

# Hoopoe Teaching-Stories™

## How To Make a Finger-Puppet

### *The Spoiled Boy With The Terribly Dry Throat*

#### 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/Head:

1. Glue and/or draw on **EYES, MOUTH, TONGUE & HAIR** on the **HEAD FRONT**, and let dry a few minutes.
2. Lightly color or paint the **CHEEKS** as pink.
3. Glue, draw or paint on a **NOSE**.
3. Glue or sew **HEAD FRONT** onto **ARMS** at the neck. Glue or sew the **HEAD BACK** in place for extra support.

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



Step 1

##### Step 4 – Shirt & Pants:

1. Cut out the **SHIRT FRONT** and **BACK** pieces.
2. Apply the decorative items onto the **SHIRT FRONT** and **BACK** pieces, if using. Craft glue works best for this application. OR draw the designs using a fine-point marker or a fabric pen. Allow to dry.
3. Once dry, glue or sew the **SHIRT FRONT** onto the **ARMS**, being careful not to cover the **FACE**.
4. Glue or sew the **PANTS** to the **SHIRT FRONT** at the bottom. Allow to dry if using glue.
5. Glue or sew on the **FEET** to the bottom of the **PANT** legs.
6. Carefully turn the puppet over and glue on the **SHIRT BACK** into place, aligning with the sides of the **SHIRT FRONT**.
7. Set puppet aside until all glue has dried.

##### Step 5 – Sleeping Mask:

Cut out a **SLEEPING MASK** and draw or paint decorative motifs, as desired. Instead of sewing the **MASK** on, keep it for using as a prop during retelling the story.

##### Step 6 – Finger Support:

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

#### OPTIONAL CARDSTOCK PUPPETS:

**EASY OPTION:** Photocopy the color pieces onto white cardstock and cut out and attach all pieces by glue following Steps 1-6. Allow to dry completely before use.

**OTHER OPTION:** If photocopying is not an option, cut out the pattern pieces from white cardstock. Paint or color the pieces as desired, and follow Steps 1-6 from above using glue. Allow to dry completely before use.

**PUPPET ON A STICK:** Cut out the pieces from cardstock and assemble using glue. In place of the **FINGER SUPPORT** (Steps 1 & 6), tape a craft stick or pencil to the back for an easy hand-held puppet.

Have fun!



**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):

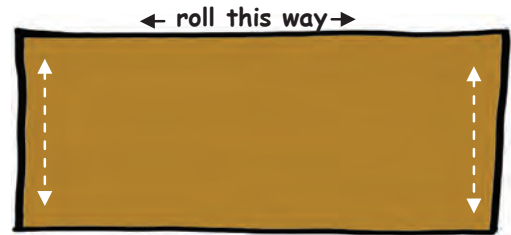
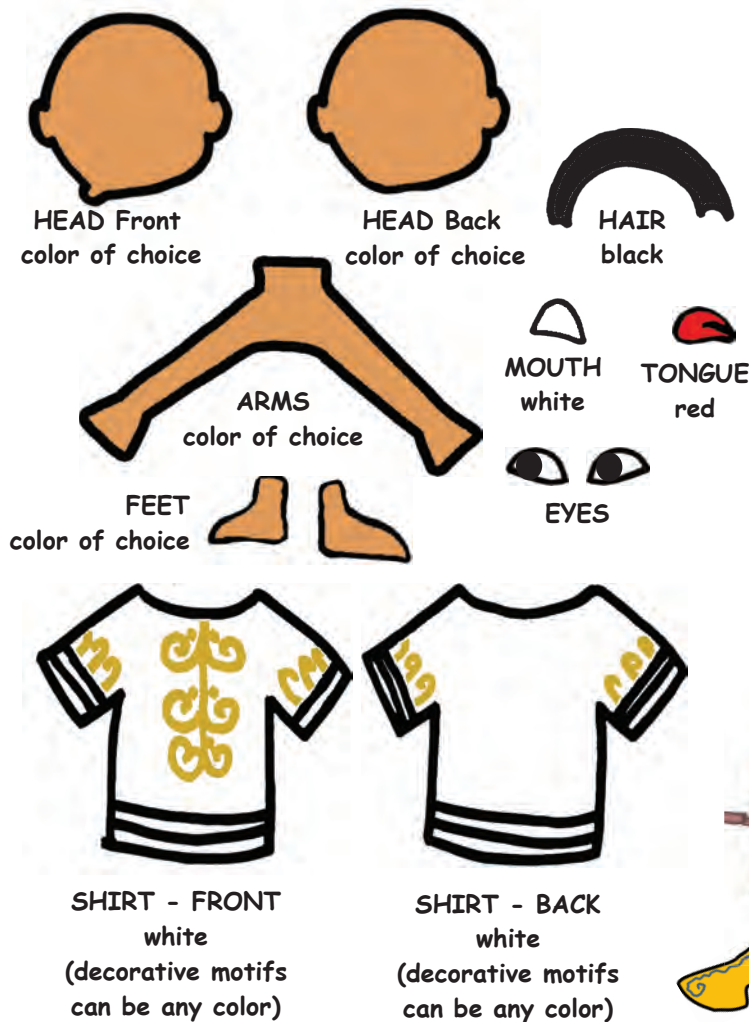
1. Felt: Choice of color for HEAD & ARMS and FINGER SUPPORT, plus: red, white, medium blue and black for other pieces (stiffened felt is best for the pieces)
2. Marker: fine-point black and gold (*optional*: fabric pen); pink crayon or paint for CHEEKS
3. Sewing needle & Thread (if using)
4. Scissors
5. Straight-pins
6. Fabric glue (or Tacky® Glue)
7. Cellophane tape (& craft sticks or pencils), if using
8. Rick-rack braid, ribbon, sequins, beads and other embellishments for the SHIRT, if using

**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 & gold; 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.



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

FINGER SUPPORT  
color of choice



PANTS  
medium blue



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

1. Draw or photocopy other characters, such as the DOCTOR, SERVANTS, COOK, etc., and glue onto sturdy cardstock paper, then cut out. (**IDEA:** tape the characters onto the tip of a pencil or a craft stick to make easy hand-held puppets.)
2. **Medical Cart & Sleeping Mask:** Draw and cut out other props, such as the Medical Cart & Sleeping Mask.

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