

# make n' takes

## Popsicle Photo Puppets

Create a tuffy-tastic puppet starring YOU!

### Supplies:

- 1 photo of you and/or family/friends
- 1 (one) 8x11 sheet of card stock paper (or thick paper)
- Crayons
- 1 glue stick
- 1 popsicle stick
- 1 pair of safety scissors

### Project Time:

- 20 minutes prep
- 5 minutes dry time

### Parents Note:

Parents help with cutting

### Instructions:

#### 1) You're the star!

Pick out a great photo of you. One that is clear and shows you big Tuffy-smile.  
WITH PARENTS HELP: Cut out just your head. Be careful not to cut off your ears!

#### 2) Dress the part!

Place your newly cut out photo on the paper  
Keeping in mind the size of the photo, draw a body  
From the neck to the toes draw your arms, legs and your Tuffy-tastic outfit.  
Color your puppet's body using crayons

#### 3) Places everyone!

Lightly spread glue on one (1) side of the popsicle stick  
Place your photo at the top  
Place the body underneath  
Let it dry for 5 Minutes and you're ready to star in your own puppet show!

## Shadow Puppets

Create a tuffy-tastic moving shadow puppets

### Supplies:

- 1 (one) 8x11 sheet of card stock paper (or thick paper)
- Crayons
- 2 Straws
- 1 Pair of safety scissors
- 2 Folding fasteners
- 1 Roll of clear tape
- 1 Cup
- 1 Dollar Bill (Or equivalent rectangle shape)
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Hole Puncher

### Project Time:

30 minutes prep

### Parents Note:

Parents help with cutting, measuring, and fasteners

### Instructions:

#### 1) Shape it up!

- At the top left side of the paper, trace the bottom of a cup making a circle
- Place dollar bill under the circle making sure it touches.
- Trace the dollar bill on all sides creating a rectangle
- This is the body and head of the puppet
- At the center bottom of the rectangle, draw one (1) leg and foot

#### 2) With open arms!

- On the right side of the paper draw two (2) rectangles no more then 1 inch wide/3.5 inches long
- These are the arms of the puppet
- Pick one (1) of the rectangles
- Draw a hand on that one (1) rectangle

#### 3) Give your puppet character

- Color the puppet
- Color the head but DO NOT DRAW eyes or mouth.
- Color the outfit/clothing, leg, shoe and arms including the hand

#### 4) Cut it out!

- Cut out all three (3) pieces: Body WITH Head and foot, arm, and arm WITH hand.
- BE CAREFUL: DO NOT cut off the foot, or head, or hand. They must all stay together
- With hole puncher, punch out ONE (1) eye in the head
- Like a slice of pizza from a pizza pie, cut out a smile under the eye.

#### 5) Fasten your seatbelts!

WITH PARENTS HELP push one fastener through the top of each rectangle arm  
Not too close to the edge  
Attach the two arm pieces together at the elbow with one fastener  
Attach the now complete arm to the body at the shoulder  
Twist the fastener to make it easy to move  
Fold out fasteners to secure the parts

6) Makin' it move!

Flip the puppet over  
Tape one (1) straw to the hand  
Tape one (1) straw to the back of the body extending part of the straw under the foot.  
This part of the straw is to hold on to.  
While holding the body straw, move the hand with the other straw

7) Look at the shadow!

Using a shadow puppet stage or just a light and a clear wall move your puppet and use the shadow to put on your own shadow puppet show.

### **Squirmy Caterpillar Puppet**

Create 2 caterpillar puppets that inch along like a real caterpillar

Supplies:

4 Popsicle Sticks  
2 8x11 sheets of card stock paper (or thick paper)  
Crayons  
1 glue stick  
4 googly eyes (2 pair)  
1 pair of safety scissors  
1 large cup

Project Time:

20 minutes prep  
5 minutes to dry

Parents Note:

Parents help with cutting

Instructions:

1) Lets get started!

Using 1 (one) sheet fold the paper in half horizontally  
Cut that fold making two separate rectangles  
Fold each rectangle horizontally  
This is the body of the puppet  
Color the two pieces on both sides to look like the body of a caterpillar

2) On the move!

Fold the two pieces vertically front to back and back to front like an accordion

Lightly glue the top of each popsicle stick on both sides  
Place 1 (one) popsicle stick inside each end of the folded paper  
Place aside and allow to dry

### 3) Put on a smile!

Using the bottom of a cup, trace the circle on the other paper  
Cut out the circle (Repeat for second puppet)  
Cut a small triangle in the circle like a slice of pizza from a large pizza pie  
Color the face to match the body of the puppet  
Stick on google eyes or draw eyes on each side of the face  
Lightly glue the head to one end of the body  
And inch along like a beautiful caterpillar!

## **PUPPET STAGE: Tissue Box**

Great for Popsicle Puppets, Finger Puppets, or Pom Pom Puppets

You've made your puppet and now you need to perform it. But where?  
There's no better place to perform with a puppet than a puppet stage!

### Supplies:

- 1 Old tissue box (vertical box)
- 1 (one) 8x11 sheet of card stock paper (or thick paper)
- Crayons
- Stickers/ foam stick-ons
- 1 Glue stick
- 1 Pair of safety scissors
- 1 Roll of tape

### Project Time:

20 minutes

### Parents Note:

Parents help with folding edges and cutting

### Instructions:

#### 1) Color the Backdrop!

First ask yourself- "Where does my puppet's story take place?"  
Color the 8x11 paper to fit that story.  
It could be a forest, a castle, or the moon for example.

#### 2) Decorate the stage!

WITH PARENTS HELP: Choose one long side of the box and cut a hole for your hand  
Using crayons, stickers, foam stick-ons decorate the remaining three sides of the tissue box

#### 3) Curtain Up!

Place the paper on a table horizontally  
Place tissue box on bottom of the 8x11 paper  
Center the box on the paper  
With a crayon, lightly mark the edges of the box on both sides.  
Remove the box  
WITH PARENTS HELP: Fold the paper vertically at the lines  
Tape the 8x11 paper to the back of the tissue box with the folded edges around the sides of the box without covering the hole for your hand  
Make sure all sides are taped

#### 4) Show Time!

Place your hand through the hole  
Place the puppet on your hand  
...and on with the show!

### **Puppet Stage: Table Top Puppet Stage**

Great for all puppets!

You've made your puppet and now you need to perform it. But where?  
There's no better place to perform with a puppet than a puppet stage!

#### Supplies:

- 1 Large Box
- Various pieces of construction paper
- Crayons
- Stickers/ foam stick-ons
- 1 Glue stick
- 1 Pair of safety scissors
- 1 Roll of masking tape
- 1 White plastic table cloth
- 1 Flashlight

#### Project Time:

30-40 minutes

#### Parents Note:

Parents help with cutting and measuring

#### Instructions:

##### 1) Building your theatre

Seal all parts of the box with tape including inside flaps  
WITH PARENTS HELP cut out two windows on the box  
One (1) in front and one (1) in back

##### 2) Decorate the theatre

Using color paper, stickers, and foam cut-outs decorate the outside of the box

### 3) Curtain Up!

Pick a window for the front and one for the back

The front window is where you will perform, the back is where you enter and hide

Lay the box down with the front window looking up

Place the table cloth on top of the box

Measure the front window of the theatre and cut the plastic table cloth to size up with the window

Place the box right side up again

WITH PARENTS HELP Tape the now sized and cut table cloth inside the window.

Make sure it is taped tightly, no not let it sag.

### 4) Show Time!

Place your puppet through the back window

Have a fellow puppeteer hold the flashlight behind your shadow puppet

...and on with the show!

Take turns performing

Pull the plastic away to create a theatre for your other puppets!

## **Paper Owl Puppets**

Its a HOOT of a puppet!

### Supplies:

1 Paper bag

3 (three) 8x11 sheets of card stock paper (or construction/craft paper)

-1 (one) Black

-1 (one) Yellow or Orange

-1 (one) Brown, Red, or Grey

Crayons

1 glue stick

1 Cup

1 pair of safety scissors

### Project Time:

25 minutes prep

5 minutes dry time

### Parents Note:

Parents help with cutting and tracing

### Instructions:

#### 1)Who's making a puppet? Who? Who?

WITH PARENTS HELP: Trace both of your hands on the brown paper

Cut out both hands

Place extra paper to the side for later

#### 2) Wise and proud!

Trace the large part of the cup two (2) times on the yellow paper

Trace the small part of the cup two (2) times on the black paper  
Cut out all four (4) circles

3) Places everyone!

Lightly spread glue on one (1) side of the large yellow eyes  
Place the eyes on the face of the puppet. This is on the flap of the bag  
Lightly spread glue on one (1) side of the small black eyes  
Place one eye in the center of each yellow eye  
Flip the bag over  
Lightly spread glue on the EDGE of the PALM on one (1) side of one (1) hand  
Place on the one side of the bag  
The fingers and hand should stick out over the bag  
Making sure the other hand is facing the opposite direction- glue and place it on the other side of the bag  
Flip the bag over

4) Almost ready to fly!

Cut a small triangle from the left over yellow paper  
Glue and place between the eyes along the edge of the flap  
Cut out two larger triangles from the left over brown paper  
Flip puppet over  
Glue and place one on each side of the head  
Flip puppet over  
Finish your owl's feathers by coloring them in!  
You're ready to take flight? Who? You! Who? You!

***Coming Soon!***

**Pom Pom Spider Puppets**

**Sock Puppets**

**Finger Puppets**

**Fish Sticks**

**Silly Tube Snakes**