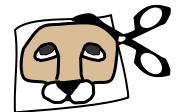
Hoopoe Books Teaching-Stories

The Lion Who Saw Himself in the Water Paper Bag Puppets



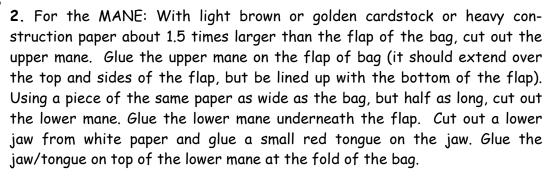
With bag over hand, move the puppet's mouth.

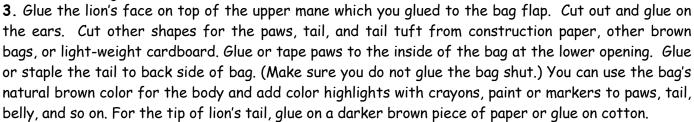


1. With a piece of cardstock about the same size as the flap of the bag, draw the top part of the lion's face. Cut out two small snout circles from white paper. Glue the snout circles onto the face and glue on a nose made from black construction paper.



Draw on eyes, or cut them from colored paper and glue on. Draw the nose lines from the tip of the eyes to the tip of the nose. Allow the lion's face to dry completely before cutting out. If wanted, draw on whiskers or glue on pieces of pipe cleaners or short pieces of yarn for whiskers.





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.



To make this beautiful butterfly, see next page...



The Butterfly Paper Bag Puppet

1. Draw and cut out the butterfly's face from gray construction or cardstock following the same method as for the lion. Cut out and glue on eye pieces, or draw the eyes on. Don't forget the extra-long eyelashes, which can be drawn or cut from black paper and glued on. Draw nose, and glue on cheek pieces or color them with paint or crayons.

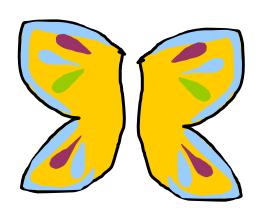
Take 2 pipe cleaners (any color) and bend them to look like antennae and tape or glue onto top of face. **Option:** Punch 2 holes over eyes, insert end of pipe cleaners, and secure by taping the ends to backside of face piece. Allow the face to dry while you prepare other parts of the puppet.



2. Cut a piece of gray construction paper or cardstock about the same width and length of the bag. Draw the body with dark lines to show each segment. Cut the body out. Now draw and cut out 6 legs and glue to the body segments.

Option: Cut out six lengths of pipe cleaners for the legs, and attach to body (see Option in Step 1 for attachment). After drying, glue or staple the body with legs onto the front side and under the flap of bag (making sure you do not glue or staple the bag closed or the flap down). Cut out and glue on a red tongue under the flap at the fold.





3. For the wings, you'll need 2 brightly colored sheets of cardstock or heavy white paper that you can paint. The sheets should be 1.5 times larger than the length and width of the bag. Draw the shape of wings on one of the sheets, paper clip the sheets together and cut out the wings two at a time. Flip one of the wings over so that you have a left and a right wing. Use colored construction paper, paint, markers, glitter and other decorations for the wings. When the wings are dry, glue or staple them onto the back of the paper bag, being careful not to glue or staple the bag closed.

4. Glue the butterfly's face onto the flap of the bag. Allow each of these paper bag puppets to dry completely before use. You may have to apply extra glue or staples from time to time to keep them in shape.

