



## Finger Puppets

*Great intro to sewing.*

**Project Type:** Creative Tactile

**Group/Individual:** Individual

**Lesson Plan Audience:** Maker Mentor

**Time:** .5 – 1 hr

**Hard Skills:** sewing

**Soft Skills:** creative thinking, design

**Ideal # of Participants:** can be used with large groups

**Age Group:** 10 and under (flexible)

**Ideas for Taking it Further:** make a video using the finger puppets, write a story or script, make finger puppets of your favorite character from a book in the library.

**Difficulties/Tips:**

It's useful to have an example puppet to show program participants for inspiration.

It's helpful to have a wide variety of colors and fabrics to work with so that everyone's puppets look different.





### Materials:

Felt or other non-stretchy fabric

Needles

Thread

Glue (hot or liquid or glue stick, depending on what type of fabric you're working with)

Craft supplies or other knick knacks (googly eyes, fabric scraps, pom poms, etc.)

### Steps:

1. Cut out a 3x3in square of fabric.
2. Fold the square in half and stitch one of the short sides and one of the long sides closed so that only one opening remains – now you've got your puppet body!
3. Turn the puppet into a character by using fabric scraps, googly eyes, pom poms, sequins, or anything else that happens to be around. Hot glue works great for attaching elements to the puppet, but cold glue and stitching are good alternative methods.
4. You're all done! Now ask program participants to tell you a story about their puppet and see if you can get everyone to work together to put on a puppet show.
5. Once people are done with their first puppet, ask if they can think of other shapes or ways to create finger puppets and see what happens.



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