**Envelope Mouth Puppet**

1. Decide what characters you will be creating.

2. Carefully seal the envelope. Letter size envelopes work best.

3. Slice the envelope open on long top edge between a and b.

4. Open the envelope by holding each top edge at the center point. See arrow in diagram.

5. As the envelope opens, push in from the middle of the bottom edge of the envelope forming a mouth.

6. Fold open at corners c and d forming triangles. Points c and d will come together when the mouth is closed.

7. Body: Staple a paper plate of the same size or larger to the neck end of the head. The body paper plate may be trimmed to the desired size.

8. Arms and Legs: Staple arms and legs to the body.

9. Decorate your character. Create a personality!

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**Rod Puppet**

1. Decide the character you will be creating.

2. Fill the toe area of a sock with newspaper or fiberfill to form a head shape the size of a soft ball.

3. Push the top of a 4-5-inch tube into the crumbled newspaper. Wrap the sock around the tube and secure with a rubber band.

4. Cut a small "x" in the center of a 20-inch square of fabric.

5. Put the fabric on the tube through the "x" and secure underneath with a rubber band. (Or glue)

6. Tie a knot for the hands in opposite corners of the fabric.

7. Decorate your puppet. Create a personality!

8. Push sticks into the knot hands.
Paper Plate Hand Puppet

1. Decide what character you will be creating.

2. Head: Staple ½ of a paper plate to the back of a full plate of the same size forming a pocket for your hand.

3. Body: Staple another paper plate of the same size or larger to the neck end of the head.
   *The body paper plate may be trimmed to the desired size.

4. Arms and Legs: Staple arms and legs to the body.

5. Decorate your character. Create a personality!
Paper Bag Marionette

1. Decide what character you will be creating.

2. Crunching a single sheet of newspaper at a time, firmly stuff two paper bags. Leave 2 inches free at the top.

3. Close the bags by gathering the openings.

4. Set the openings together so there is one bag on top for the head and one on the bottom for the body. Secure the ends together for the neck using masking tape or strapping tape.
   **DO NOT PUT ONE BAG OPENING INSIDE OF THE OTHER BAG!**

5. Reinforce the top of the head by putting a 5-6-inch piece of strapping tape across the length.

6. Using an 18-inch (approximate) piece of string and a crafter’s needle, draw the needle through one end of the head to the other end. *Make sure the needle is returned to its holder*

7. Use a glue gun to attach the arms and legs.

8. Staple on the hands and feet.
   Legs can be folded halfway down and stapled, in order to form knees.

9. Decorate your puppet. Create a personality!

10. Attach a 36-inch (approximately) string to the hands with a staple, tying a knot around the staple.

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Finger Puppet

1. Decide what character you will be creating.

2. Adjust the length of a finger sleeve by trying it on and cutting off any excess fabric.

3. Use a precut head shape or cut your own shape out of foam and attach to the body using a hot glue gun.

4. Decorate using the foam and other miscellaneous materials. Create a personality!

   Please, don’t waste the foam!
   Cut pieces from the side, not the middle.
   Save any scraps that might be usable to another puppet maker.

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Body Puppet

1. Decide what characters you will be creating.

2. Staple the paper plate to the folded bottom of paper bag with the folded side to the back of the face.

3. Staple felt strips as arms and legs. Staple longer felt neck strip to shoulders.

4. Cut feet and staple to felt (fold felt once, about an inch, at bottom and staple to foot).

5. Fold end of the arms (about an inch) over a rubber band. Staple folds.

6. Decorate paper plate as a face. Decorate folded paper bag as body. Create a personality!

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Shadow Puppet

1. Decide what character you will be creating.

2. Sketch the puppet shape on a sheet of paper.

3. Decide if your puppet will have a joint, and where that joint will occur.

4. Trace the puppet shape onto tag board, allowing extra area on both sides of any joint that will eventually contain a brass fastener in order to move.

5. Cut or punch details into the tag board that can be filled with colored tissue paper. Tape the tissue paper to the back of the puppet with clear tape.

6. Use 2 pieces of masking tape to attach a stick to the puppet.
Stick puppet

1. Decide what character you will be creating.

2. Using materials provided, make a face for the stick (tongue depressor).

3. Glue face to either top or bottom of stick, as the stick can be held from above or below.

4. If gluing to the top, you could make a body over or around the stick.

5. If gluing to the bottom, the body will extend beyond the stick. This can be achieved with tag board or paper plates.

6. Decorate your character. Create a personality!
Folded Paper Mouth Puppets

1. Decide what character to create.

2. Fold a piece of paper into thirds, lengthwise (hot dog fold).

3. Fold this strip in half.

4. Fold each end away from the last (center) fold creating a “W” effect.

5. Three or four fingers go into the top opening and the thumb goes into the bottom end of the opening.

6. You can add a paper plate for a body and felt fabric pieces for arms and legs.

7. Decorate your puppet. Create a personality!

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Sock Mouth Puppet

1. Decide the characters you will be creating.

2. Select a sock for your puppet.

3. Put the sock on your hand until your fingers are 2 inches from the toe.

4. Holding your hand in a “C” shape, push the toe of the sock into the center of the “C”, forming a mouth.

5. Put your sock-hand through the hole in the smaller faceplate to form the head of your puppet. Decorate the head of your puppet.

6. Body: Staple another paper plate of the same size or larger to the neck end of the head. The body paper plate may be trimmed to the desired size.

7. Arms and Legs: Staple arms and legs to the body.

8. Decorate your character.
   Create a personality!

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