Briar Rose (Black 'tree' t-shirts + white collars)

Environment Briar Rose puppet + spinning machine + red rose. Large mirror on table with variety of spinning tops, spinners, windmills, large wheel and green/white streamers. A forest is created with faux grass and camo nets. Woodland creature puppets, black chimes and tank drum. Throne for Sleeping Beauty. Time-lapse plants growing projection. Black elastic that can be pulled out across space to create a 'barrier'. Prince character.



Spinning Find princess at her spinning machine, variety of interactions. Help her spin by exploring all things spinning, over mirror, in hands, reflected on ceiling. Develop into spinning movements out in the space, around wheelchairs, with coloured streamers. In the excitement, Briar Rose pricks her finger on a rose and falls asleep - help her to throne in forest.











100 years While Briar Rose sleeps the furry woodland creatures come out to watch over her. Play with them, feel their fur, hold their little paws, feel their whiskers, see them interact with each other. Play the black chimes and sing a lullaby together as you watch the forest grow up around you.











The Prince At last the dashing young prince appears to save the day. He hacks away the black elastic and greets you all, asking for help to find the princess. He is a comedy character, tripping over, kissing the wrong girl etc. At last he finds her and with a kiss, she awakes to much rejoicing and rewards all round.











Observations A more narrative, drama - based workshop, greatly enjoyed by those who like role-play or a familiar story, more difficult for those who don't. Spinning tops were not as rewarding as expected and difficult for many participants to activate. Using the mirror underneath added a little magic and the streamers were more successful. Woodland puppets - bringing out one at a time might have been more intriguing. Some clients interacted with each other. Black chimes are difficult for many participants to use, though they created a lovely ambience. Dashing prince - more a spectacle to watch, slightly pantomime, which some clients found amusing.

