

ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



Rod Puppets!

For 3-5 Students

With Teaching Artist Noah Philpot

Materials

- Scissors
- Cardstock, sturdy paper, or thin recycled cardboard (like a cereal box or packaging)
- Pencils or markers for drawing
- 3 Pencils or thin sticks for holding puppets
- Tape
- Glue
- One 10"x10" square of thin recycled fabric per puppet. Scraps of an old T-shirt are perfect.



Introduction

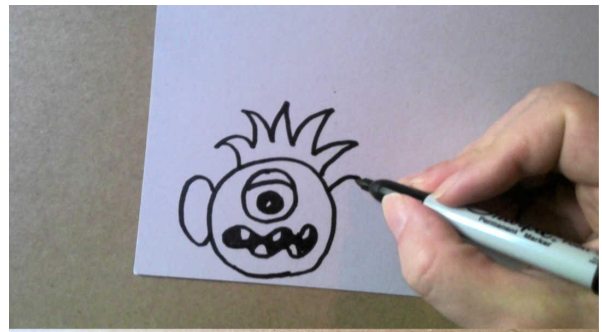
- Rod puppetry is an ancient art form practiced all around the world. Traditional forms of rod puppetry are still practiced in Belgium, Poland, India, China, and Java.
- Large Rod Puppets are often used in parades and at festivals.
- Rod Puppets are fun and easy to make!



Lesson 1: Sticky Faces!

Making Faces

- Begin by finding a clean flat work area
- Choose a piece of recycled cardboard, card stock, or thick paper.
- Draw a head, with a face near the edge of the paper.
- Carefully cut out the head.
- Glue or tape head to a pencil.
- You can add hair made of paper or yarn.
- You can add a hat!



Make Friends!

- Most puppet shows have more than one character.
- Make more puppet heads for different characters.
- You can make as many puppets as you like!
- Instead of drawing a face, it is also possible to cut a face out of a magazine, or to print a picture of someone you know.
- You can make a puppet of your favorite character from any show, movie, book, or video game.



Thank you!

Keep playing to find more great ideas!

- Rod puppets are fun and easy to make.
- Make as many different characters as you like!