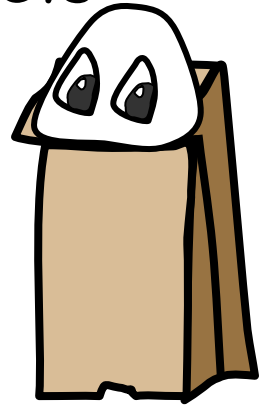
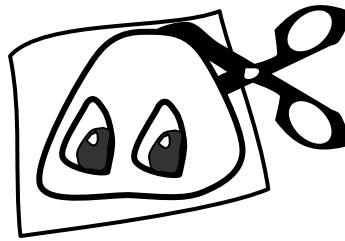
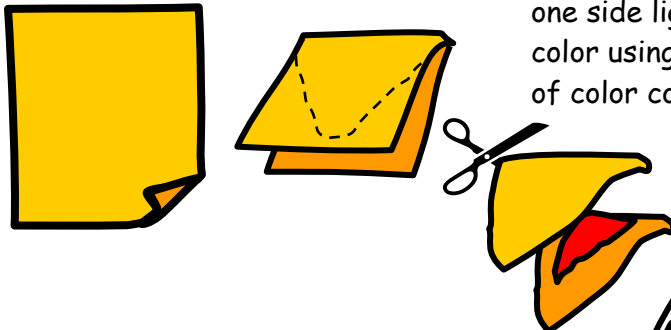


The Silly Chicken Paper Bag Puppets



1. With a piece of white construction paper about the same width, but 2" higher as the flap of the bag, draw the top part of the chicken's face. Draw the eyes, or glue on plastic eyes, colored paper, etc. Cut out the face and glue securely on the flap of bag taking care not to glue the flap down.

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

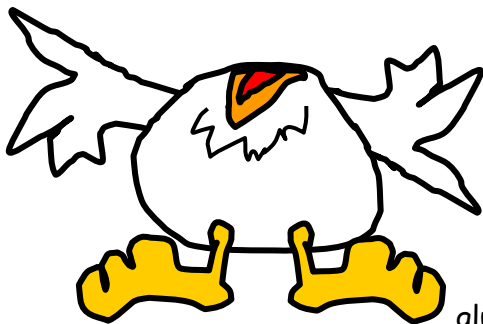
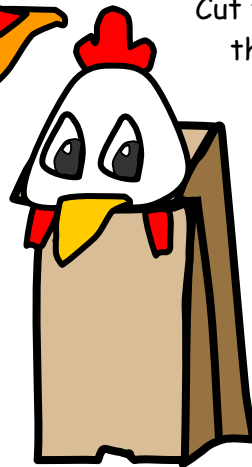


2. For the BEAK, using cardstock or construction paper, cut out a piece 2.5" wide and about half the length of the paper bag. Color one side light orange and the other side can be colored another color using markers, paint, or crayons. OR, cut out another piece of color construction paper to glue to the other colored piece.

Fold the piece in half, and draw the shape of the beak on the top fold and cut out along the lines.

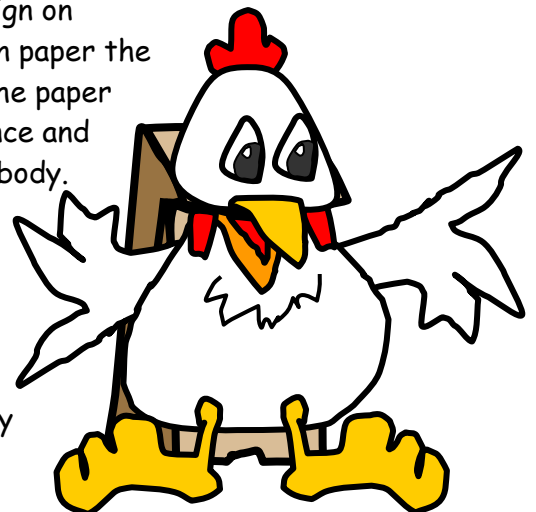
Cut the top and bottom beak parts apart at the fold. Draw and cut out a small red tongue and glue onto the bottom part of the beak. Glue the top beak onto the face (top flap). Set the bottom beak aside for attaching later (step 4 below).

3. Cut out red comb and glue onto top part of head at the back. Cut out 2 red waddles and glue underneath the bag flap. Make sure you do not seal the flap shut. Allow the head part to dry while you assemble the body.



4. For the BODY, draw the outline, then cut out a piece of white construction paper shorter, but twice as wide as the bag. For the WINGS, trace your design on a piece of white construction paper the same size as the length of the paper bag. Cut out two wings at once and glue or tape to the back of the body.

For the FEET, trace your design on a piece of colored construction paper or tag board, cut out 2 feet and glue to the front of the body. Add other decorations such as feathers, claws, or draw fluff. Once the body is dry, glue or staple the entire piece on front of bag under the flap. Glue on the lower beak/tongue under the flap at the fold. Allow the puppet to dry completely before use. A little glue or stapling may be required from time to time.



See next page for other pattern ideas.



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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.

