



Making a Moving Mouth Puppet

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Tools & Supplies Needed:

- Hot Glue
- Hot Glue Gun
- Box Cutter
- Card Board Rectangle , Approximately 4 1/2 x 6 in.
- 1/2 Yard of Fleece (Puppet Body Color)
- Red or Pink Felt for Tongue
- 1 in. Foam Rubber, Approximately 7 1/2 x 7 in.
- Sheet of Black Felt for Mouth
- Polyfill Stuffing
- Rubber Cement Glue
- Scissors
- Adhesive Felt Tabs (the ones used for furniture)
- Magic Marker
- Craft Fur or Marabou Boa
- Pom-pom or Styrofoam Ball for Nose
- 1 Styrofoam Ball for Eyes
- Sewing Machine
- Pencil



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Instructions:

1. Fold the 1/2 yard of fleece in half hotdog style.
2. Trace the outline of the character from pattern or draw your own onto the fleece using the magic marker.
3. Using a sewing machine, carefully sew along the lines that you drew.
4. Cut out the puppet looking at the side of the fabric without the lines. This makes it easier to avoid cutting through the stitching.
5. Turn character inside out using a pencil to help turn arms and fingers.
6. Using a pencil as an aid, stuff each finger individually, and then stuff the arms leaving a small bend at the elbow.
7. Fold the cardboard rectangle down the middle.
8. Using rubber cement glue, the black felt to the inside of the mouth.
9. Cut the top and bottom edges into a rounder shape making the bottom edge a little thinner for a comical look.
10. Using the box cutter, tear the outside edge of the fold to create more flexibility.
11. Size up the mouth on your character to find a good place for it. Cut a slit from corner to corner of the mouth (only cut through the front of the puppet) to insert the mouth.
12. Insert the mouth pulling the edges of the fleece over the edges of the mouth leaving a lip of fleece around the edges.
13. Using the hot glue gun, glue the edges of the fleece to the mouth board pressing the edges down firmly. (If you dip your fingers in water it helps to protect your fingers from getting burned.)
14. Using the tongue felt, cut a tongue. Heart shapes work well.
15. Using the magic marker, draw a line from the middle of the tongue to the top,.
16. Using hot glue gun, glue the tongue inside the mouth.

17. Using the square foam piece, cut a triangular piece out of the bottom.
18. Fold the piece so both side edges of the triangle meet.
19. While pinching the triangle sides together. Pinch the top edges together and pull it down to meet the lower edge.
20. Hold it in place with one hand while inserting it into the character's head on top of the mouth board.
21. Shape and smooth out the top of the head so there are no hard edges or wrinkles.
22. Cut one of the Styrofoam balls in half using scissors.
23. Turn the character toward you, and using hot glue (the Styrofoam might crackle a little bit), attach the Styrofoam ball halves to the puppet for eyes.
24. Using the felt tabs as pupils, position them on the Styrofoam balls to create the illusion that the puppet is looking at you.
25. To add a nose, you can either hot glue a pom-pom into place or use a Styrofoam ball. To use another Styrofoam ball, cut it in half with the scissors.
26. Wrap it in extra fleece stretching as much as possible.
27. Take thread and wrap it around the excess fabric.
28. Pull the thread tight and tie a knot to hold it in place.
29. Using hot glue, attach the nose in place.
30. To add hair, use either craft fur or a marabou boa. Cut to the correct size and attach with hot glue. This can be used to add eyebrows, hair, mustaches, beards, etc...
31. If desired, wire can be added to the arms for movement. (refer to the YouTube videos for instructions on how to do this)
32. To add clothing, infant sizes fit well.
33. Be creative! You can customize the puppet anyway you choose!

Links to the How-To YouTube Videos

Refer to buildingstrongchildren.usu.edu for accessible video links.

Tools and Supplies

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjrhkzZlJjM>

How to Draw a Pattern for a Hand Puppet

Steps 1-2

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N43FjfhLCVY&feature=relmfu>

Sewing the Pattern Outline

Step 3

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGSs8aGiu7E&feature=relmfu>

Cutting Out the Puppet Pattern

Step 4

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2tkX5ZgCLA&feature=relmfu>

Stuffing the Arms

Step 5-6

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=870sgpv_dUk&feature=relmfu

Making the Mouth Board

Steps 7-10

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJxZ6xWBX70&feature=relmfu>

Inserting the Mouth Board

Steps 11-12

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ztol7H5V4T4&feature=relmfu>

How to Glue On the Mouth Board

Step 13

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICL8TgyI0rw&feature=relmfu>

Adding a Tongue

Steps 14-16

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KJgElpQ8Xk&feature=relmfu>

Stuffing the Head

Steps 17-21

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDZphKEk2BU&feature=relmfu>

Adding Eyes

Steps 22-23

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-67PnTnIUUg&feature=relmfu>

Completing the Eyes

Step 24

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vskWfS3nts&feature=relmfu>

Adding a Nose

Steps 25-29

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CcycTzs6-s&feature=relmfu>

Adding Hair

Step 30

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdFp_v5mOHg&feature=relmfu

Adding Wire to the Arms

Steps 31-33

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55h-ijjCRRg&feature=relmfu>
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