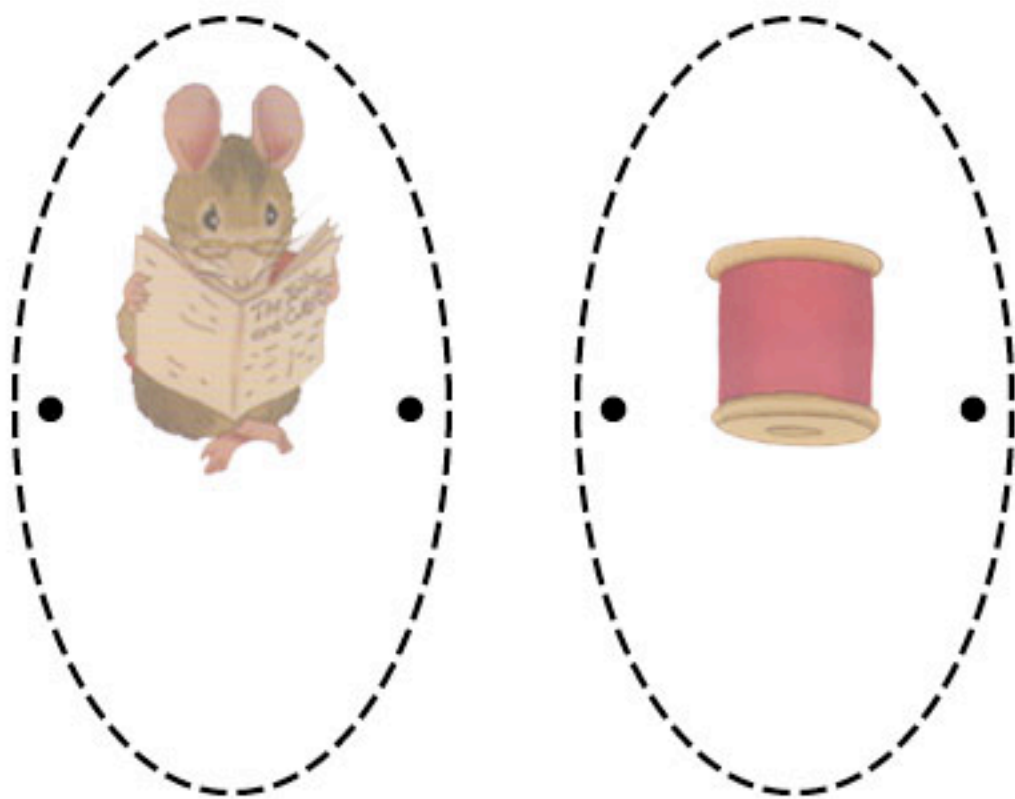


THE TAILOR MOUSE SPINNER

Try your hand at making this modern version of an old-fashioned toy. Originally known as the 'thaumatrope', this was one of the first optical toys ever invented. To make a spinner you will need some thin card, glue, a pair of scissors and two pieces of string about 50cm (20 in) long.

1. Glue the oval shapes below to a piece of card, and cut them out, following the black outline.
2. Glue one oval to the other, so that the cotton-reel is on the back of the mouse.
3. Ask an adult to help you pierce a small hole in each side of the oval using the black dots as a guide.
4. On each side, thread a piece of string through the hole and double it up.
5. Begin by holding the card with the upright mouse facing you. Twist the strings by rotating the mouse away from you. Pull the strings taut and the oval will spin. You will see the tailor mouse sitting on his cotton-reel!

Using these oval shapes as a guide, why not try making your own spinners.



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