



COOL DUDE

This simple toy was designed by Sri Bal Kishan, a science teacher from Bhiwani, Haryana. One day while he was playing with the outer shell of a cigarette packet, its rectangular cavity changed shape and became a parallelogram. It was this chance discovery which led him to design this ingenious toy.

Cut the corner edges of a cigarette packet half-way through and fold the cut flaps at right angles. Draw a human profile—the face, hands and legs on the flaps — and cut them (Fig.1). The rectangular cavity in the pack will form the body of the figure as shown in Fig.2. On pressing the cigarette packet (Fig.3), its rectangular cavity changes into a parallelogram, causing the cartoon character to bob its head and move its hands and legs in an unusual manner.

One can draw and cut out separately the head, hands and legs of the comic character **Fido Dido**, the famous *Lehar Lafanga* or *Cool Dude* (Fig.5). These pieces can be stuck on the small flaps of the cigarette packet (Fig.4). On pressing the cigarette packet, the head, hands and legs move in a funny way — to the sheer pleasure of onlookers (Fig.6). This is a good way to make simple puppets.