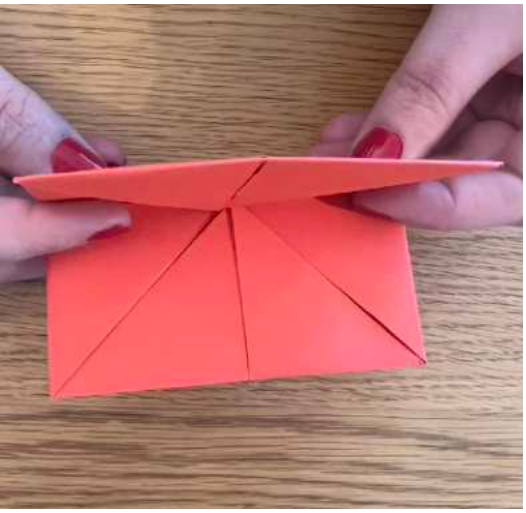


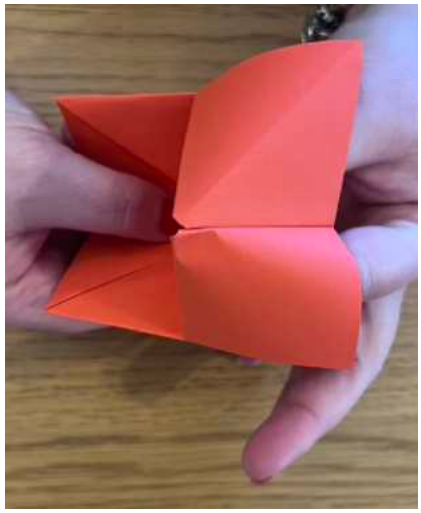
When you've done that then you can repeat the process, it should look like this

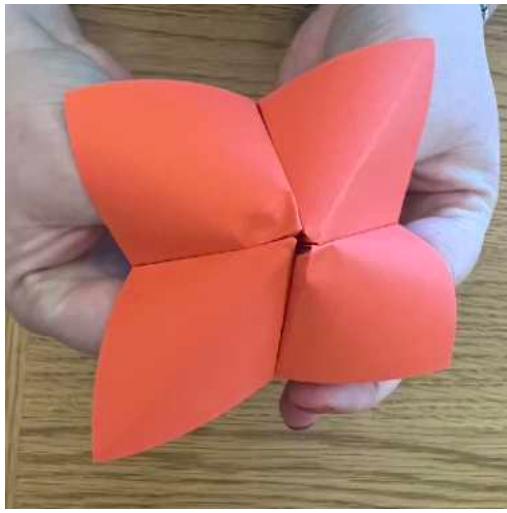




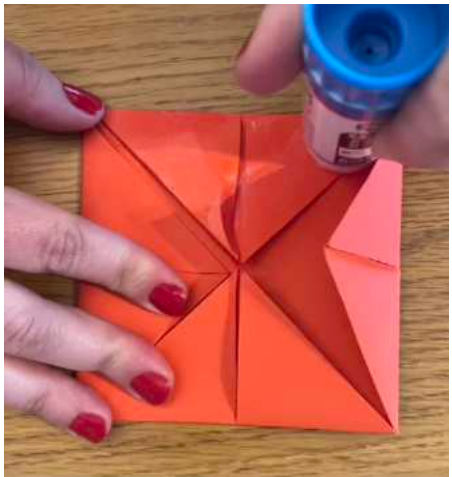
Once you have done that then if you fold it in half it makes it a little easier to get your fingers in to be able to pop it out

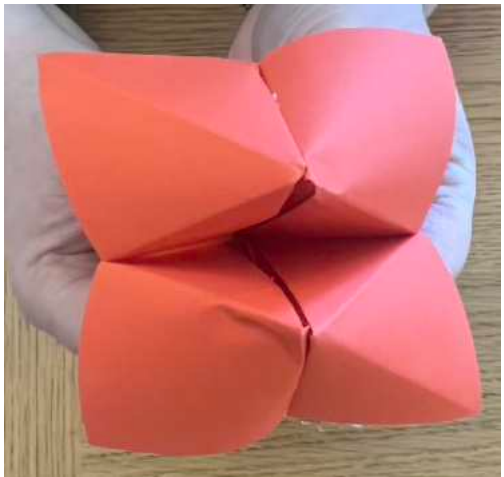




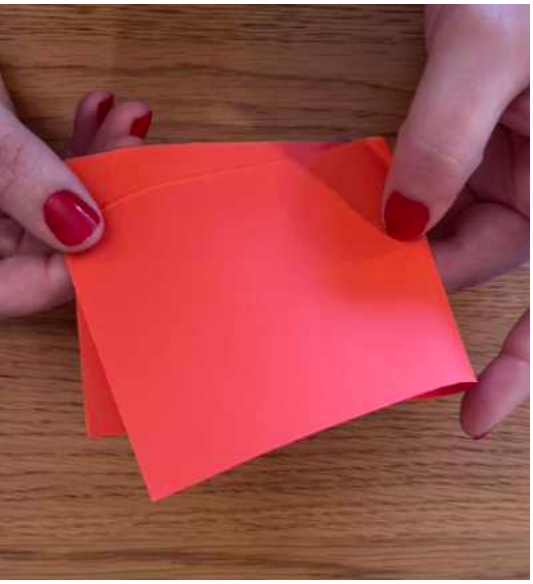
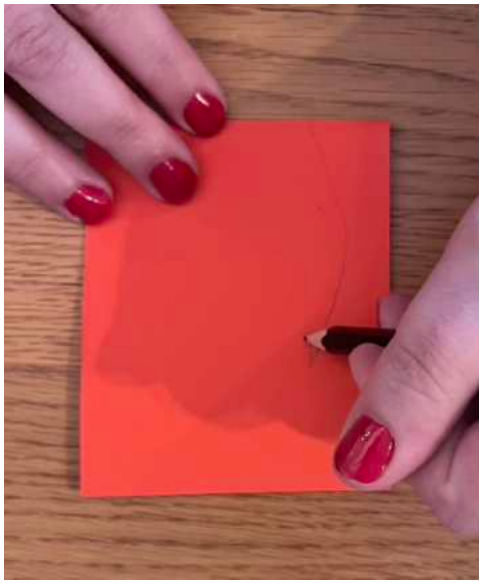
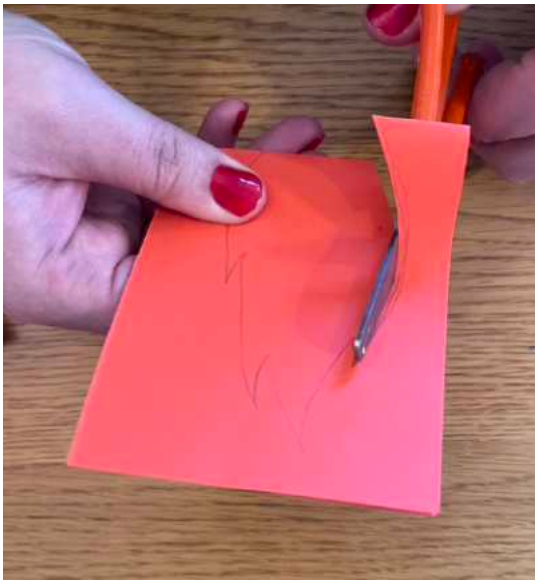
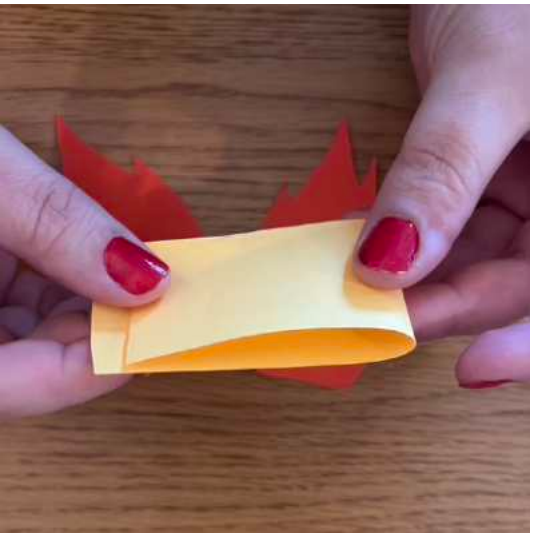


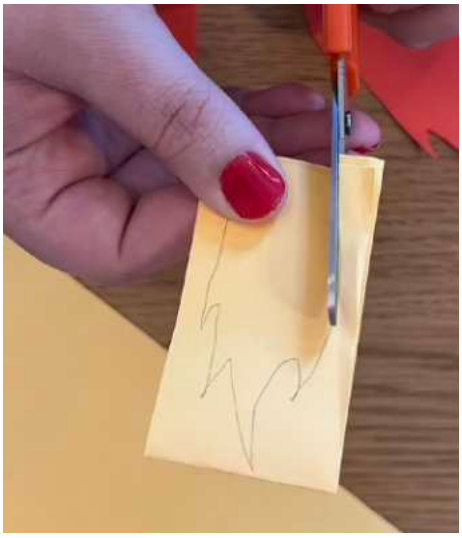
Now time to glue part of it to form the face - you need to glue a triangle on the inside and the opposite one so it can still move to "talk"



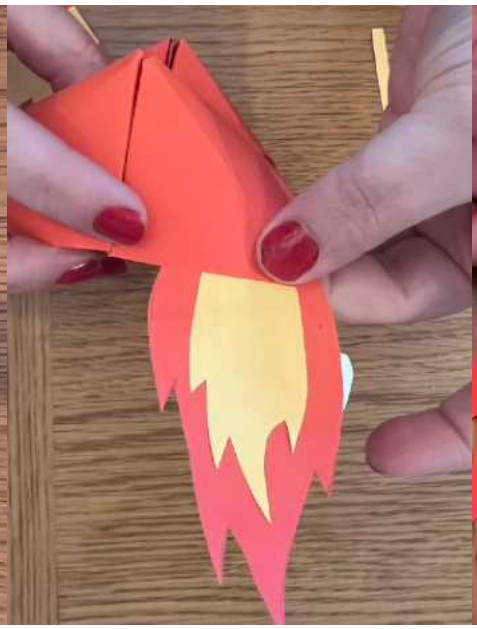


So whilst you are waiting for the face to dry you can create the embellishments like the ears, whiskers, nose, mouth etc - started with the ears, if you fold the paper you get 2 the same size and shape easily!




Once you have all the elements cut out you can start gluing them together and then onto the face




Once everything is glued on you can draw some eyes on and use the pencil to curl the whiskers if you like





There you have it your very own “Squirrel Chatterbox”!

