



Make a Marionette Puppet

Create your own puppet show! Build your own marionette puppets that move and dance, then put on a show!

What you'll need

- toilet paper tube
- decorating items: yarn, fabric, construction paper, buttons or washers, markers, googly eyes, paint and paint brushes
- tools: pencil, scissors, glue, hole punch
- yarn or string
- two long sticks



Make the body:

Decorate a paper towel roll head/body: make a face, add hair and paper/fabric clothes.

With a hole punch, make holes in the body, for the strings:

- One hole at the top of the head
- A hole at each side of the body – for arms
- 2 holes at the bottom of the body – for legs

Head: Tie a 20 cm length of yarn through the top hole.

Arms: Cut a 20 cm piece of yarn to make the arms and put it through the arm holes so half comes out each arm hole. Tape inside so the arms don't slide. Attach a hand (button, etc.) to the end of each side to make hands. Cut two new 30 cm pieces of yarn and tie to each hand. Leave the other end for later.

Legs: Cut a 20 cm piece of yarn to make the legs and put it through the leg holes so half comes out each leg hole. Tape inside so the legs don't slide. Attach a foot (button, etc.) to the end of each side to make feet. Cut two new 40 cm pieces of yarn and tie to each foot. Leave the other end for later.



Make the handle:

Take 2 sticks. Cross them at center. Tie with yarn to secure.

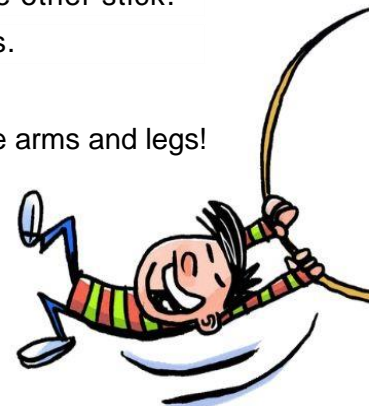
Tie the ends of the leg pieces of yarn to opposite ends of one stick.

Tie the ends of the arm pieces to opposite ends of the other stick.

Tie the head yarn to the centre where the sticks cross.

How does it work?

Tilt the handle forward and back, side to side, to move the arms and legs!





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Summer Reading Club

Ready for a challenge? Build a fire-breathing dragon marionette with wings that fly!

What you'll need

- paper towel or toilet paper tubes, painted green
- decorating items: construction paper, markers, googly eyes, paint and paint brushes
- tools: pencil, scissors, glue, hole punch
- yarn or string
- two long sticks

Make the body:

Cut 4 short pieces of the painted toilet rolls for the tail.

Cut a 10cm piece of green toilet paper roll for the head. Add eyes.

Cut a 15cm piece of green toilet paper roll for the body.

Draw 2 large wing shapes and cut them out. Colour them green.

Draw 4 webbed feet shapes and cut them out. Colour them green.

With a hole punch, make holes for the strings:

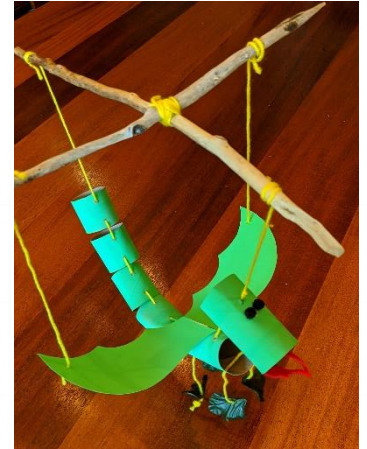
- One hole in the middle of the head, both sides
- A hole at each end of the body – along the top of the tube
- 4 holes in the bottom of the body – 2 at each end for legs
- 2 holes in each tail segment
- A hole at the end of each wing

Thread a 1 metre length of yarn through holes to connect the body and head pieces.

Tie a 30 cm length of yarn to one wing. Repeat for second wing.

Thread a 30 cm length of yarn through the front leg holes then attach to a foot on each end. Repeat for the back set of legs.

Glue or tape wings on the back of the body. Add tissue or paper flames to the dragon's mouth.



Make the handle:

Take 2 sticks. Cross them at center. Tie with yarn to secure.

Tie the ends of the long piece of yarn to opposite ends of one stick.

Tie the ends of the wing pieces to opposite ends of the other stick.

Make it a game!

Play Puppet Charades: Use your marionette to act out a scene then see if your family can guess what they're up to!

