

"And Then..." With Puppets

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

This activity encourages creativity and can encourage fine and gross motor skills. The storytelling aspect can improve language, social and behaviour skills.

TIME

Creating the puppets may take approximately 30mins. Creating the story can take as long as your imagination flows!

MATERIALS

Paper Bag Puppet

- Paper Bag (Dollar Store \$2)
- Paint (Dollar Store \$1-2 each) *optional*
- Coloured Cardstock Paper (Dollar Store \$4) *optional*
- Scissors (Dollar Store \$2)
- Markers (Dollar Store \$2)
- Glue (Dollar Store \$1-2)
- Yarn (Dollar Store \$2 each)



Sock Puppet

- Plain or Funky Socks
- Coloured Card (Dollar Store \$1)
- Scissors
- Wool (Dollar Store \$2 each)
- Glue (Dollar Store \$1)
- White Pom Poms (Dollar Store \$2)
- Black Felt (Dollar Store \$2) *optional*
- Black Marker (Dollar Store \$2)
- Buttons (Dollar Store \$2) *optional*



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INSTRUCTIONS

Making the Paper Bag Puppet

- Step 1- Start with a paper bag, use glue and yarn to create hair
- Step 2- Cheeks can be made using markers or crayon,
- Step 3- The pom poms make great noses, and googly eyes will finish off the face.
- Step 4- Create story with friends! *the paint can be used to create clothing*

Making the Sock Puppet

- Step 1- Fold a piece of card. With the folded edge at the bottom, draw a semi-circle and cut round it. You can now open the card and see that that it is a little 'mouth.'
- Step 2- Creating mouth, take the cardboard mouth and place it inside your sock. Put it in the opening, and then push it right to the end. When it is at the toe end, push the toe of the sock into the fold. Pop your hand inside the sock and have a go at making the mouth open and close.
- Step 3- Create the hair for your puppet if you wish. Take some strands of wool and tie them together in the middle. Cut it to whatever length you like at the sides. You can even plait it if you like.
- Step 4- Glue the hair in place. To make the eyes take your pom poms, use a black marker to create black dots for the eyes. Then stick your pom poms into place on your sock puppet. If you do not have pom poms, you could cut some round shapes from black paper for the eyes instead. Or use buttons.
- Step 5- Create a story with your friends and their puppets!

Story Creating: How to?

Firstly sit or stand in a circle. The idea of this activity is to enhance the story by everyone adding onto it. Each person will have their puppets in hand and someone will start. They can choose a sentence or a couple of sentences to start the story. Once they are done, the next person in the circle will stand with their puppet and add a sentence or two onto the first person's lines, by saying "And then..." starting their sentence.

Example:

Person 1: "The princess snuck through the unlocked door of the castle."

Person 2: "And then... she saw a skeleton and screamed!"

Person 3: " And then... she ran up the stairs of the castle and discovered..."

Person 4: "And then..."

RESOURCES

How to Make a Paper Bag Puppet - YouTube

How to make a simple sock puppet

SUPPORTS NEEDED

Supports will vary depending on the individual's needs.