

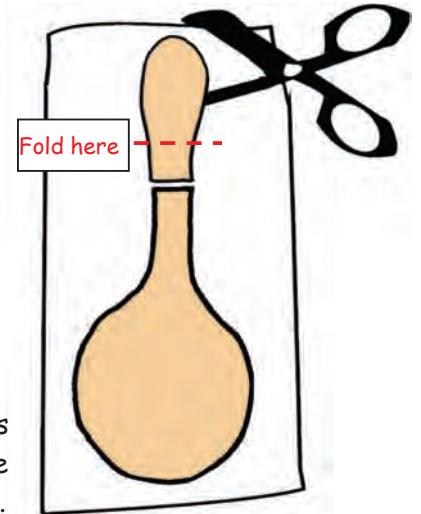
Hoopoe Teaching-Stories™

Oinkink Paper Bag Puppets



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

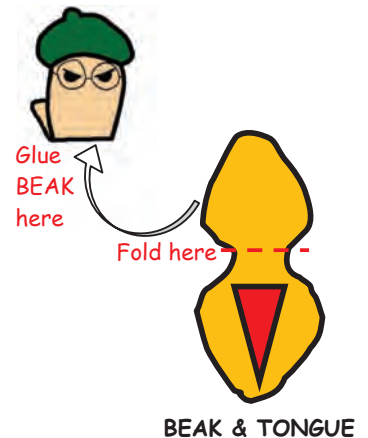
Materials you will need: lunch-size paper bags, colored pencils, crayons, markers, water-based paint, glue, paste spreader, colored construction paper or cardstock, tape, scissors, newsprint for desks or tables. **Optional:** tissue paper, wrapping paper, feathers, old shopping bags, pipe cleaners, gold braid, foil, beads, buttons, sequins, fabric scraps, plastic eyes, etc.



1. CUT OUT ALL PIECES: Draw the outline and details of the pieces on white or colored cardstock paper. The Head/Body should be at least as long as the paper bag.

The Wings should be large enough to extend away from the bag (see illustration below). Cut out the pieces around the outlines. Draw, color or paint the details of each piece. (**Suggestions:** Head/Body = yellow; Hat = green; Legs = orange; Beak = orange; Wings = light green or blue.)

2. Once the pieces are colored and dry, cut the head from the body about halfway down the neck and mark the FOLD LINE on the HEAD (see illustration). Glue the HAT to the top of the head. Draw on eyes under the hat, or glue on buttons or sequins to create eyes. Glue or tape the folded flap of the HEAD to the underside of the bag flap. Fold the BEAK and glue the lower part it to the bottom of the folded HEAD piece. You may want to add a piece of red paper for a tongue to the lower beak. Set aside and allow to dry.



3. Glue the wings onto the lower part of the bird's body. Glue the legs to the bottom of the goose's body. Set the body aside to dry completely.

4. CONSTRUCT THE PUPPET: Lift the flap of the bag, and glue the entire BODY/WINGS/LEGS to the front of the bag being careful not to glue the flap closed. Align the Body's neck with the Head piece. Let it all dry.

5. FINISHING TOUCHES: You may want to fashion small glasses out of pipecleaners or gold braid and glue over the eyes. You may want to add a small bow tie.



For other ideas of puppets and objects, see next page.

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.



Magic Bottle: Draw, color and cut out a magic bottle for the drama!

Other Characters & Objects from the Story:

1. Using the same methods, draw pattern pieces for the MAN in the story before his transformation.
2. Draw and cut out other characters, such as the Tricksters.
3. Draw and cut out the MAGIC BOTTLE, the BABY & CARRIAGE, or ZOO ANIMALS. Tape the pieces onto the tip of pencils or craft sticks to make easy hand-held puppets and props.

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

Scenes from the Story:

Have the children design and color BACKGROUND MURALS on a roll of art paper. Tape the mural onto a wall, and have the children retell the story or perform a Puppet Theatre in front of the mural. Allow the children use their imagination for creating murals.

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!**



The Man: Draw and cut out pieces to represent the man before his change to a goose. Below is an idea.



A Trickster: Draw and cut out pieces to represent a trickster.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Adult supervision recommended, if necessary. This project includes cutting with scissors!