



## **A baker's dozen puppet ideas**

*Especially for young children*

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1. Paper shape puppet
  - a. *Easy animal building components, review simple math shapes*
  - b. cardstock
2. Pop Up puppet
  - a. *Fun for surprise games, shy puppet – match cup to puppet's home or interests.*
  - b. Chop stick, cup, styro ball
3. Hungry caterpillar:
  - a. *A simple paper puppet to go with the popular story*
  - b. Cardstock
4. *Mask body puppet*
  - a. *Whole body movement – simple paper mache on a plate. Paint afterwards or use tissue paper.*
  - b. Paper plate, paper towel, egg cartons,
5. Mary's little lamb
  - a. *A simple marionette to go with the nursery rhyme; can easily make any other 4 footed animal too. Or 2 tube caterpillars*
  - b. card stock, yarn, fiberfill or cotton balls
6. Pocket puppets
  - a. *Can be used to illustrate the colour wheel, colour mixing, rainbows*
  - b. Paper plates, a wide variety of paper colours and textures - foils, tissue

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paper, construction, card stock, crepe

7. Head masks:

- a. *Dinosaurs or other animals, great for monster, talk about texture*
- b. Large manila or coloured card stock - 18x24" , crayons, frottage textures other collage materials

8. Five little spacemen - or monkeys - finger puppets

- a. *Can go with the popular call and response song*
- b. Gloves, super tacky glue, pom-poms, pipe cleaners, goggle eyes

9. The Mouth

- a. *Glove puppet- good at talking. Great for spring- lost and found bin*
- b. Gloves, super tacky glue, pom-poms, goggle eyes

10. Elephants

- a. *Elephant jokes, can also talk about colour symbolism*
- b. Cereal boxes, tissue paper, socks, wide paint brushes, coloured paper

11. Wooden spoon puppets

- a. *Talk about feelings and how they are expressed on the face*
- b. Wooden spoons, collage materials, super tacky glue, or plastic spoons & sharpies.

12. Ubiquitous paper bag/take out box container

- a. *Collect puppets favorite things to think about and keep in it's 'head'*
- b. Paper sandwich bags or large,

13. Found object:

- a. *Brooms, milk bottles etc can be turned in to puppets with just a few accessories.*