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Toilet Roll Puppets

Toilet roll puppets are easy to make, with the simplest puppets made using only a toilet roll and pen. Red Ted Art www.redtedart.com - have a number of lovely yet simple toilet roll craft ideas suitable for preschool activities or for parents to make with their child at home.

Start with a toilet roll, then the children can customise with felt tips and tissue paper, wrapping paper and tin foil for the clothes. Include extras such as stickers, feathers, sequins and pipe cleaners.

Feather Birds

Adding feathers, fabric, beads, goggle eyes, etc. not only helps develop fine motor skills but provides a great sensory experience for young



Little People

Children can customise cardboard rolls with anything they have to hand –for example, using felt tips, crayons or pencils to draw faces and fabric, tissue paper, wrapping paper or tinfoil, to make clothes. Stickers, feathers, sequins and beads can be added for more detail!



GRTL Tip

*This is a good sensory craft that will help develop **fine motor skills**. Children can paint the rolls in a variety of colours and decorate with materials, feathers etc.*



Leaf Puppets

Bring the children on an autumn walk to collect leaves, twigs for arms and bark or stones for buttons and let them create their own leaf puppets. These are made from synthetic leaves, buttons and pipe cleaners.



Source: www.ivillage.com

Three Little Pigs

Use toilet rolls to make the Three Little Pigs and a kitchen roll to make the Big Bad Wolf.

Extend the play further by making houses for the little pigs. It is not necessary to make everything - just one little puppet can stimulate a lot of talk!



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Paper Plate Puppets

Paper plates are easy to find, inexpensive and versatile; they are also sturdy, making them ideal for young children. Paper plates offer endless crafting possibilities!

Listed below are some of the fun things that can be made with a bit of paint and some cutting. Include extras such as stickers, feathers, sequins and pipe cleaners.

Little Mouse

Add ears, nose and tail in a contrasting colour to a plate. Cut a section of the plate to create a mouse shape.

Encourage your child to paint and colour their puppets and add materials for details.



www.housingaforest.com

Making Faces

Plates can easily be cut or folded to create different shapes. Here, strips of paper have been added to half a plate, creating a lovely little puppet.



www.littlesquigglers.co.uk



Big Cow, Little Cow

Simple splodges of paint all over a plate were used to create this cow! Ears, eyes, nose and mouth were then added to finish it off.

Use a bigger plate for the Mummy Cow and a smaller plate for Baby Cow, if you have them.



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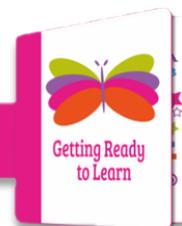
Grizzly Bear

Specific characters can be made, for example this gorgeous bear could add some fun to a Teddy Bear's Picnic, or when reading 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt' or 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'

First glue on the ears and let the child paint it brown. Let them add eyes, pompom nose and paint a mouth.



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Finger Puppets

Not only are finger puppets easy to make and good fun but they can also help improve **fine motor skills**.

When children begin using their hands, all fingers move together at the same time. As they grow and develop, they gain the ability to move individual fingers which help with being able to fasten and unfasten buttons, hold and control a pencil for drawing and writing, cut with scissors, type on a keyboard, play a musical instrument, tie shoelaces, and many other daily living skills.

Incy Wincy Spider

This Incy Wincy Spider was made with craft foam and pipe cleaners but card with wool or ribbon would work just as well! Holes have been punched wide enough for little fingers.

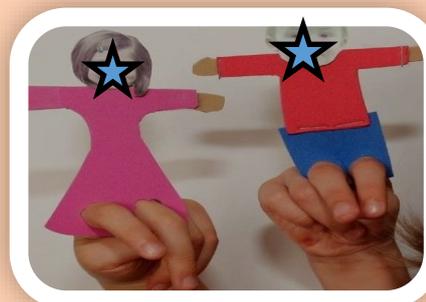
This puppet could get little fingers moving along to a 'spidery' action rhyme.



www.lalymom.com

It's Me!

Photographs can be used to create these personalised puppets. In this example the clothes were glued and stapled to add reinforcement. However, children could also draw or paint their own characters and add a wide range of accessories!



www.stillplayingschool.com

Two Little Ducks

A great craft for spring time or to accompany the large number of books which feature little ducks. Items required include coloured card, google eyes and bun cases, alternatively the children could paint plain card.



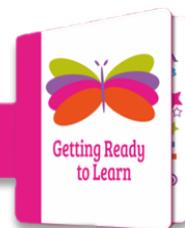
www.iheartcraftythings.com

The Hungry Caterpillar

Templates for both the caterpillar and the butterfly are available on www.readandcreate.co.uk This craft only requires coloured card or thick paper, glue and a hole punch. Any remaining coloured card could be used to create leaves and food for the caterpillar.



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Spoon Puppets

Add some paint, embellishments in the form of wool, paper or material to create these adorable spoon puppets. Decorating spoons is a project that young children can do themselves by simply drawing on faces and gluing on their adornments such as beads, pipe cleaners and scraps of material.

Characters

These puppets are made using plastic spoons, the larger dessert variety are best. Draw faces & decorate with paper, material, wool, pompoms and pipe cleaners



www.CreativeJewishMum.com

Spoon Family

A family of spoons have been made from wooden spoons using wool, material, stickers, buttons and googly eyes. Dress them up by using wrapping paper to make simple cone shaped dresses or cloaks for superheroes.



Monsters

Unleash their creative skills when making these monster puppets. Arms have been added by wrapping pipe cleaners around the narrow section and paper bun cases to create the hair.



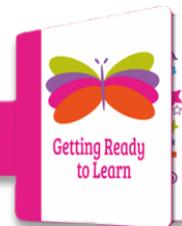
www.sheknows.com

Dragons

Make dragons by painting wooden spoons green, cut wings from foam/card; fire can be made from felt or paper and finally add some eyes.



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Stick Puppets

There are lots of things you can make from sticks and they are perfect as an easy craft activity. The simplest puppets could involve cutting round one of your child's favourite drawings or picture from a magazine and glue it to a lollipop stick or twig. You could even use an old shoe box, placed on its side, to create your own theatre.

Funky Sticks

These eccentric little puppets are easy to make using wooden lolly sticks, pipe cleaners and feathers/ material, pompoms or just strips of paper. Children could be encouraged to decorate the sticks further with paints or pens.



<http://blog.darice.com>

Twig Men & Ladies

These quirky little puppets have been made using twigs and sticks and could accompany an autumn walk. They are easily made requiring only googly eyes, glue, scraps of material, paper or tape.



www.redart.com



Sensory Brushes

Go on a nature walk and collect twigs, leaves and flowers. Secure the flowers and leaves to the twigs using elastic bands or pipe cleaners to create 'nature' paint brushes. Children can now experiment with the different textures, and patterns made by the flowers and leaves.



www.messlittlemo

Hey Diddle Diddle

Lollipop sticks have been used to create the characters from the nursery rhyme 'Hey Diddle Diddle'. Decorative details have been drawn on the sticks enabling the children to play with the puppets instantly.



Source:

www.oneperfectdayblog.net