

How to make a puppet

Explain to students that they can make puppets from paper bags, paper plates or socks to create the characters in the story they are going to retell.

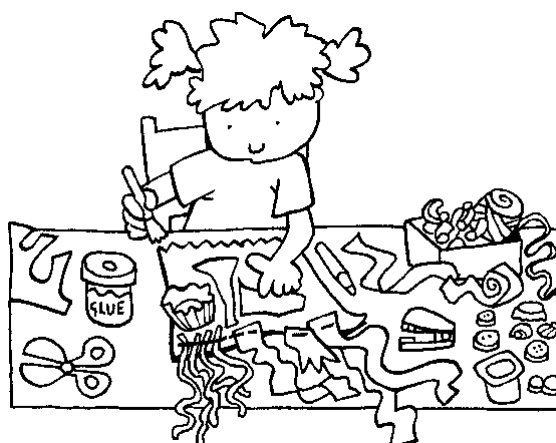
How to make a paper bag puppet

What you need

- Paper bag (e.g. paper lunch bag)
- Collage items, e.g. patty papers, fabric pieces, bottle tops, egg carton pieces, paper streamers/strips/crepe paper
- Scrap paper/newspaper
- Old ruler or stick (approximately 30 cm long)
- Glue, stapler and staples
- Crayons/coloured pencils

What to do

- 1 Use the collage items and/or crayons/coloured pencils to make a face and hair on the paper bag.
Note: Students can make a puppet with a whole body, i.e. face/head, arms and legs.
- 2 Place an old ruler/stick inside the bag, so it sticks out of the bag to make a handle.
- 3 Stuff the paper bag with some newspaper
- 4 Use sticky tape to seal the bottom of the paper bag and attach it to the ruler/stick.



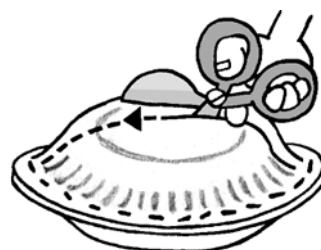
How to make a paper plate puppet

What you need

- 2 paper plates
- Stapler and staples
- Crayons/coloured pencils
- Collage items, e.g. patty papers, fabric, egg carton pieces, bottle tops
- Glue/sticky tape
- Scrap of fabric or piece of crepe paper (as wide as the plate and 30 cm long)

What to do

- 1 Place paper plates together, so the tops (surface you would place food on) are facing.
- 2 Staple the paper plates together, with staples about 1– 1.5 cm apart.
- 3 Cut a slit across the middle of one plate from edge to edge, so the plates can be folded to make a mouth.
- 4 Fold the plates in half to make a large open mouth. Students can place their fingers in the top opening and their thumb in the bottom opening to make the mouth open and shut.
- 5 Ask students to decorate the puppet using the collage items and glue/sticky tape.
e.g. Use collage items to make a nose, eyes and ears and use crayons/pencils to draw lips, teeth and/or a tongue.
- 6 Staple a piece of fabric/crepe paper across the top opening to cover the student's hand.
- 7 Students can choose to cut the fabric/crepe paper into strips to make hair.



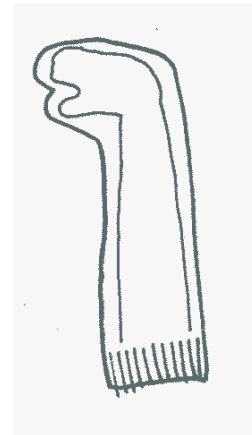
How to make a sock puppet

What you need

- 1 old sock
- Collage items
e.g. patty papers, fabric, egg carton pieces, bottle tops, buttons, pipe cleaners, wool
- Craft glue

What to do

- 1 Show the students how to put their hand in the sock so that the four fingers are where the bottom of the foot would be and the thumb makes the shape of the mouth e.g.
- 2 Ask students to decorate the puppet using the collage items and glue.
e.g. Use wool or pipe cleaners for hair; glue on buttons or pompoms for eyes, fabric scraps for a nose.



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