



## PUPPETS FROM HOME

*Puppets are a great way to learn, play, tell stories and explore new ideas. There are so many forms of puppetry. Learn how to make a couple here.*

**This week's activities: Paper Bag Puppet – Sock Puppet – Popsicle Stick Puppet**

### Paper Bag Puppet

#### Suggested Materials:

- Canadian animal puppet printables ([PDF to CBC Kids Printables](#))
- Paper bags (with flat bottoms)
- Pencil crayons, markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Feathers, stickers, washi tape, craft foam and other embellishments (optional)



#### Directions:

1. Download and print template. You can also create one on plain paper or directly on the paper bag.
2. Colour the template and cut out **OR** colour and create on the bag.
3. Keep the paper bags folded. Glue the head of each animal onto the bottom flap of the paper bag, with the chin positioned just over the bottom edge. If drawing on the bag, make sure your creation's head is on the flap.
4. Glue or draw the body of each animal/creation to the front of the paper bag. Position the top edge, just under the animal's/creation's chin.
5. Decorate your puppets with cotton balls, feathers, washi tape, stickers or anything else you'd like.



6. Now it is time to play. Slip your hand into the paper bag — curl and move your fingers to make the puppets' heads move. Put on a puppet show, perform a story, or just play. The best thing about these puppets is that they can be used again and again.

## Sock Puppet

### Suggested Materials:

- An old sock, one that has lost its match, preferably long enough to cover some of your arm (**make sure to ask permission.**)
- White glue or hot glue gun or if you want to try sewing, a needle and thread (both options with the assistance of an adult.)
- Scissors
- Marker
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Buttons, pom poms, felt, pipe cleaners, yarn and feathers or other items (optional)

### Directions

1. Pull the sock onto your hand and figure out where you would like to place the mouth.

2. While the puppet is on your hand, use a marker to indicate where you would like to put facial features, such as eyes, nose, eyebrows and hair.



3. Now the fun begins. **Use your imagination** and have an adult help glue or sew (or a combination of both) your facial features. You can have a three-eyed monster, a dog, a cat, dragon with spikes ...

4. When you have attached the facial features you can create hair with yarn or use feathers if you like. Maybe use some pipe cleaners and attach antennae. Ears? A tongue or two? Your choice!

5. When you are happy with the face and hair, you can decorate the body of your puppet.



6. You're done. You did it. You created a puppet. Now time to have fun and put on a show or just play with your new friend.



## Popsicle Stick Puppet

### Suggested Materials:

- Popsicle/wood craft sticks
- Markers
- White glue or hot glue gun (with the assistance of an adult)
- Felt (optional)
- Paper (colour or plain)
- Craft foam (optional)
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Pompoms, feathers, old buttons, pipe cleaners or other decorations (optional)



### Directions:

1. First, decide which kind of popsicle stick puppet you wish to make. Do you want to make a superhero, a monster, an animal, a person, an insect or something else?

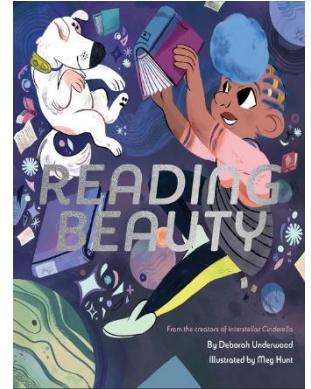
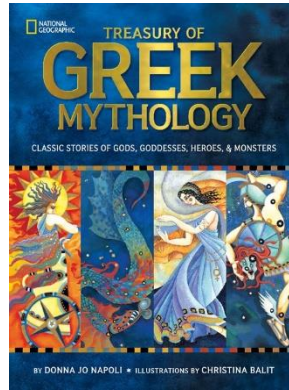
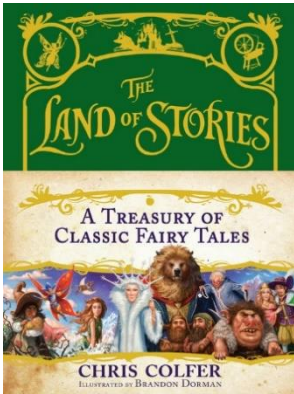
2. When you have decided what you would like to make, collect the materials you will need. You could use just a marker, some paper and glue or go all out with googly eyes and pompoms. Use what you have around the house. Ask your adult if there are any old pieces of fabric, buttons or other craft materials you can use.

3. You can draw on the popsicle stick or on other materials like paper and glue it onto your stick. You can paint or colour your stick with a marker if you wish your stick to be a different colour. Make it simple or fancy.

5. Have fun creating then use your creation to tell a story.

## Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](#) and get inspired by your favourite stories to create your own puppet shows.



## [Fairy Tales and Other Stories](#)

Read more stories on [TumbleBooks](#).

You can get a library card at [hpl.ca/online-card](http://hpl.ca/online-card).

*If you would like to share one or all your creations, please take a picture and post it to social media using the hashtag, #HPLmakesomething.*



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