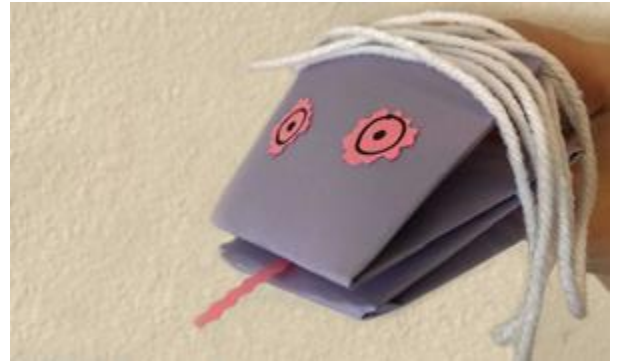


ACTIVITY: BUILD A HAND PUPPET!

RECOMMENDED AGE: 5 and up

TIME: 10 – 30 minutes

SET-UP: Adults – if you are planning this activity for a younger child, we recommend getting your supplies together in advance and in the place where you plan to build your puppets.



SUPPLIES:

- **Craft supplies for your puppet. This can be a lot of different things. We recommend having a handful of materials for inspiration that can include: colored paper, markers, crayons, colored pencils, old clothes or fabric pieces, pipe cleaners, glue, a stapler, and more.**

A puppet is a movable model of a person, animal, or object that is controlled by something else. There are hand/glove puppets that fit over a person's hand, marionettes that are moved by strings attached to sticks, shadow puppets created by holding a shape in front of a light source, and many more!

Try building your own puppet with materials you can find at home!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Decide what kind of puppet you are going to make. What do you have at home? A hand puppet might be made out of a brown paper bag or an old sock. A shadow puppet could be made out of something with a distinctive shape that will block light, such as thick paper or cardboard. A string puppet will need strings or something similar to attach to it.
2. Find supplies: Be sure to ask permission before you decide on what to use. There are a lot of things that you can use such as old clothes, paper and colored pencils, or cardboard boxes. Collect as much as you can - you can always put what you don't use back when you're done.
3. Once you have a basic idea for your puppet, use a blank piece of paper to draw what you want your puppet to look like. What body parts will it have? A head, mouth, nose, arms, legs, fingers, eyes, ears, antennae, wings, tails, etc.
4. Begin assembling your puppet! Use markers, colored pencil, crayons, scissors, tape, glue, paper, etc. to put everything together. If you're unsure on how to construct your puppet, ask an adult.
5. Use your puppet to perform! If you are creating an original play or performing a story you already know, you can use these puppets as characters.



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