



Follow Denny the Fieldmouse on a Twilight forage around the Farmland Museum!



As it begins to grow dark, Denny the Fieldmouse scampers out of the field beside the Farmland Museum to go on a foraging trip to find tasty things to eat.

First, he passes the Docky Box Café and remembers seeing the enchanting “Mouse House” when he got inside one night. How cosy and busy all the little toy mice seemed to be.

Sadly, because people have been staying at home recently, Denny doesn't find any tasty cake crumbs scattered on the grass, but he does spot a dark shadow swooping overhead. It's an owl! Out hunting for an evening meal. Denny shoots off and hides behind the black and white cow-shaped seat by the wall. Phew! He's safe.



ACTIVITY: Owls love twilight! Why not make yourself an owl mask? You can find instructions on the next page.

The owl flies away and Denny scurries around the wall and across a path to the large open barn. The barn is full of farm machinery including a large, old combine harvester. When the museum is open, children enjoy craft afternoons in the barn. In the autumn, they made scarecrows here and some of the straw they used is left on the ground. Denny is excited to find a few seeds that are still good to eat. Yum!



In the summer this barn is full of swallows, swooping in and out, bringing food to their young ones in the nests high against the roof. Remembering the swallows feeding makes Denny think of food again! He decides to dash across the open space to the row of sheds opposite and see what's in there.

In the sheds are examples of traditional Fenland skills and Denny squeezes under the door to the Farrier's Workshop. A Farrier looks after the hooves of farm horses and makes the iron shoes that they wear. At the back of the workshop is a large wooden horse and around his feet is some comfortable looking straw. Denny is tired after all his running around and decides he will be safe here to have a little nap.



When Denny wakes up, he makes his way outside and runs quickly to the allotment garden. Tucked amongst the tangle of some bramble branches he finds the last few blackberries that the birds couldn't reach. What a feast!

Full from his foraging, a tired little Denny makes his way home to his field. On the way, he looks up at the cloudless sky and sees the stars twinkling. He thinks he can see patterns in them. Have you ever seen patterns in the stars?

ACTIVITY: Make a star constellation to hang in your room. Instructions on the last page.



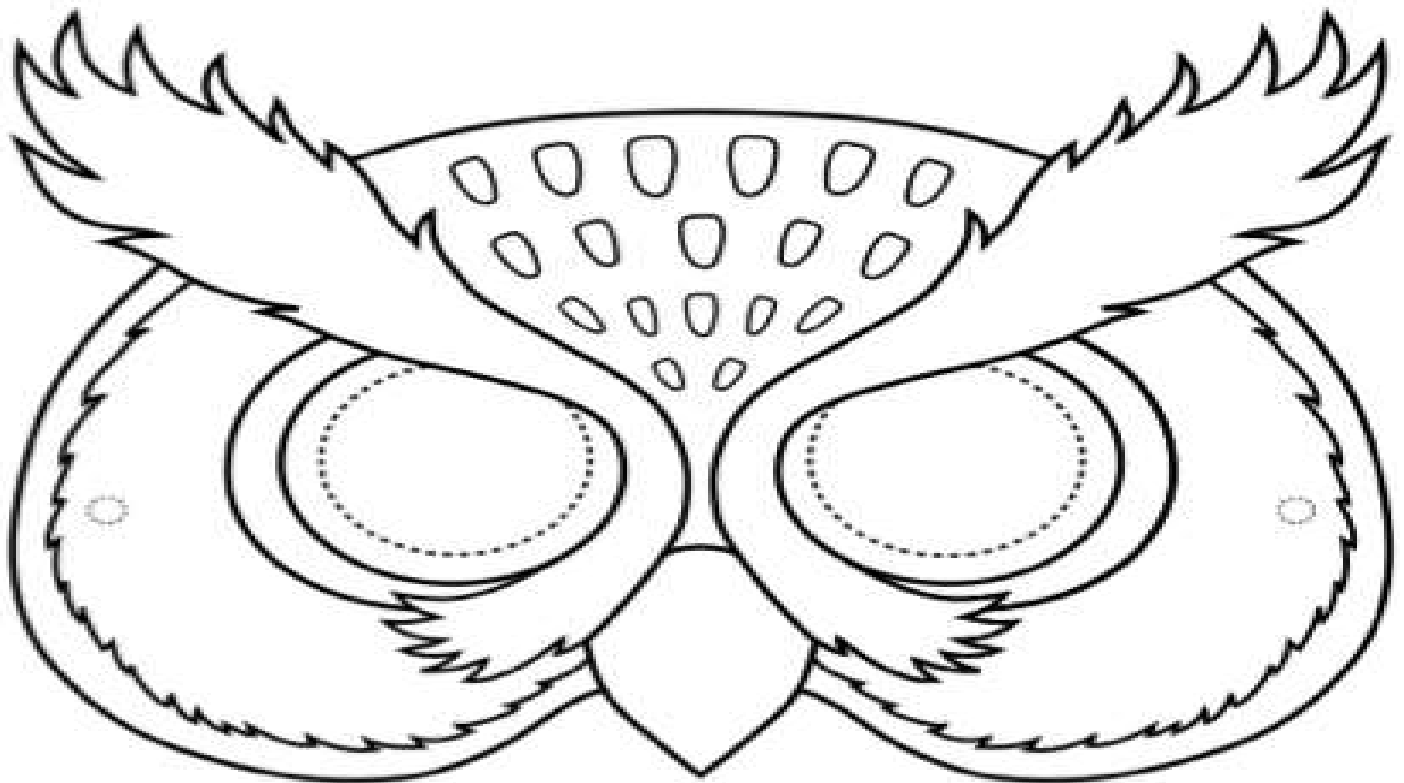
Twilight Activities to Make at Home

Owl Mask

To make an OWL MASK, you will need:

- Thick paper or card
- Scissors
- Decorations, such as feathers, or colouring pens
- Glue
- Elastic or string

Print this page or trace the pattern below onto thick paper or card. Cut out the owl shape, including the dotted lines to make holes for eyes. You may need to ask a grown-up for help with this. Colour in the mask or add decorations, like feathers if you have them. If not, you could cut some from paper (see instructions below). Ask a grown-up to make holes on either side where shown and thread through the elastic or string to fit round your head.



To make your own feathers, cut out an oval shape from some coloured paper. Fold it in half and then carefully cut slits down each side to make it look like a feather.



Constellation Quiz

Do you ever look up at the stars and see patterns like Denny Mouse did? Have you ever seen any of the patterns shown below? Take a look outside on a clear night and you may just see them.

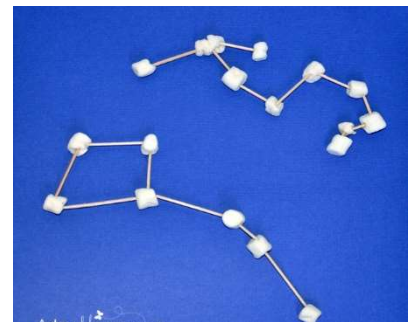
Do you know what they are called? (Answers at the bottom of the page.)



Constellation Decorations

To make CONSTELLATION DECORATIONS, you will need:

- Blue or black paper or card (ideally, but any colour will work)
- String or wool
- Cotton wool, beads or coloured paper
- Glue
- Scissors



The paper or card is your night sky, it can be any shape you like – perhaps cut around a paper plate to make a circle.

Use cotton wool or beads to make your 'stars'. If you don't have these, you can draw some stars on coloured paper and cut them out. Stick your stars onto the paper in any pattern, or copy one of the constellations above. You can use string or wool to follow the lines of the constellation and stick it on to your paper.

Why not hang the constellation in your room? Cut a hole in the top and thread some string through to hang it up.



Keep in touch!

We miss being able to make crafts with you in person and hope to be able to open our doors again soon. Until then, look out for more craft activities on our website www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk. Please share your creations with us on social media, we love to see what you've made!



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