Throw a PiPpi Longstocking party!

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How to dress as Pippi Longstocking and Mr Nelson

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Come to our party!

Date: 

Time: 

Place: 

Fancy dress encouraged

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Make your own PiPPi Longstocking bunting!

You will need:
- Lots of photocopies of this bunting shape
- String or ribbon to attach the bunting to
- Glue or sellotape

How to make your bunting:
- Cut out the bunting shape
- Fold the bunting shape in half to make a double-sided triangle, then place this over your bunting string, and glue the points together
- Repeat until you have a length of bunting, and then use to decorate your room!
**Dress up as PiPpi Longstocking**

**You will need:**

**FOR THE OUTFIT**
- Blue dress (or dye an old dress or t-shirt blue)
- 3 square pieces of red felt.
- If you don’t want to use felt, cut up an old red t-shirt or red card or paper
- 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 provided here

**FOR THE HAIR**
- Orange t-shirt
- Pencil if you want to draw a line across the t-shirt before cutting it
- Scissors
- 2 orange pipe cleaners

**FOR THE OUTFIT**

1. Make some red pockets and a red collar.

2. Draw on some ‘stitches’ with a black pen around the pockets and collars.

3. Make some stripy longstockings

**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.

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 fringe in place, and then you can use the ties to gather a bunch either side of their head. Cut the bunches into three pieces.

6. Plait the bunches. Push a pipe cleaner through each plait and bend to make Pippi’s upturned plaits!

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.
You will need:
A4 piece of brown card for monkey mask
Pink felt tip pen
White card (for hat)
Black pen
Scissors
20cm length of black elastic
Pipe cleaners for tail (if you use)
Parcel tape
Optional white hat and some black tights wrapped round

INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE:
Two options: either use a real hat plus the monkey mask, or if you’d prefer not to buy a hat, use the ask with hat template

1. Make a monkey mask

- Cut out the mask template. Then 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, and tie a length of elastic and thread through some elastic.
Option 1: real hat. Take a white hat and tie around some black tights to make a sash for the hat
Option 2: hat attached to 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. Mr Nelson’s clothes

- Mr. Nelson’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.

3. Make a monkey tail

- Wind two pipe cleaners around each other, and then 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.
DON’T FALL TO THE FLOOR

This is a game which Pippi, Tommy and Annika play at Pippi’s party.

It was very simple. All you had to do was crawl round the whole kitchen without once setting foot on the floor…

You started with the kitchen sink and if you could stretch your legs wide enough, it was possible to come over to the open fireplace, and from there to the wood box, from the wood box over a shelf, and so down to the table … and over chairs to the cupboard to the tail end of the horse!

You probably don’t have a horse, and you probably won’t be popular if you leap round your kitchen and on to the table—so here’s another version of this game! It works best in the garden or a large room or hall.

• 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, airbeds; chairs and rows of chairs; steady 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 may need to tweak things according to the size of child each time.
• Whoever falls to the floor the least number of times is the winner

Here are some more games Pippi and her friends would enjoy

LONGSTOCKINGS!

• Put at least six times as many socks as children 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
DRESSING UP
PASS THE PARCEL
- Fill a bin bag with as many odd clothes as you can find—hats, dresses, shorts, shirts, frilly tops, scarves, socks—of all sizes
- Pass the bag round, just like pass the parcel. Whoever has it when the music stops has to pick something from the sack without looking and put it on.
- The winner is the one with the funniest costume at the end.
  Take pictures of the whole group!

MUSICAL STATUES

‘Never have I seen anyone who could dance the polka like you, my little honey bun!’

This is what Pippi says to one of the robbers who have tried to steal her suitcase of gold pieces—at first she ties the men up but then she frees them and gets them to dance the polka with her, whirling about till three in the morning.

See if you can find some polka music for this game.

PIN THE TAIL ON THE MONKEY
- Get a large piece of card and draw a picture of Mr Nelson, 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 fix Mr Nelson’s tail in the right place—using blu-tack.
- The one who gets it right—or most nearly right—is the winner.

- The children dance around to the music and when it stops they have to stand absolutely still, like a statue. If anyone moves they are out.
- You can vary the game by giving the children an adjective each time—e.g. sad, happy, small, tall—or an animal to represent.