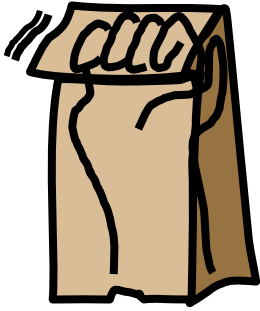
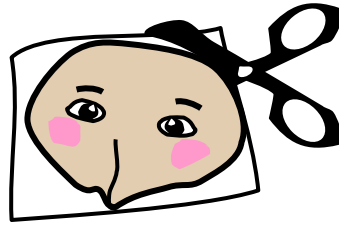


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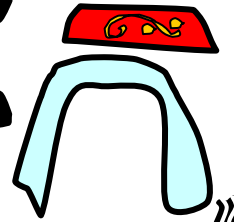
Fatima and Other Paper Bag Puppets



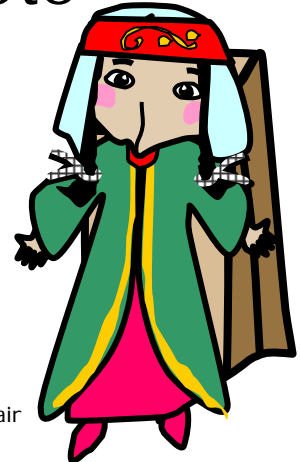
With bag over hand, move the puppet's mouth.



1. With a piece of cardstock or construction paper about the same size as the flap of the bag, draw the top part of Fatima's face (eyes, cheeks, and nose). Or, glue on plastic eyes, colored paper, etc. Cut out the face.



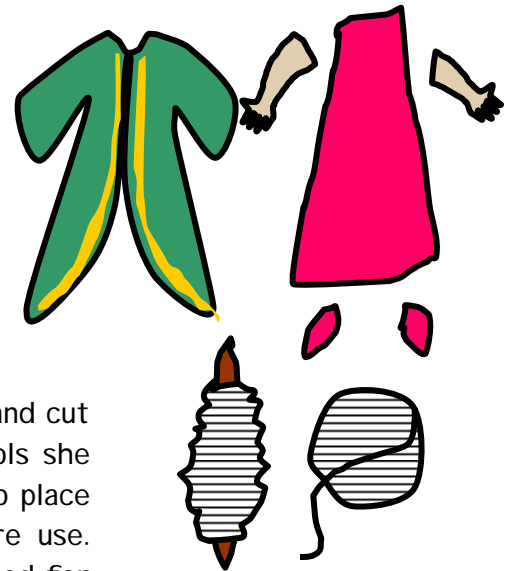
strands of yarn for hair



2. Draw and cut out another piece of construction paper for her headdress (make sure it fits over the top part of her head). Cut out and decorate a colorful headband out of construction paper. Cut hair from construction paper or cut several lengths of yarn and secure it with a small strip of ribbon. Glue all the pieces together and allow to dry while you assemble her clothing.

3. Cut out other shapes for the clothes, making them roughly the same size as the paper bag. Cut out hands and shoes from construction paper. Decorate as desired by adding decorations such as strips of fabric, wrapping paper, decals, beads, buttons, and the like. Glue or tape pieces together making sure the hands are under the "tunic" sleeve. Allow this piece to dry while you glue on the face to the flap of the bag.

Once the body is dry, glue, tape or staple the entire piece to the front of the bag (make sure you do not glue the bag shut).



4. Finish by drawing or gluing a red tongue under the flap. Draw and cut out other props, such as Fatima's spindle and yarn and other tools she would need. These props can be glued, taped or paper clipped into place as needed for play. Allow the puppets to dry completely before use. Sometimes an extra bit of glue, tape or stapling needs to be applied for stabilization. **HAVE FUN!**

spindle and yarn ball (glue on a piece of yarn to make it look real)

Puppet Theater Ideas

- Place a tablecloth or sheet over a table and students sit under table and extend their puppets out from under the cloth to do their dialogues.
- Cut a rectangular window in a large cardboard box (such as an appliance box) on the front, and a "stage door" in the back. Have 1-2 students go inside box and perform their skits through the window.
- Place chairs facing each other and have students sit and perform their skits to each other. Have these puppets available in a drama center or storage bin for use whenever wanted.



Fatima's Father



The Emperor



The Prince



A lady from China