

How To Make a Finger-Puppet - *The Bird's Relative*

FELT PUPPETS:

Step 1:

1. Cut out & roll **FINGER SUPPORT** snugly around your finger and pin the long edges together.
2. Sew or glue along open edge. (Set aside until last step.)

Step 2:

1. Cut out all the remaining pieces from the desired color of felt.
2. For added effect, outline all pieces with a fine-point marker.

Step 3 – Face:

Glue and/or draw on **EYES, BROWS & NOSE** on **HEAD**, and let dry a few minutes.

If using glue, always allow time for the glue to adhere before going to next step.

Step 4 – Dress:

Cut out **DRESS**, and glue or sew onto **ARMS**. Make sure the hands can be seen and that the head is fully visible.

Step 5 – Robe:

1. Cut out the 2 **FRONT ROBE** and the 1 **BACK ROBE** pieces.
2. Apply the decorative items onto the **FRONT ROBE** pieces, if using. Craft glue works best for this application.
3. Allow the **FRONT ROBE** pieces to dry completely before gluing into place.
4. Once dry, glue the two **FRONT ROBE** pieces over top the **DRESS** aligning with the sides of the **DRESS** skirt.
5. Carefully turn the puppet over and glue on the **ROBE BACK** into place, aligning with the sides of the **DRESS** skirt. This will add stability to the puppet.
6. Set puppet aside until all glue has dried.

Step 6 – Beard:

Cut out **BEARD** and glue or sew into place.

Optional: Instead of felt for the Beard, consider using furry fabric.

Step 7 – Finger Support:

Once the puppet is completely dry, place the **FINGER SUPPORT** on the back of the puppet. Glue or sew to attach.



Step 1

OPTIONAL CARDSTOCK PUPPETS:

EASY OPTION: Photocopy the color pieces onto white cardstock and cut out and attach all pieces by glue following Steps 1-7. Allow to dry completely before use.

OTHER OPTION: If photocopying is not an option, cut out the pattern pieces from white cardstock, color or paint the pieces as desired, and follow Steps 1-7 from above using glue. Allow to dry completely before use.

Have fun!

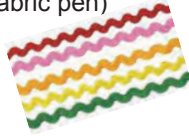
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CAUTION: Avoid injury! Adult supervision recommended, if necessary. This project includes cutting with scissors, using a sharp sewing needle and sharp straight-pins!

Finger-Puppet Supplies & Pattern Pieces

Supplies (for felt puppet):

1. Felt: Color of choice for HEAD/ARMS & FINGER SUPPORT; light tan for TURBAN, DRESS; purple or dark red for ROBE; gold for GILDED CAGE (stiffened felt is best for the pieces)
2. Marker: fine-point black (*optional*: fabric pen)
3. Sewing needle & Thread (if using)
4. Scissors
5. Straight-pins
6. Fabric glue (or Tacky® Glue)
7. Cellophane tape & craft sticks or pencils, if using
8. Glue on rick-rack braid, ribbon, sequins, beads and other embellishments for the ROBE FRONT

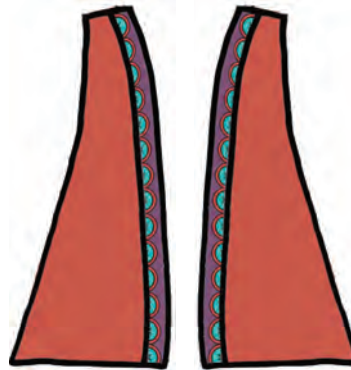
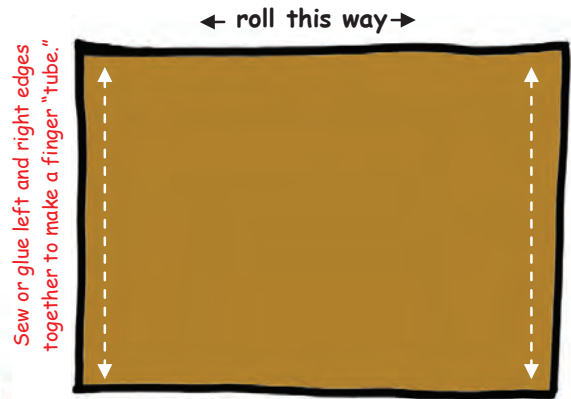
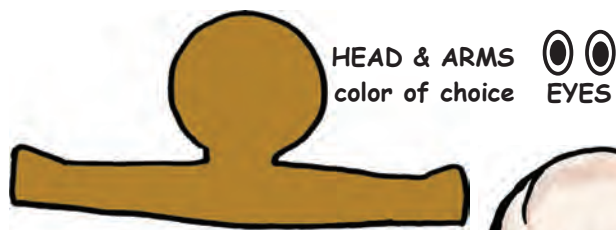


Optional: For added effect, outline the pieces with a fine-point black marker or fabric pen.

Supplies (for paper-cardstock puppet):

1. Light-weight card stock: white
2. Markers, fine point: black; wider point with colors of choice. OR, use craft paint or crayons.
3. Scissors
4. Paper craft glue

Optional: Photocopy this sheet onto white cardstock and cut out the pieces, leaving the black outlines for extra dimension. Then assemble using the Steps on previous page.



Plus decorative edging (see suggestions in Supplies above)

PUPPETS ON A STICK: Cut out the pieces from cardstock and assemble using glue. In place of the FINGER SUPPORT (Steps 1 & 7), tape a craft stick or pencil to the back for easy hand-held puppets.

Ideas for Other Characters & Objects from the Story:

1. Draw or photocopy the BIRD on sturdy cardstock paper, then cut it out.
 2. **Gilded Cage:** Draw and cut out a beautiful CAGE for the BIRD.
- Use your imagination for further characters and props. If children are to create the puppets, remember to keep it simple for them.

