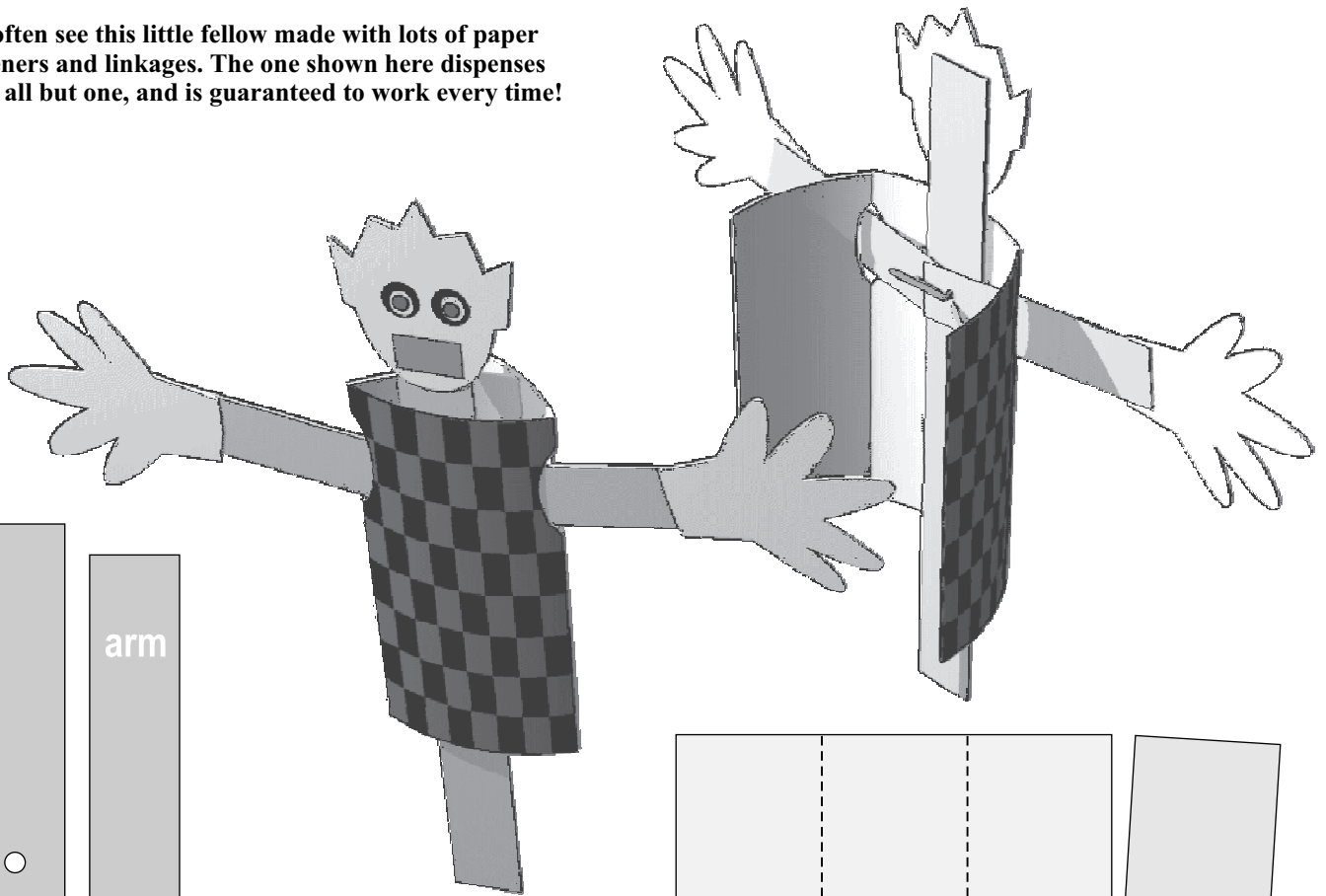


We often see this little fellow made with lots of paper fasteners and linkages. The one shown here dispenses with all but one, and is guaranteed to work every time!



- The body begins life as an A5 sheet of copy card. Fold into four, (as shown) and cut off one section. *If you're making a Santa, this piece could be used for his hat*
- Next cut the slots for the arms. Keep the body folded into three and cut two 'scoops' from each side. Start about 1cm from the top and finish about 4cm from the top. Accuracy at this stage is not important. If the slots prove to be too small then it's easy to enlarge them, and if the opposite is the case then don't worry, because a little piece of that spare card can be glued over part of the slot to make it smaller.
- Cut some stiff card strips for the arms and the head/push rod. About 2½cm wide is fine, and cut lengths of about 12cm for the arms and 25-30cm for the push-rod.
- Punch a hole near the end of each arm, and about a third of the way along the longer strip. Put a paper fastener through the holes in one arm and the push rod and, before bending the fastener, push the arm into a sleeve slot. Push the other arm into its slot and locate the hole on the fastener. Bend the fastener over, not too tight, glue up the body, and decorate with hands, head, etc.
- Slide the push-rod up and down to operate the arms.

Different, more complicated versions of this little toy appear in many books and on many worksheets. They have both arms and legs that move. Inexplicably, this model is frequently drawn incorrectly, especially where paper fasteners are used to join the arms and legs to the body.

For this reason it is recommended that the teacher makes up a model before giving the task to children.

*The 'original' Pantin, or Jumping Jack, appeared in France in 1746 and was so popular, and caused such a commotion, that the toy was banned by the French police.*