

## How To Make a Finger-Puppet - PEACHES

### Step 1:

1. Cut out **FINGER SUPPORT** from felt or cardstock paper & roll snugly around your finger and pin or tape the long edges together.
2. Sew or glue the open edge & set aside.

### Backing Felt (or cardstock):

Once the pieces are cut out, lightly assemble them on a piece of paper and trace the outline. Use this to help cut out the backing for easiest assembly. (See next page.)

### Step 2 – Face, Headdresses & Scarves:

1. Draw & cut out **FACE**. Glue and/or draw on **EYES, BROWS & NOSE** on **FACE**, and let dry. (If making a man puppet with facial hair, draw on or cut out and glue on mustaches & beards.)
2. Draw & cut out **HEADDRESSES & HAIR**. When the **FACE** is dry, glue to or sew on the **HEADDRESSES** and apply the **HAIR** as desired. Allow the **HEAD/FACE** to dry.



Step 1

### Step 3 – Clothing:

1. Cut out **TUNICS, ROBES, VESTS, TROUSERS, SKIRTS, SHOES**, etc. Assemble the clothing pieces onto the **BACKING** piece and glue or sew into place.
2. Glue or sew on **NECK SCARVES** (if using).

### Step 4 – Head/Face & Hands:

1. Cut out the **HANDS** and glue or sew in place. Allow to dry.
2. While drying, apply the decorative items onto the **TUNIC, SKIRT or TROUSER** pieces, if using. Craft glue works best for this application.
3. Glue or sew the **HEAD/FACE** onto the **BACKING** piece overlapping with the clothing where needed, such as the **HEADDRESS & SCARVES** will cover the top of the **TUNIC or DRESS**. Allow to dry if using glue.
4. Once dry, glue or sew the two **HAND** pieces into place. **NOTE:** Have **DRESS/TUNIC** sleeves overlap the **HANDS**. Allow to dry if using glue.
5. Once the puppet is completely dry, carefully apply extra glue to help stabilize the pieces.
6. Set puppet aside until all glue has dried.

### Step 5 – Finger Support:

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

**EASY OPTION:** Photocopy the color pieces onto white cardstock and cut out and attach all pieces by glue following Steps 1-5. If photocopying is not an option, cut out the pattern pieces from white cardstock, color or paint the pieces as desired, and follow Steps 1-5 from above using glue. Allow to dry completely before use.



Have fun!



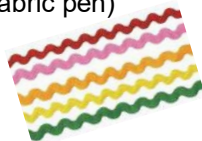
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**⚠ CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Adult supervision recommended, if necessary. This project includes cutting with scissors, using a sharp sewing needle and sharp straight pins!

# Finger-Puppet Supplies & Pattern Pieces

## Supplies (for puppet):

1. Felt or Cardstock: Color of choice for HEAD/ARMS, HANDS, CLOTHING & FINGER SUPPORT
2. Peaches, bottles, and other props: felt or cardstock, color appropriately.
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 on clothing pieces, if desired.



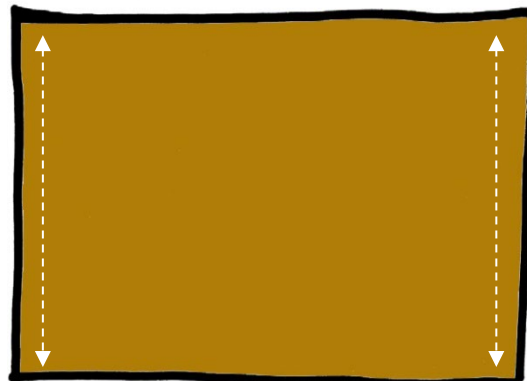
**Optional:** For added effect, outline the pieces with a fine-point black marker or fabric pen.

## Supplies (for paper-cardstock puppet):

1. Light-weight cardstock: 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 color as desired. Assemble using the Steps on previous page.

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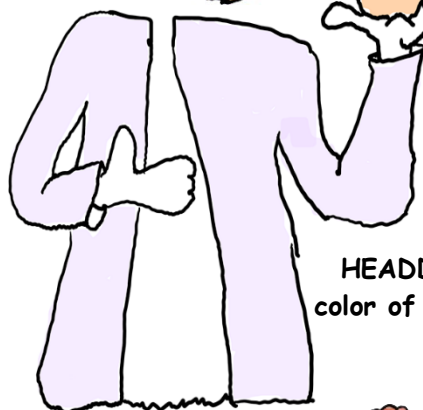
Sew or glue left and right edges together to make a finger tube.

## TWO VILLAGE CHARACTERS

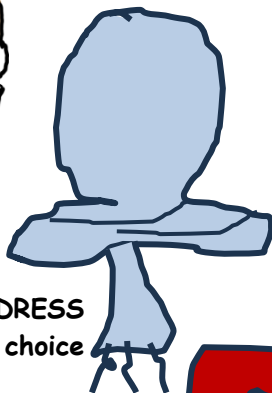


FACE, HANDS & HAIR  
color of choice

FINGER SUPPORT - color of choice



HEADRESS  
color of choice

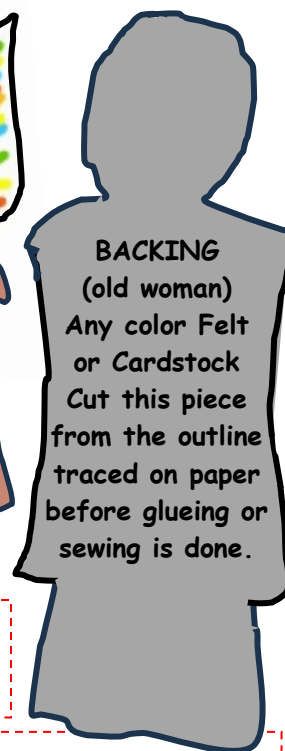
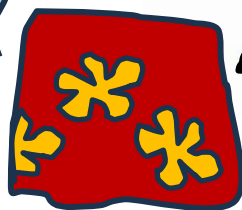


TUNIC  
color of choice  
or white and  
decorated with  
rick-rack or  
colored markers

TUNIC & SCARF  
colors of choice



SKIRT (with decorations)  
dark color felt or cardstock



BACKING  
(old woman)  
Any color Felt  
or Cardstock  
Cut this piece  
from the outline  
traced on paper  
before glueing or  
sewing is done.

**PUPPETS ON A STICK:** Cut out the pieces from cardstock and assemble using glue. In place of the **FINGER SUPPORT** (Steps 1 & 5), tape a craft stick or pencil to the back for easy hand-held puppets.

## Ideas for Other Characters & Objects from the Story:

(See **PEACHES Felt Characters** instructions on [hoopoebooks.com](http://hoopoebooks.com) for more ideas.)

1. Draw or photocopy the **SYRUP MACHINE** on sturdy cardstock paper, then cut it out.
2. **PEACHES:** Draw and cut out all sizes and styles of **PEACHES** and baskets of peaches. Place these as desired on the puppets using small pieces of double-stick tape.
3. Photocopy or draw the **MERCHANT/CAMEL**. (See *Peaches Felt Characters* on [hoopoebooks.com](http://hoopoebooks.com) for examples.)

Use your imagination for further characters and props. If children are to create the puppets, remember to keep it simple for them.

