

Directions for Making the Stick Puppets

Materials

Puppet template printout

Scissors

Crayons or colored pencils

Popsticks or craft sticks (A 3" by 5" rectangle cut from a manila folder and folded over 3 times can be used as a substitute)

Glue

Procedure

1. Color in the puppets before cutting or gluing.
2. Cut out the figures. Using a "shadow cut" technique will make the cutting easier for young children and will also result in a figure with more support. (Instead of cutting exactly around the outline of the figure, leave lots of space. Just cutting an approximately oval shape will work, also.)
3. Glue the paper figure to a wooden stick (or staple it to the manila substitute) leaving enough room so the stick can be grasped easily,