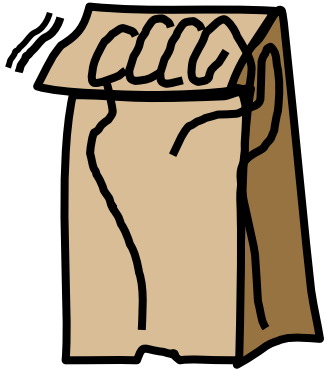
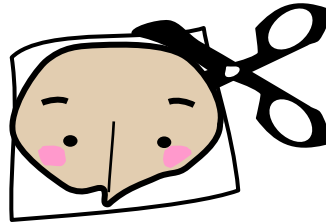


Hoopoe Books Teaching-Stories™

Clever Boy 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 clever boy's top part of his face (eyes, cheeks, and nose). Or, glue on plastic eyes, colored paper, etc. Cut out the face.

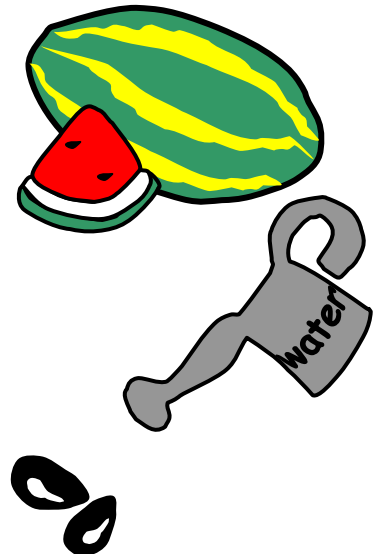
2. Draw and decorate the boy's hat using red construction paper, making sure it's roughly the same width as the head. Glue it to the top of the boy's head.

3. Cut out and glue on pieces of construction paper for hair and ears. Once the head is completely dry, glue it securely on the flap of the bag taking care not to glue the flap down.

4. Cut out other shapes for the clothes, hands, shoes and feet from construction paper or light-weight cardstock. Glue or tape pieces together and decorate pieces as desired by coloring, drawing, adding beads, buttons, pompoms, decals, pieces of wrapping paper, and so on.

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).

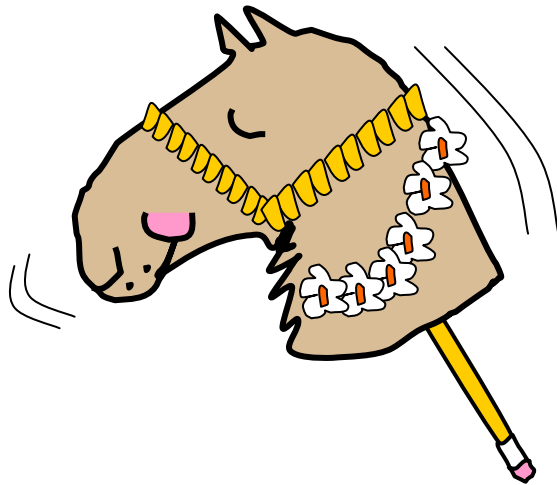
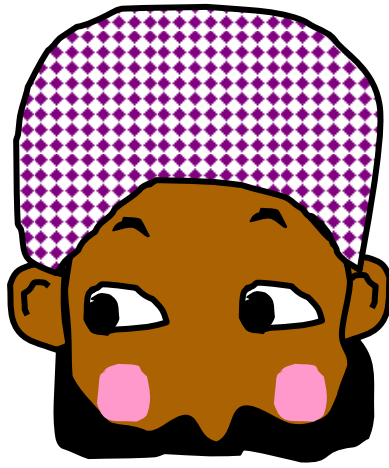
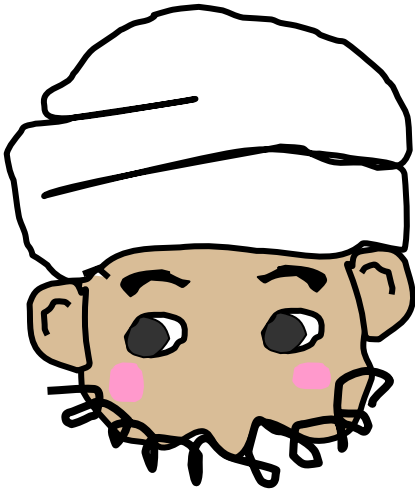
5. Finish by drawing or gluing a red tongue on a black background under the flap. Draw and cut out other props, such as the watermelon, the seeds, the watering can. These props can be glued, taped or paper clipped into place as needed for play. Allow the puppets to dry completely before use. Sometimes an extra bit of glue, tape or stapling needs to be applied for stabilization. HAVE FUN!



See next page for other pattern ideas.

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.



Stick Puppets:
Draw, decorate,
and cut out animals.
Tape pencils or
sticks to the back
of cut-outs and
shake to make
them move.

