

PUPPETS!

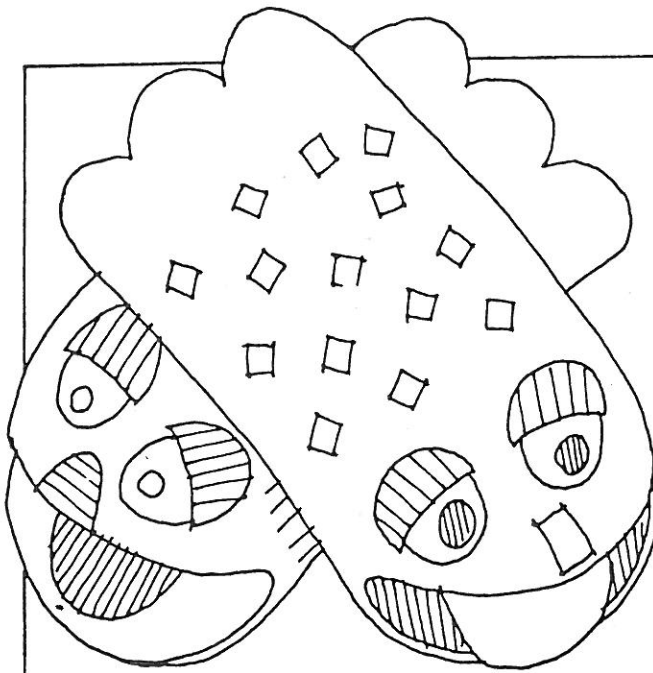
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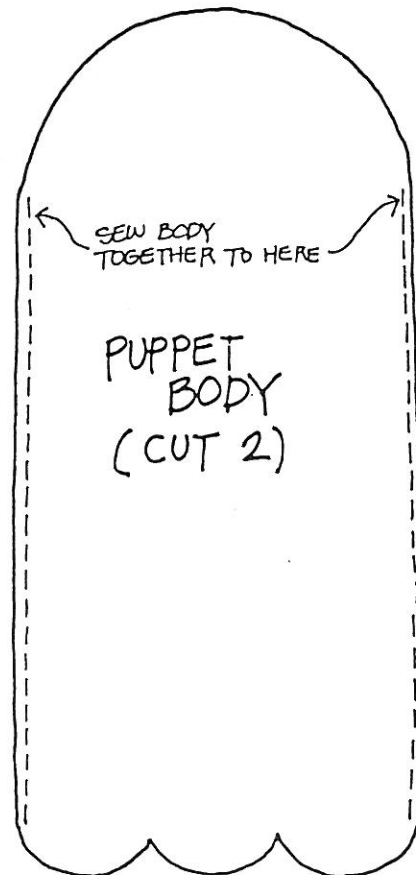
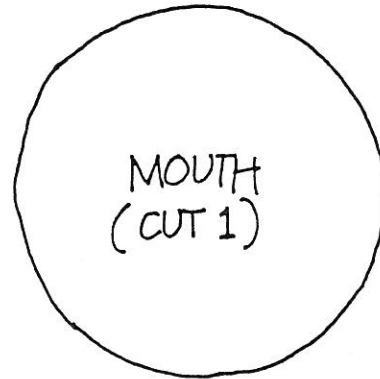




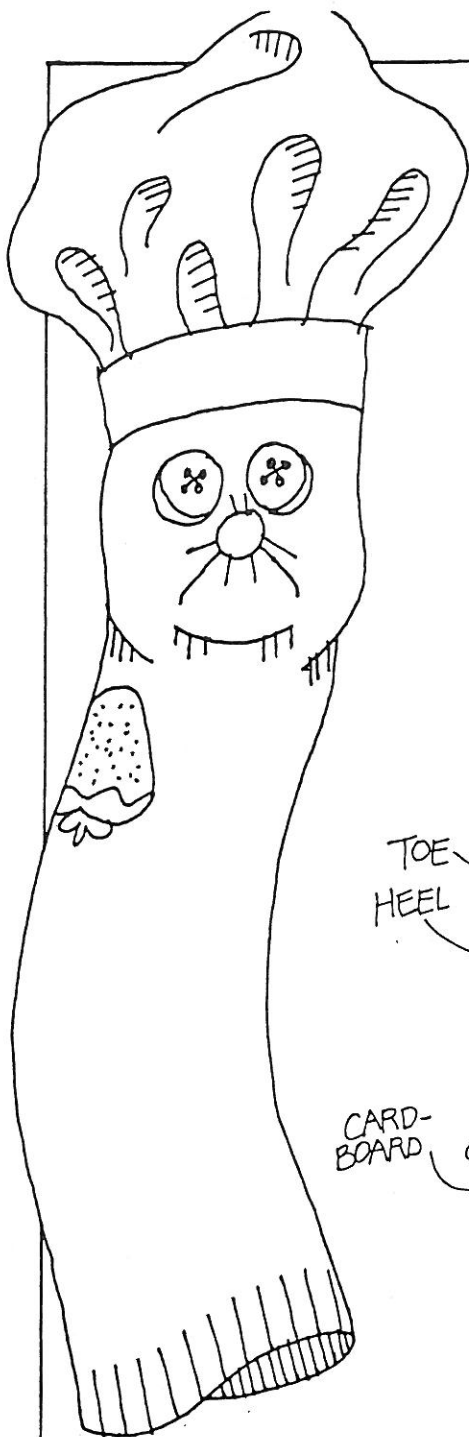
FELT SQUARE HAND PUPPETS

Materials: One 9" x 12"
felt square, felt scraps,
glue, thread, needle or
sewing machine, pattern.

Method: Pin pattern to
folded square of felt.
Cut out the two bodies.
Cut one puppet mouth.
Sew sides of body to-
gether. Sew half of mouth
to each half of body.
Trim with felt and yarn.



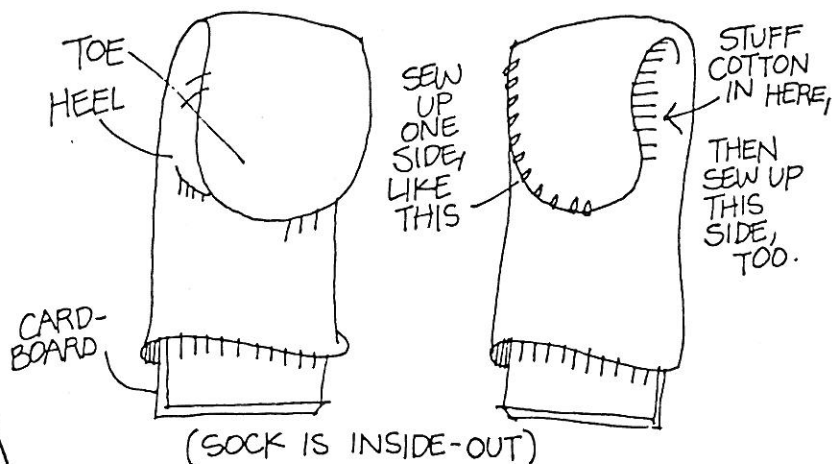
THE PATTERN FOR
THESE PUPPETS LOOKS
JUST LIKE THIS, BUT
TWICE AS BIG. YOU
CAN GET 1 PUPPET
OUT OF 1 FELT SQUARE.



Materials: Sock, cotton, needle and thread, buttons for eyes, cardboard about the size of the sock. White cloth chef hat.

Method: To make padded face with heel serving as chin:

Turn sock inside out. Insert cardboard inside sock as far up as halfway between heel and toe. Fold toe over and sew it just below the heel. (The cardboard will keep you from sewing through the back layer of sock.) Sew up one side of toe as far as fold. Stuff cotton in other side of toe. Sew it shut. Remove cardboard. Turn sock right side out. Sew up top of head. Add chef hat.



To make nose:

Sew stitches in a small circle. Leave thread hanging. Work cotton into circle. Draw up thread tightly. Tie off. Add button eyes.



SOCK PUPPET (CHEF)

SOCKS AND.....

Materials: Socks and ...
stuffing, nerf balls, yarn,
buttons, felt, glue,
thread.

Method: Stuff socks to
make:

- noses on mooses
- bodies on fishes
- tummies on monsters

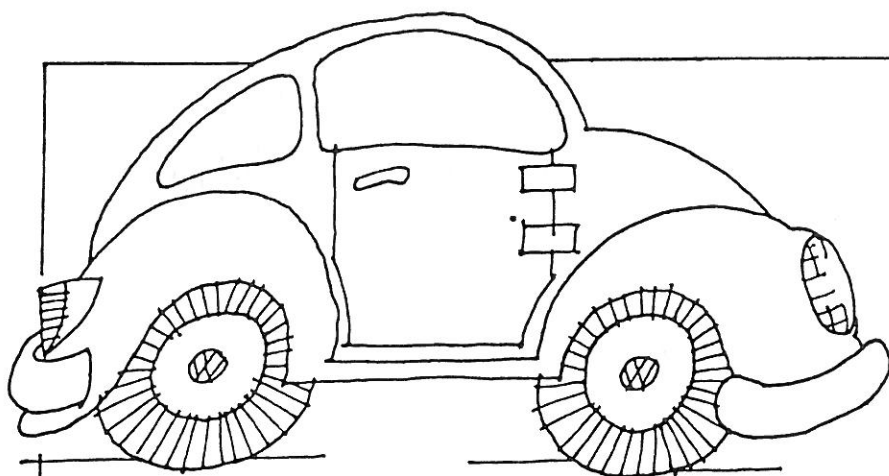
Decorate with felt, yarn,
and buttons.

MOOSE

MONSTER

FISH

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CAR

Materials: Cardboard, tape, paints, ice cream lids or cardboard circles.

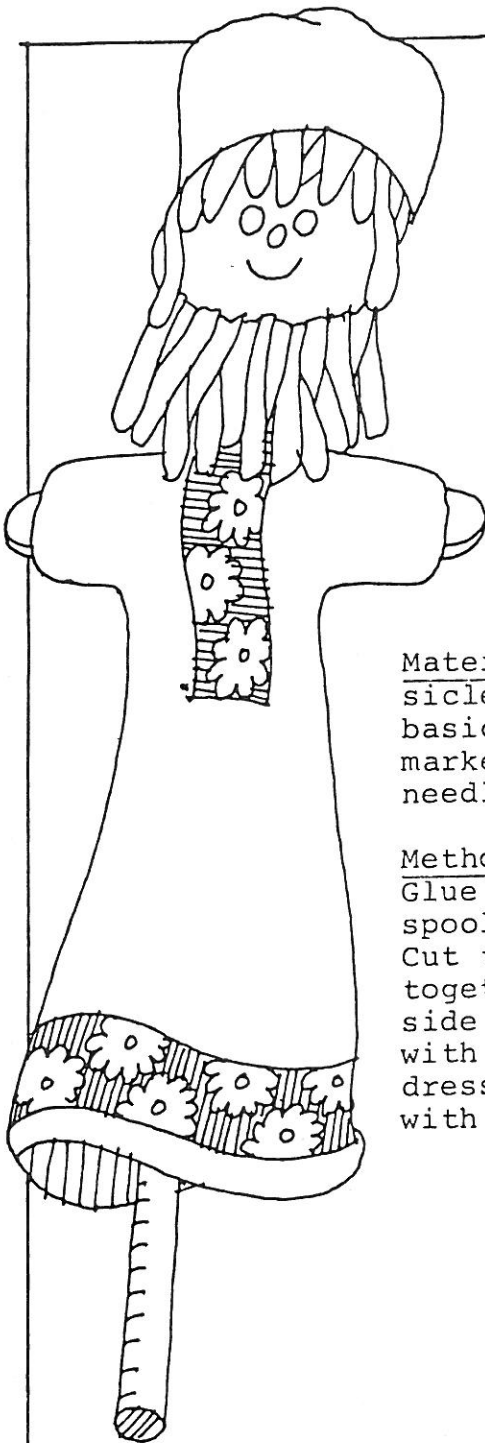
Method: Draw car outline on cardboard. Cut it out. Cut out and remove windows. Cut door completely off. Replace it, then apply tape hinges to the front edge of it. Open the door so that it lies flat along the front fender. Apply a strip of tape down the joining of door and car body so there will be a fold of tape caught between them to serve as an inner hinge. Decorate the inside of the door with cloth or paint. Paint car. Attach ice cream lid wheels with paper fasteners or glue at top of wheel.



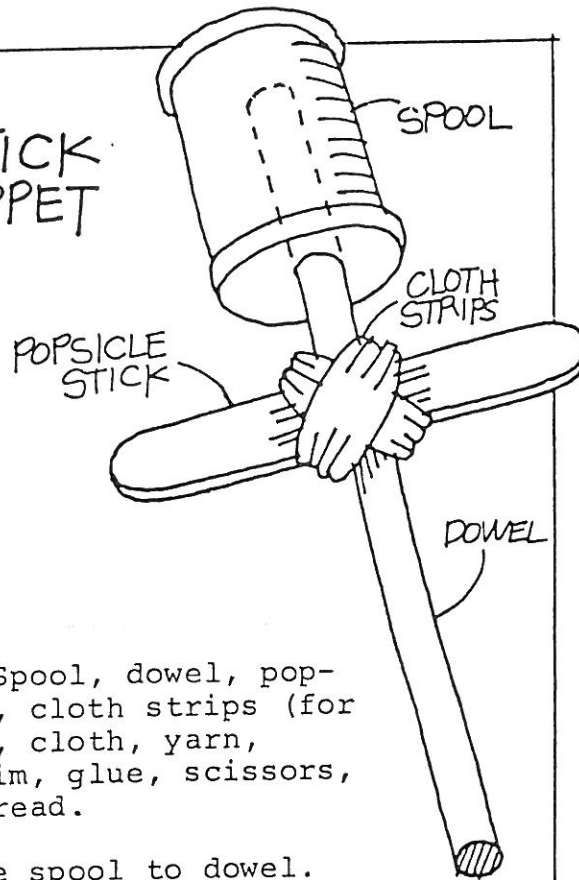
Materials: Glove, felt, trimmings, markers, glue, stuffing.

Method: Stuff fingers of glove, but leave enough room for fingers to squeeze inside. That way you can wiggle the puppet.

Decorate with scraps of felt, trimmings, pipe cleaners, pen, cardboard.

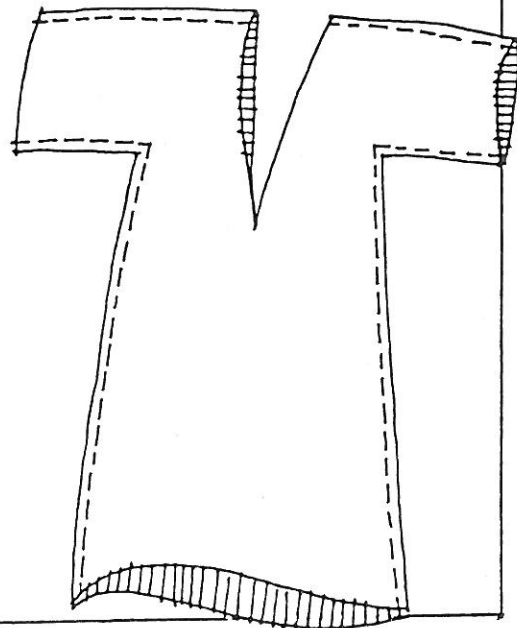


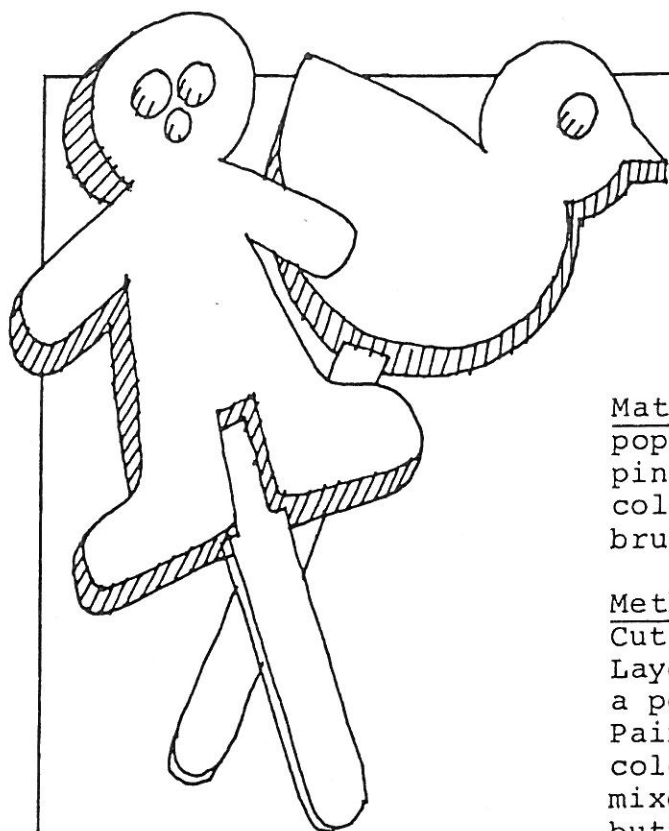
STICK PUPPET



Materials: Spool, dowel, pop-
sicle stick, cloth strips (for
basic form), cloth, yarn,
markers, trim, glue, scissors,
needle & thread.

Method: Glue spool to dowel.
Glue popsicle stick just below
spool. Lash with cloth strips.
Cut two dress pieces. Sew them
together as shown. Turn right
side out. Cover front opening
with trim after you have fitted
dress over puppet. Decorate
with markers and yarn.



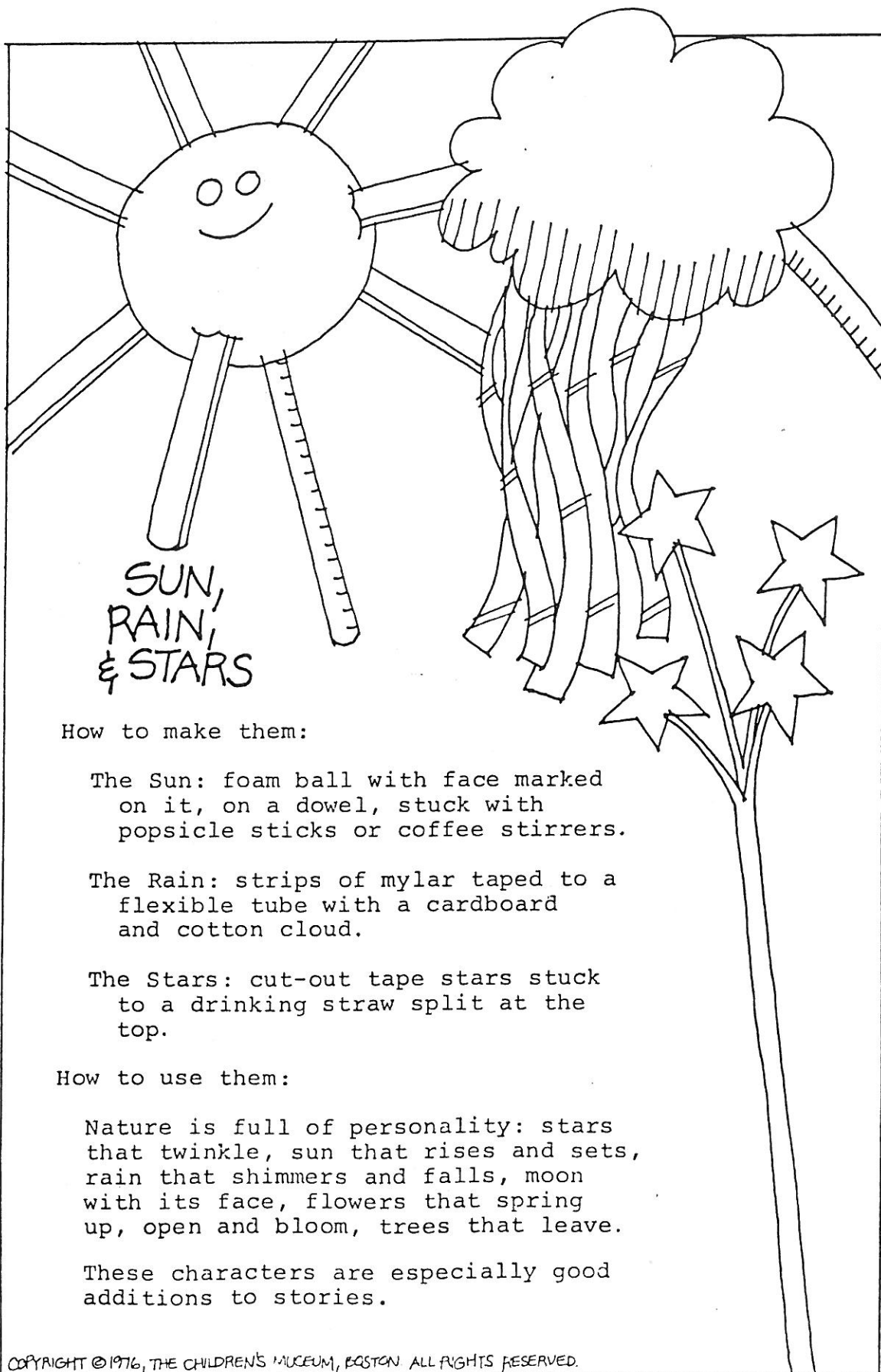


COOKIE STICK PUPPETS

Materials: Cookie dough, popsicle sticks, rolling pin, cookie cutters, food coloring, new paint-brushes, oven.

Method: Roll out dough. Cut two of each figure. Layer two cut-outs with a popsicle stick between. Paint dough with food coloring--straight, or mixed with egg yolk or butter. Bake.

You may also bake cookie without stick--and insert it just after they come from the oven.



SUN, RAIN, & STARS

How to make them:

The Sun: foam ball with face marked on it, on a dowel, stuck with popsicle sticks or coffee stirrers.

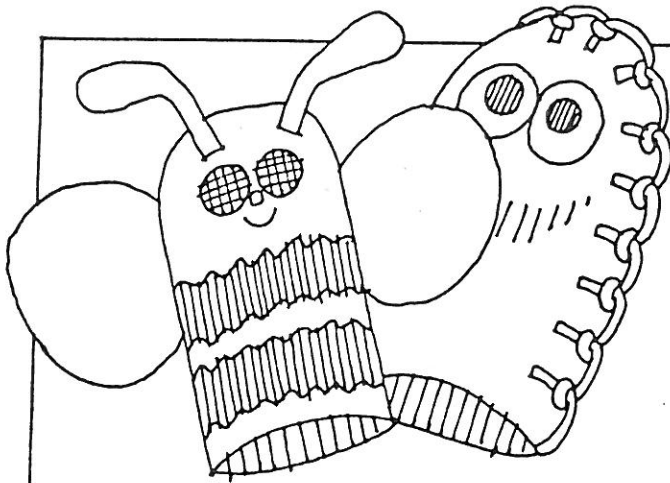
The Rain: strips of mylar taped to a flexible tube with a cardboard and cotton cloud.

The Stars: cut-out tape stars stuck to a drinking straw split at the top.

How to use them:

Nature is full of personality: stars that twinkle, sun that rises and sets, rain that shimmers and falls, moon with its face, flowers that spring up, open and bloom, trees that leave.

These characters are especially good additions to stories.



FINGER PUPPETS

Felt finger puppet:

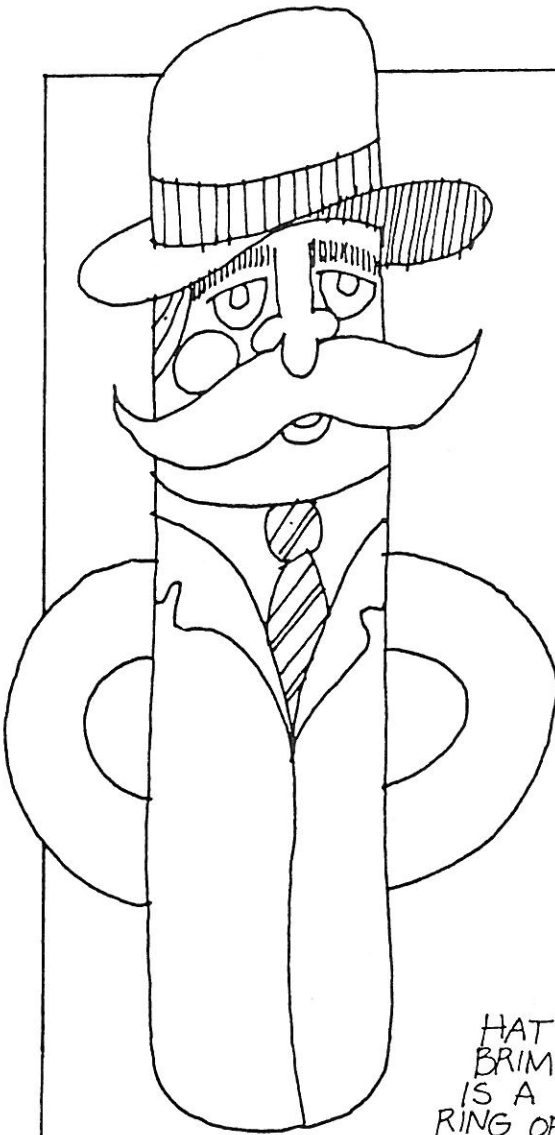
Materials: felt scraps,
fine yarn, yarn needle,
glue.

Method: Cut two finger-
shaped pieces of felt
twice as wide as your
finger. Blanket-stitch
with yarn along the edges.
Glue on felt features:
eyes, nose, beard, ears,
beak, neckties..

Paper finger puppet:

Materials: Square of paper
(about 2"), paper for trim,
markers, glue or tape.

Method: Roll square of
paper around finger. Tape
or glue this tube in place.
Decorate body with markers
or scraps of paper. Add
paper wings and antennae.
Buzz, buzz, buzzzz.



CARDBOARD TUBE FINGER PUPPET

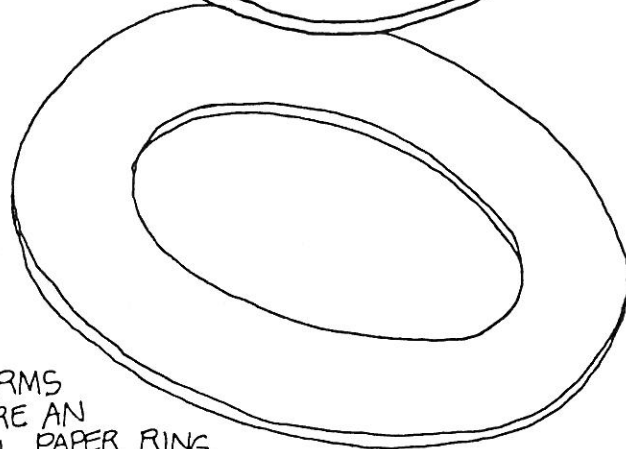
Materials: Cardboard tube,
paper or cloth, markers,
scissors, glue.

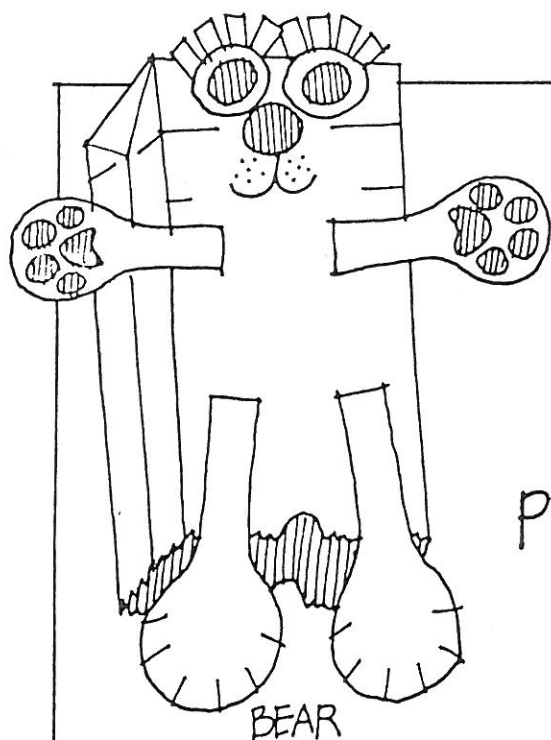
Method: Draw face. Add
cut-out hat, moustache,
arms. Decorate with
markers. You might find
a nice-looking face in
a magazine which you could
cut out and glue on.

HAT
BRIM
IS A
RING OF
PAPER

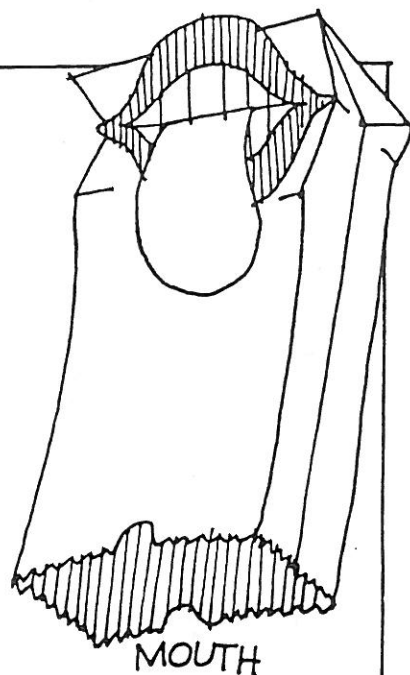


ARMS
ARE AN
OVAL PAPER RING,
GLUED TO BACK OF TUBE.





PAPER BAG PUPPETS



Materials: Paper bags,
construction paper, glue,
scissors, markers.

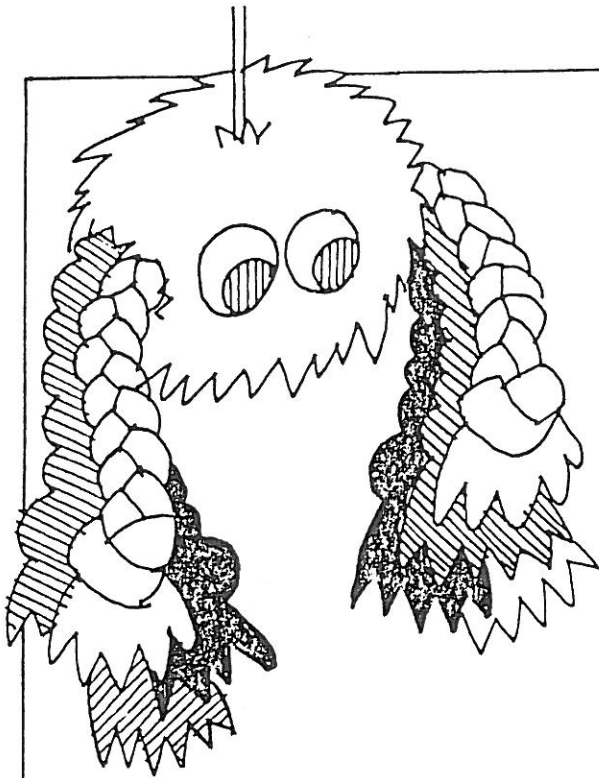
Method: Square-bottomed
bags have a fold that is
easy to open and close,
inviting surprises. Put
the bear's eyes inside
the flap so that when he
goes over the mountain
to see what he can see,
he'll open them up and
see something. Paste the
duck's bill inside the
fold and it will flap
beautifully. For the
mouth, cut a slit in the
fold and insert a tongue
that can be pulled from
inside the bag.

Here's the way to make
teeth and lips. Fold
white paper in half.
Cut out a half-oval to
fit the inside of the

paper-bag fold. Cut teeth
shapes along the fold.
Fold red paper and cut a
half-oval the size of the
teeth oval. Cut and remove
the center of the red oval.
Paste the lips on top of
the white teeth, and glue
them snugly in the bag's
fold.



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SPIDER AND MISS MUFFET

Materials: Fuzzy cloth,
yarn, stuffing, rubber
band, stick, paper eyes.

Method: Cover stuffing
with fuzzy cloth. Sew or
glue together. Braid
eight yarn legs. Sew on.
Glue on eyes. Sew rubber
band to top of spider.
Dangle from stick.

Materials: Paper cup, wad
of stuffing, yarn, cloth,
paper, glue.

Method: Poke holes in
paper cups where fingers
will go. Cover cup with
cloth. Cover stuffing with
cloth to form head. Stuff
into hole in top of cup.
Add yarn hair and eyes.
Add paper feet.

