

# Jumping Bears

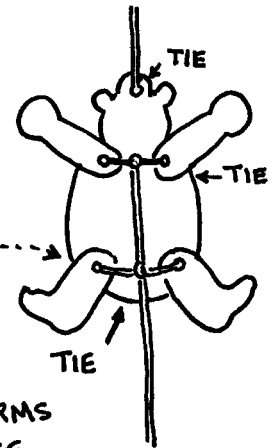
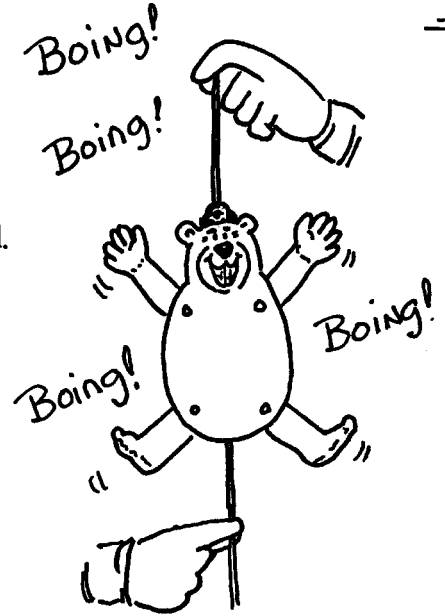
Jumping jacks were favorite toys of early settlers. Usually carved out of wood, the jumping jacks were used to tell stories and a way to pass time on long nights in the wilderness. Make your own jumping bear.

## You'll need:

heavy cardboard  
markers or crayons  
6 brass paper fasteners

string  
paper punch  
bear pattern

- Cut out and trace the bear parts on the heavy cardboard.
- Color the bear.
- Punch holes in the places marked by black circles.
- Use the paper fasteners to fasten the legs together.
- Fasten the legs and head to the body.
- Cut a piece of string about 12 inches long. Thread it through the top of the head and knot it.
- Cut two more pieces of string. Tie one between the two fasteners at the shoulders. Tie the other one to the fasteners at the hips.
- Cut another string about 12 inches long. Tie to the shoulder and hip strings. Let the tail of the string hang free.
- To work the jumping bear, hold it by the loop on the head and pull the hanging tail string. The arms and legs will jump and flex.



## Try This:

Make up other jumping animals and people. Write a short story and use the jumping jacks to act it out.

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