

Kid Carpet & The Noisy Garden Centre

Hello. This is a visual guide that introduces the characters and story of Kid Carpet & The Noisy Garden Centre. It is for anyone who wants to know the story before coming and may be useful, in particular, to audience members on the autistic spectrum, or those with sensory or communication disorders or learning disabilities.

ABOUT KID CARPET & THE NOISY ANIMALS

Kid Carpet & The Noisy Garden Centre is presented by a man and some puppet friends: Gorilla, Bear, Badger and Hedgehog. They are The Noisy Animals. Sometimes they play music together as a band. Kid Carpet plays with the puppets in front of a video camera and projects the pictures on a screen for the audience to see.

Kid Carpet likes to play music, sing songs and be a bit silly. Kid Carpet shows are made for children, parents, carers and families and you might see grown ups laughing quite a lot.



ABOUT KID CARPET & THE NOISY GARDEN CENTRE

Kid Carpet & The Noisy Garden Centre is a story about Kid Carpet's attempt to win the Royal Fancy Garden Contest and how The Noisy Animals would really like some blackberries. Kid Carpet & The Noisy Animals shows are always about their friendship and struggles living together. There are always lots of catchy, fun songs so audience members who are sensitive to sound may wish to bring ear defenders. There are moments in the show where the audience is encouraged to join in making noises and even throwing some things around!



RELAXED PERFORMANCES Sometimes Kid Carpet gets an opportunity to run relaxed performances. This means that there will always be some lights turned on and room will never go completely dark. The music and sound will not be really loud. Audiences are welcome to come and go, move around, change seats, make noise and do whatever helps them focus and enjoy the show. Kid Carpet also asks that everyone in the audience is respectful towards each other, the performer, the puppets and all staff.



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There is a table and a screen on the stage

There is a computer, a microphone, a puppetry stage and some other bits and bobs on the table.

A camera on a tripod stands in front of the table



A man wearing a boiler suit walks onto the stage.

This is Kid Carpet.

He starts pretending to be things you might find in a garden.

He encourages the audience to join in being the wind, birds, bees and crows.

The crow noise he makes is quite loud!



“Swoosh”



“Tweet tweet”



“Bzzzzzzzz”



“KVAAAK”!!!

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Kid Carpet sings a song

“How are you doing everyone?”

Kid Carpet welcomes everybody to the show and explains that he’s been working in the garden, getting it ready for the Royal Fancy Garden Contest

We make the garden noises again

Swoosh

Tweet tweet

Buzzzzzz

KVAAK!



At the end of the song, one at a time
Kid Carpet introduces The Noisy Animals

Hedgehog, Badger, Bear and Gorilla

Gorilla says “Give me some cash”

Bear says “Give us some money”

Badger says “Give us some cash, money
or some treasure”

Kid Carpet asks why

Bear wants to buy some jam and Gorilla
wants to buy a flan



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Kid Carpet wont give The Noisy Animals any money.

He's already spent a lot of cash on making the garden look fancy for the Royal Fancy Garden Contest

While he goes to look for the hose to water the plants The Noisy Animals go out to the garden to pick blackberries. Somebody has chopped them all down!

They sing No Blackberries, Bam a lam!

Kid Carpet reveals the garden to the audience

He sings a song about the garden

As he does so he shows the audience around

There are golden flower pots

A rockery

And a water tap on the side of the shed

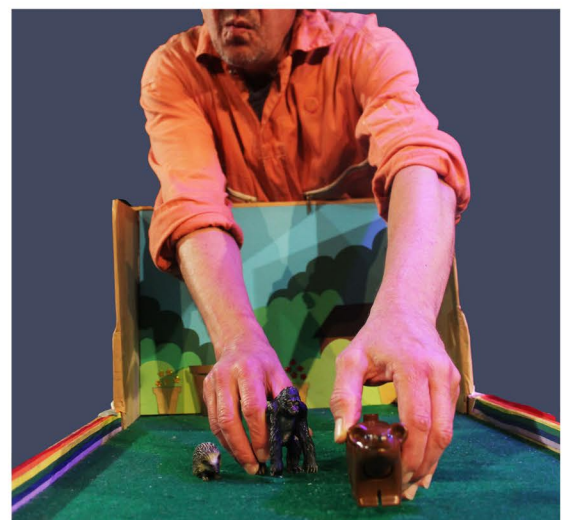
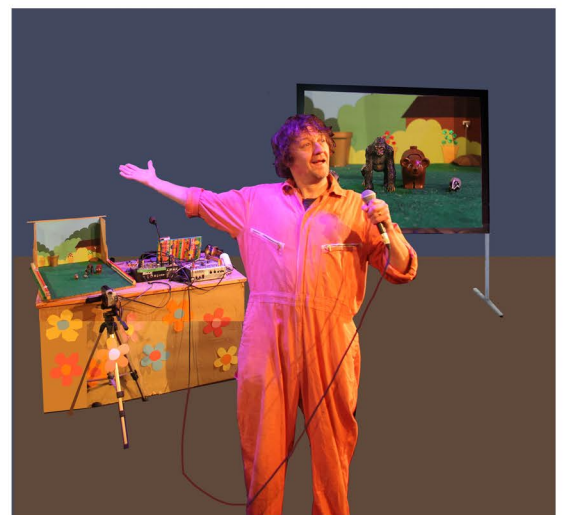
He's very proud

The King is coming tomorrow to judge the contest

Kid Carpet thinks he has a chance of winning

Kid Carpet asks the Noisy Animals what they think of the garden

They say "Whatever, just give us some money"



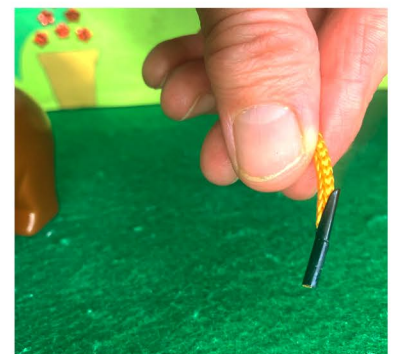
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Kid Carpet explains that if they want some money they'll have to get a job and earn their pay



Bear tells him that they've already got a job.

They run a garden centre! Right here in the garden!



Kid Carpet asks The Noisy Animals what they sell in their garden centre. He can't find his hose but luckily for him The Noisy Animals sell hoses. Kid Carpet parts with the last of his money to buy a new hose. He attaches it to the tap but it doesn't work! Oh no!

He remembers what he was saving the last of his money for

He hasn't paid the water bill. Oh dear!
They must have had the water supply cut off

Kid Carpet sings a song about The Prices Going Up and does some ridiculous dancing



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How is Kid Carpet going to water the plants and win the Royal Fancy Gardenn Contest?

He feels sad



Gorilla explains that the water hasn't been cut off. The Noisy Animals have re-routed the water supply to the water features section of the garden centre.

What else have they got in their garden centre?

The Noisy Animals list loads of ridiculous items and their expensive price tags.

Mole hills, bunches of stinging nettles, scarecrows, very expensive water features, a snazzy snack-bar cafe selling oat milk, goat milk, boat milk, hat milk, cat milk and bat milk that come in recycled paper bags.

The Noisy Animals sing about milky bags!



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Kid Carpet has had enough of listening to The Noisy Animals talk absolute nonsense about a made-up garden centre

He puts on his gold-plated ear defenders so he can't hear anything, takes an ice lolly from his fridge and enjoys a moment of peace and quiet



Meanwhile, Kid Carpet's phone rings

He can't hear it or The Noisy Animals trying to tell him about it

They decide to go and answer the phone

It's a message from the King

He's not coming tomorrow

The King's coming today!



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Kid Carpet sees a seagull flying in the sky

He sings a song about it

The seagull lands on his shoulder....

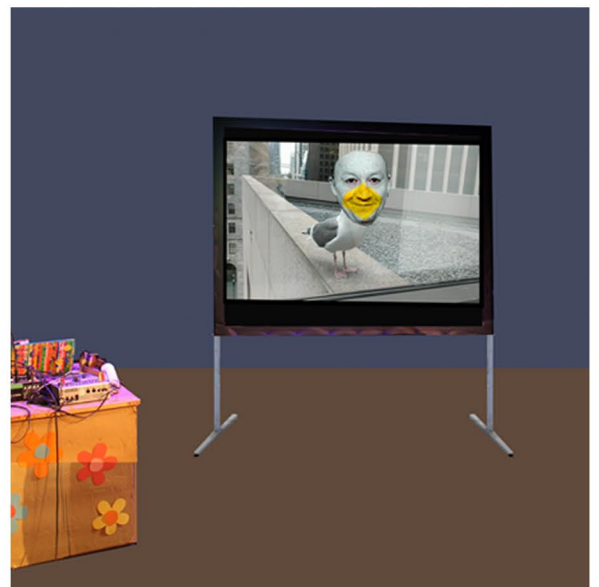


And does a poo on him

Kid Carpet goes to get cleaned up



There is a short video on the screen of a seagull singing a song about doing a little bit of seagull poo



Kid Carpet returns to the stage wearing a beak

He sings the seagull poo song in a punk rock style

It's exciting and silly



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Kid Carpet is a bit sad

He can't afford the water bill

He hasn't watered the plants

And he's been pooped on by a seagull

He decides to go into the garden and dig a hole



Kid Carpet sings a song called I DIG I DO

He explains that digging holes in the garden can make him feel better

So he takes his trusty spade...



...and begins to dig a hole in his golden plant pot



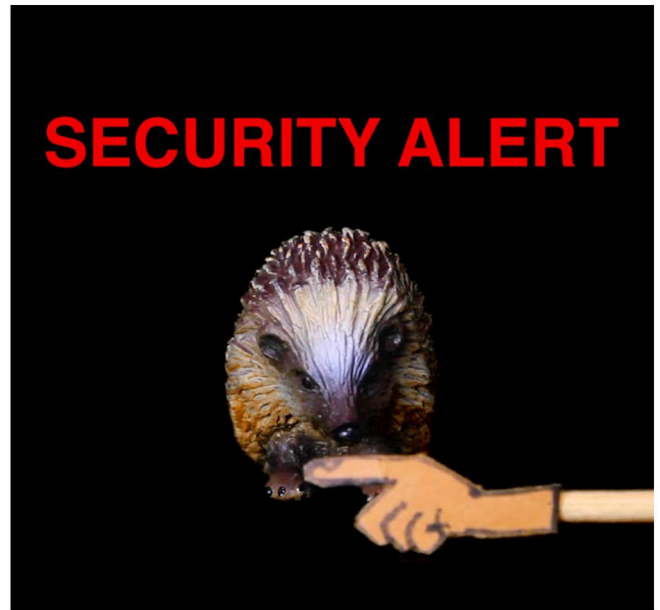
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An alarm can suddenly be heard

And we can see hedgehog on screen

Bear explains that Hedgehog is the chief of security at the garden centre and Kid Carpet has triggered a security alarm by digging in garden centre property

There may be some flashing lights at this moment



We have to use the tannoy, a special microphone to be able to ask Hedgehog to stop

It takes a while but eventually Hedgehog stops



Kid Carpet plants a seed in the plant pot



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Kid Carpet returns to his song
I DIG I DO

He teaches everyone the words

And we have a big singalong



Something comes up out of the
plant pot

It's Bear's pet worm called Fred

Bear sings a silly song about ruling
the worms

Fred worm gives us some advice
to keep digging in the plant pot

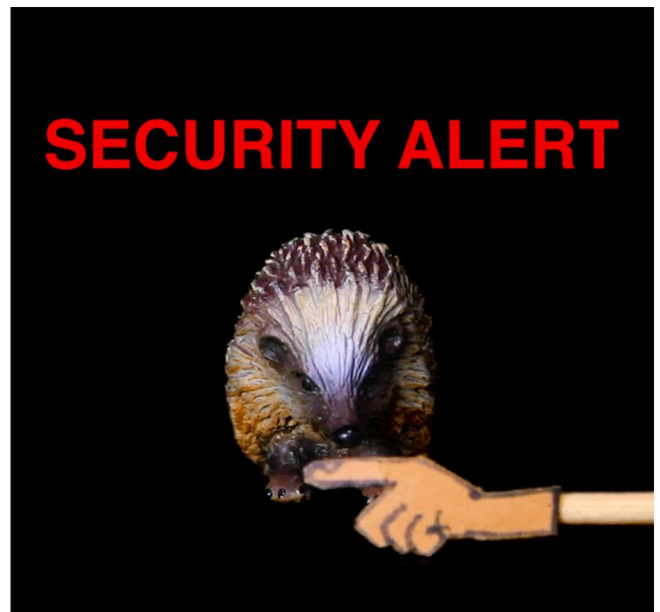
So Kid Carpet digs some more....



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...Hedgehog's security alarm goes off again

Kid Carpet tries to get them to stop, eventually getting the audience to help



Kid Carpet's spade hits something in the plant pot

What is it?

Ancient Roman porcelain or some old rubbish?

Fred worm comes back and tells them to keep digging

Hedgehog's alarm goes off again but the audience help to tell them to turn it off



Kid Carpet's spade hits something else in the plant pot

This time it's....

....a treasure chest!!!!



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Inside the treasure chest are Magic Seeds

Kid Carpet asks Gorilla to help scatter some in the plant pot



Gorilla scatters seeds around the whole garden



To help water the Magic Seeds
Gorilla lets Kid Carpet borrow a water
feature called The Wee-ing Dinosaur

If you squeeze it, water comes out!

Kid Carpet asks if anyone has any
plants they need watering



He enters the audience at this point, rests the dinosaur on somebody's hand or knee and squirts the person sitting next to them (usually an adult)

Kid Carpet sometimes get's a bit carried away and squirts loads of people

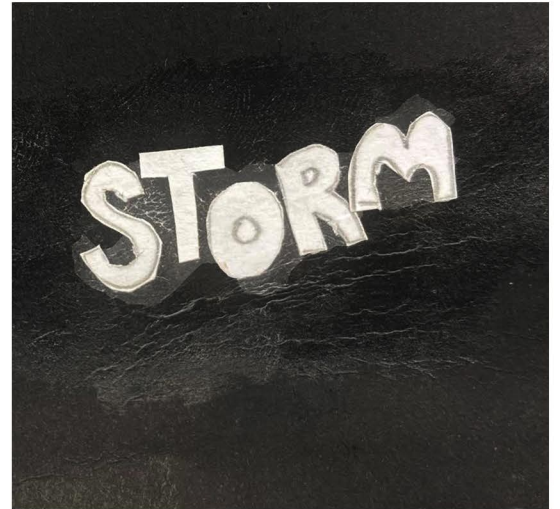
Now that we've watered the plants and seeds, we just need the sun to come out

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Oh no, a storm

Storm sound effects are heard (not very loud)

and sometimes there are some flashing lights



Kid Carpet encourages the audience to help make the storm sounds - wind and rain

Meanwhile he covers up the puppet set and changes the background for the next scene

The storm passes

The sound effects stop and Kid Carpet reveals the garden



It's a terrible mess

Nasty spiky weeds!

Kid Carpet thinks he's still got a day to sort this mess of a garden out before the King arrives



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Another of Hedgehog's Alerts goes off

This time it's an Intruder Alert

We hear a fanfare and a stately introduction

Somebody has arrived

It suddenly dawns on Kid Carpet who it might be



It's The King!

Big Time Charlie!

He sings a song all about himself

Big Time Charlie is a cardboard puppet on a stick with woolen legs and cotton wool boots

He does a little dance and then finishes his song



The King has a look around as he thinks about judging how good this garden is

Hmmmm he thinks

This is one mucked up garden!



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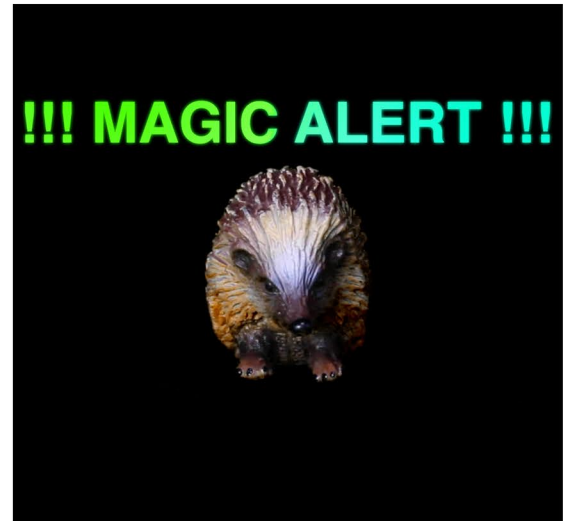
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It sounds different. Not so alarming. Almost dreamy

Magic Alert

What does that mean?

And where is Hedgehog?



Here's Hedgehog

And there are loads of blackberries that have magically sprung from the brambles

Bear & Gorilla sing about there being loads of blackberries

They encourage the audience to sing with them



There are lots of blackberries

Kid Carpet has a basket full of them
(they are made of cloth material stuffed with paper)

Kid Carpet brings them to the audience and encourages people to throw the blackberries around

It's a joyful and chaotic moment of celebration as the music keeps playing

The music stops



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The King loves the garden

It's a haven for wildlife, bees, birds and all the pollinators.
A re-wilded sanctuary

The King awards Kid Carpet & The Noisy Animals 1st prize
in the Royal Fancy Garden Contest!!!!



And then he turns into a lizard and lies around n the rockery!



Kid Carpet & The Noisy Animals have won the contest!

They are so happy

Kid Carpet explains that it's not really their garden but it
belongs to the neighbours who are away at the moment

Kid Carpet & The Noisy Animals don't have a garden

But if they did..... Kid Carpet asks the animals what they'd
have in a garden if they could have anything they liked



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I'd plant some lovely flowers says Gorilla



I'd have a load of blackberries obvs says Bear



Let it be known.....
I think I'd rather like a sandpit actually says Badger



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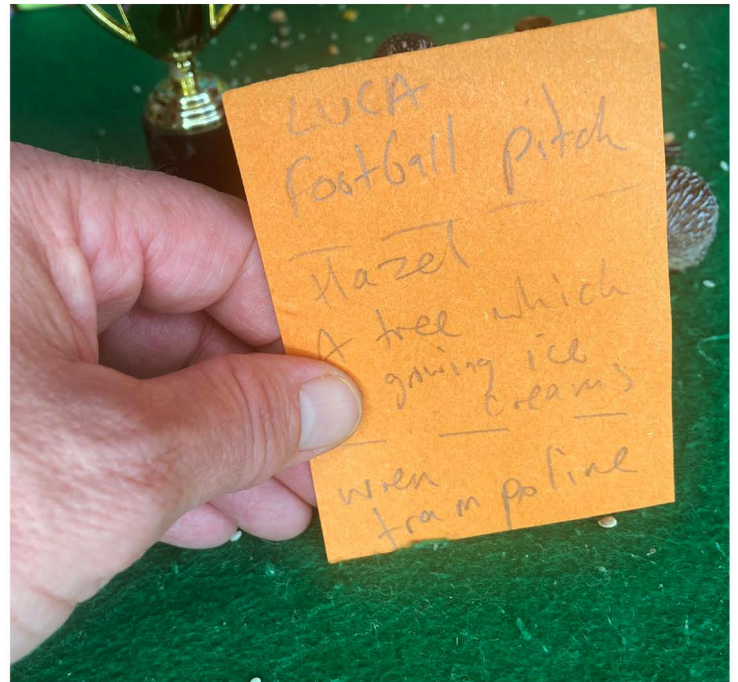
Some music starts to play. The same music that was at the beginning of the performance

Kid Carpet reveals the results of a survey that he carried out as the audience were arriving for the show

He asked some children what they'd have in an imaginary garden if they could have anything they liked

We make the sounds of the garden again

Wind, birds, bees and crows



Kid Carpet explains that he went into schools to talk to year 1 children

and they told him all about gardens

they made noises, did some pretending and drew some pictures

and that inspired him to make this show

Kid Carpet tells us about all the things that they said they'd have if they had an imaginary garden

We see their drawings too

Kid Carpet says if you have a garden, maybe try and let a little corner of it go wild

And the show finishes

