

Articulated Skeleton Puppet — Moving Art

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child creates an articulated skeleton puppet with movable joints using paper fasteners (brads). This art project directly reinforces the science lesson on joints and demonstrates how joints create movement.

What You Need:

- White cardstock
- Scissors
- Paper fasteners/brads (8-10)
- Hole punch
- Black marker for features
- Craft stick (optional for puppet handle)
- Tape
- Skeleton diagram for reference

Steps:

1. 'Let's make a skeleton that can MOVE! We will use paper fasteners at the joints.'
2. Pre-cut or have the child cut skeleton parts from white cardstock: skull, torso, upper arms (2), lower arms (2), hands (2), upper legs (2), lower legs (2), feet (2).
3. Connect at joint points with paper fasteners (brads): shoulders, elbows, hips, knees.
4. Move your puppet! Which joints bend? Does the shoulder move differently than the elbow?
5. Decorate the skeleton: add eyes, a smile.
6. Optional: attach a stick to the back for a puppet show.

Work Space:

