

# The history of the sock monkey



# Where it all started

- The sock monkey's most direct predecessors originated in the Victorian era, when the craze for imitation stuffed animals swept from Europe into North America.



- The craze for sock monkeys really took off during the American Depression when money was very tight and there was no spare cash for toys and fabric was hard to come by.





- Anyone, with a little imagination & a pair of socks, could make one, and each one was as unique as the creators and the children for whom they were intended.

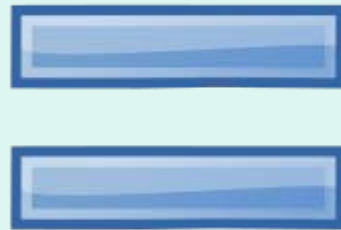


- Some had button eyes, some had embroidery, some had outfits. Many were stuffed with old nylon stockings and during WWII, a few were even stuffed with newspaper! Over the years, other Animal patterns appeared, but the Monkey always remained the favourite.



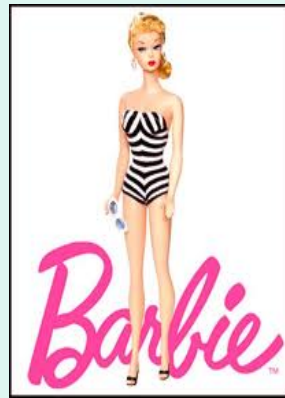
# Nelsons socks

**They were made famous by the Nelson Knitting Company of Rockford, Illinois in the 1920's who gave out free sock monkey making plans with their red heel socks.**



# Sock Monkey

- During the 1960's and 1970's sock monkeys lost their popularity as toys became more and more complex and the economy thrived.



# Return of the sock monkey

- In the early 1990's when aid workers were allowed into Czechoslovakia they found thousands of orphaned children without any toys. With very little funding, the aid workers started to make sock monkeys to amuse the children.





# PG tips

- The Pg tips advert make the sock monkey popular again



# Your turn

- Its your turn to make a sock monkey!

