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Finger Puppet

For Children
Aged 6-8 Years





Overview

Activity

Puppet making

Description

Make a dog puppet from a recycled loo roll.

Materials

- Cardboard loo roll
- Pencil
- Markers
- Scissors
- Googly eyes (if you have them)



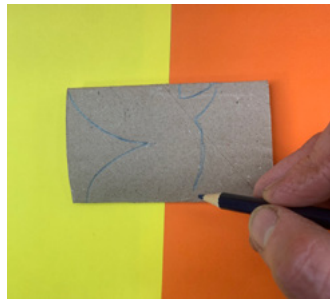
Introduction

Welcome creative friends, to a fun, online activity. With this activity you will learn to be a puppet maker and puppeteer! A finger puppet is a puppet which fits on fingers and comes “alive” by moving your hands to create a dog finger puppet. This project is made from materials you should already have in your home. It is fun to be creative with recycled materials and transform them into something else instead of throwing things into the bin. When you finish making your dog finger puppet be sure to give them a name and as puppeteer you will make your dog come alive with movement, and barking!!

Let's get started on this fun, creative project!

Instructions

1. Find a suitable empty toilet roll. Press the roll flat
2. Draw the cut lines on the roll with pencil, like the image below.



3. Cut along the pencil lines (the dog shape) using scissors. I traced the pencil lines in RED so you can better see them. Be sure to leave the dog's head to snout area intact, only cut the mouth shape and down past the ears but be sure to STOP! And then the little portion between the ears and eyes.
4. Colour the dog's fur, on both sides of flat tube. The dog's colouring can be any usual dog color, brown, black, ginger or you can go wild and use bright colours or patterns.
5. Draw the eyes in or if you have googly eyes at home, they usually peel and stick on. Draw the tongue using a red marker, on the inside of the roll, in the mouth opening. Draw the nose by making a small black dot mark at the end of the face.
6. Pull the dog features into shape. Ensure the ears are standing upright (fold up) and bring the uncut roll base (dog's body) to face downward, for the puppet holding area.
7. Bring your dog puppet to life. The dog's head moves by inserting your index finger into the body portion of the roll and up into its head. Do a short rehearsal, then take your dog puppet out for a conversation with a friend.



Play time. Now you have your dog puppet! What will their name be? Can you make your dog bark? Create a personality for your dog puppet, perhaps make another so they can be friends!

Try to make other animals using the same method. You can change the ear shapes slightly and use different markings and colours to make other animals such as a cat, horse or monkey.

8. Ask a parent or guardian to photograph your dog puppet and email it to ondemand@helium.ie.

