



## Puppets & Puppetry

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### Sock Puppets

You can use a sock, fuzzy pom poms, googly eyes and stick glue to decorate. Other materials include other yarn, buttons, paper, markers. Or the puppet can be as simple as putting a clean sock on your hand and seeing where your imagination takes you!

#### Simply Sock Puppet Play



#### Designing and Creating Sock Puppets





### Shadow Puppets



#### Materials:

- Cardboard box
- Flashlight, spotlight, or lamp
- Paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Cardboard/cardstock/thick paper
- Sticks, coffee stirrers, popsicle sticks

#### How to Guide

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBwLs2lyWgU>



### Creating a Puppet's Characteristics

Work with your child to create a puppet character. Ask your child to tell you about the different characteristics of the puppets. Below are some ideas about how to start your conversation. Don't feel like your child needs to define all of these characteristics. Work on creating a puppet as you talk about the character. You can make a puppet using a sock, a paper bag, a cardboard tube. Be creative!

Eyes	Ears	Mouth	Nose	Hair	Voice
<p><b>Shape:</b> Circle, Triangle, Square, Hexagon</p> <p><b>Number:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,</p> <p><b>Symmetry:</b> Do the character's eyes look the same or different from each other?</p> <p><b>Color:</b> Black, Green, Purple, Blue, Brown, Yellow</p> <p><b>Emotions Expressed:</b> Does your character's eyes look happy, sad, mad, sleepy, bored</p>	<p><b>Big:</b> Like an elephant?</p> <p><b>Pointy:</b> Like a fox?</p> <p><b>Floppy:</b> Like a hound?</p> <p><b>Round:</b> Like a lion?</p> <p><b>Furry:</b> Like a koala?</p>	<p><b>Teeth:</b> Sharp like a carnivore?</p> <p>Flat like a herbivore?</p> <p>Both sharp and flat like an omnivore?</p> <p><b>Tongue:</b> Forked like a snake?</p> <p>Black like a giraffe?</p> <p>Dry like a cat?</p>	<p><b>Material:</b> Button</p> <p>PomPom</p> <p>Tissue Paper</p> <p>Balloon</p> <p>Lid of a Jar</p> <p>Acorn</p> <p>Seashell</p> <p>Bottlecap</p> <p>Cork</p> <p>Pinecone</p> <p>Rock</p>	<p><b>Length:</b> Long, short, bald?</p> <p><b>Texture:</b> Curly, wavy, straight, spikey, fuzzy?</p> <p><b>Color:</b> Rainbow, Ombre, Turquoise?</p>	<p><b>Pitch:</b> High like Elmo?</p> <p>Low like Cookie Monster?</p> <p><b>Speed:</b> Fast or slow?</p> <p><b>Volume:</b> Whisper or yell?</p> <p><b>Language:</b> Spanish, Italian, English, Hebrew, French, Japanese, Pig Latin, Wookie</p>





### Puppet Show



#### Stage:

- Table with a blanket or table cloth

#### Set:

- Talk about where your play should take place. Is it hot or cold? Real or pretend? Someplace you have been or somewhere you want to go?
- Design the set using cardboard, markers, and paint

#### Props:

- Pretend food
- Clothes and accessories
- Household items and toys
- Make your own if you don't have it

#### Make Believe:

- Play and pretend
- Have fun and be silly
- The story doesn't have to make sense
- Ask the following questions to help build a plot and clarify your child's thinking:
  - What happens next?
  - How does that character feel?
  - What would happen if ... ?
  - How can we solve the problem?

#### Record:

- Send to family and friends who you miss seeing in person