

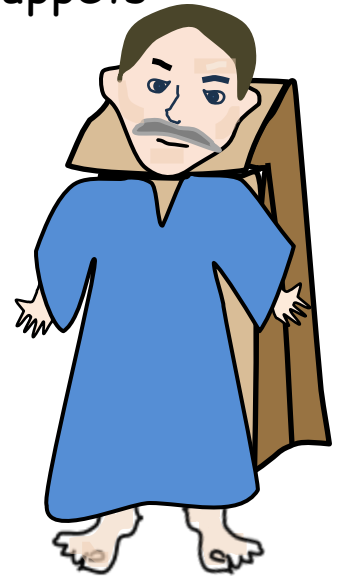
# Hoopoe Teaching-Stories™

## The Palace of the Man in Blue Paper Bag Puppets



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

**Materials you will need:** lunch-size paper bags, colored pencils, crayons, markers, glue, paste spreader, colored construction paper or cardstock, tape, scissors, stapler, paperclips, newsprint for desks or tables. **Optional:** tissue paper, wrapping paper, old shopping bags, pipe cleaners, foil, beads, buttons, fabric scraps, yarn for hair, plastic eyes, rick-rack lace, sequins, etc.



Man in Blue. See next page for ideas for other puppets for the story.

**1. Easy Method for Head & Face:** Reproduce the book's illustrations of the man in blue and others' faces including hair, scarves, and headdresses on construction paper in a size large enough to cover the bottom flap of the bag. Glue the head piece to the bag's bottom flap and allow to dry.

**Or,** draw and color the head parts (faces, beards, head coverings, hair, etc.) on art paper about the size of the flap, cut the pieces out and glue all in place.

**Optional:** as embellishments, glue on plastic eyes, buttons, fabric for head and neck, scarves, pipe cleaners, and yarn for hair and mustaches.



Man in Blue arms, robe, feet.

**2. Cut out other shapes for the clothes,** making the tunics roughly the same width as the paper bag. Draw and cut out trousers, vests, scarves, sashes, neckties, caps, and leggings from construction paper. Decorate the garments as desired by adding strips of contrasting colored paper, ribbons, fabric, rick-rack, lace, wrapping paper, decals, beads, buttons, and the like. (Remember that the man in blue has a plain tunic.)

**3. Arms, hands, legs, feet, shoes:** Draw and cut out other pieces of construction paper for arms/hands and feet and glue in place. Remember to glue arms/hands, skirts and trousers under the tunic piece. Cut out shoes and sandals and glue onto the feet. (Remember that the man in blue does not wear shoes.)

**4. Glue clothing pieces together** making sure garment tops are over the trousers, the vests, scarves and sashes are on top of the tunics, and the shoes/feet glued under the trouser legs or tunic bottoms.

Once the body piece is dry, glue, tape or staple the entire clothing piece to the front of the bag (make sure you do not glue or staple the bag shut).



### Puppet Theater Ideas

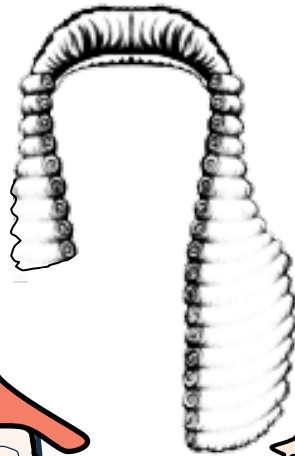
- Place a tablecloth or sheet over a table and children sit under table and extend their puppets out from under the cloth to do their dialogues.
- Cut a rectangular window in a large cardboard box (such as an appliance box) on the front, and a "stage door" in the back. Have 1-2 children go inside box and perform their skits through the window.
- Place chairs facing each other and have children sit and perform their skits to each other. Have these puppets available in a drama center or storage bin for use whenever wanted.

Draw and cut out other props, such as palace gates, camels & other animals, sumptuous food items, crutches & canes, plush pillows, trees & flowers, etc. These props can be glued, taped or paperclipped 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!

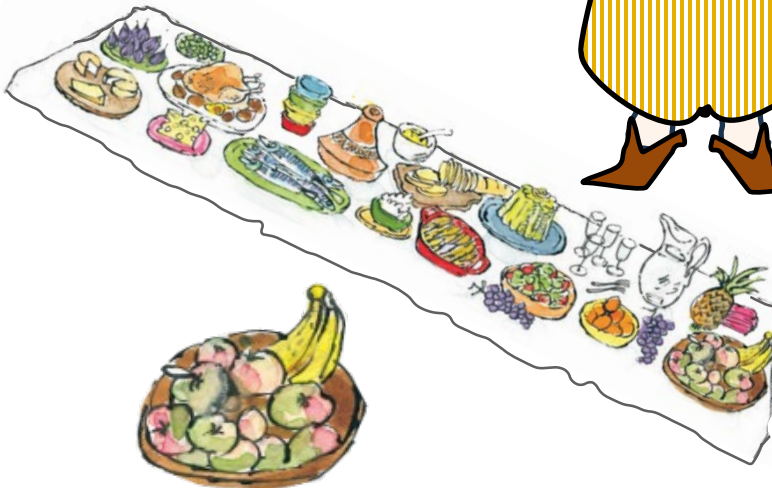


Merchant Visitors

**The Steward's Wig**  
 Resize as desired to fit the flap of the bag.  
 Glue the wig onto the flap first, followed by the face pieces.



The Steward



**Stick Puppets:** Draw, decorate, and cut out other characters and props. Tape pencils or sticks to the back of cut-outs and shake to make them move.