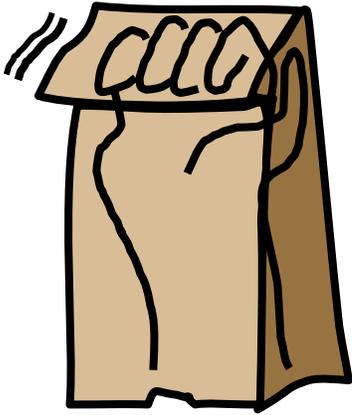
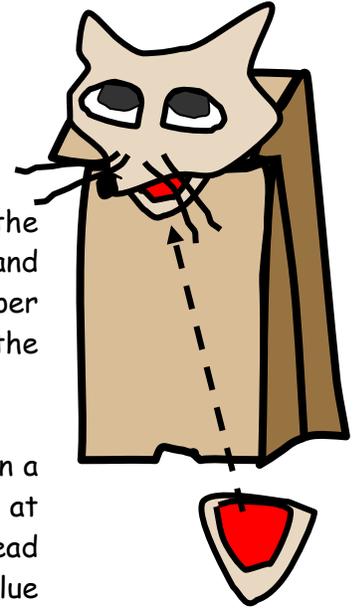
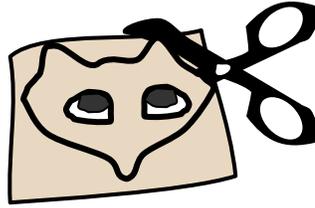


Hoopoe Books Teaching-Stories™

The Man and the Fox Paper Bag Puppet



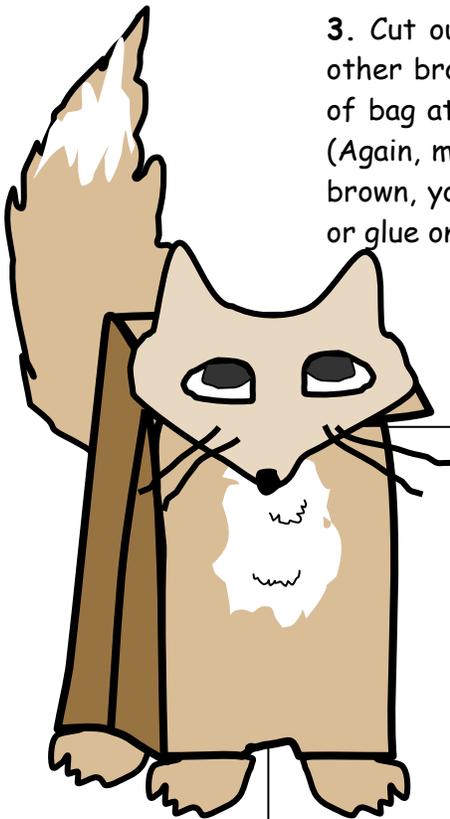
With bag over hand, move the puppet's mouth.



1. With a piece of cardstock about the same size as the flap of the bag, draw the fox's top part of his face and ears. Draw on or glue on pieces of construction paper for eyes and nose. Cut out the face and add the whiskers made of paper or pipe cleaners.

2. Draw and cut out the lower jaw. Cut out and glue on a red tongue and glue the lower jaw under the bag flap at the fold. Then glue or staple the top part of the head securely on top of the bag flap taking care not to glue the flap down.

3. Cut out other shapes for the paws and tail from construction paper, other brown bags, or light-weight cardboard. Glue or tape paws to inside of bag at the lower opening. Glue or staple the tail to back side of bag. (Again, make sure you do not glue the bag shut.) Since the fox is usually brown, you can color white on the tail and along the front for white fur, or glue on cotton balls.



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.

For the MAN:

4. Cut out the shirt & vest and glue together. Color or decorate as desired. Cut out the man's beard and glue on top of his shirt at the neck. Cut out and glue on a red tongue over the beard. (You may want to use real fabric pieces for the vest, or fuzzy material for the beard.)

Cut out and attach hands and shoes to the backside of clothes. Once dried, glue the clothes/beard/tongue to the bag's front.



5. Finish by preparing the man's top part of his face like the fox's, except add on human ears, a mustache and a headdress. You may want to glue fabric to the headdress. Attach the head as above in step 1. Draw and cut out other props, such as the sack, some rocks, a chicken, etc. 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!

