

## Assembly and Use of your Puppet Theaters

1. Carefully separate all the printed components from the cardboard sheets. The very large sheet of heavy cardboard is to be used as your Puppet Theater and stage.
2. Use the supplied crayons to decorate all the components of your project. You can also use your own colored pencils or markers for decoration. Use your own creativity!
3. After decorating all the components you are ready to assemble the theater. Fold the large cardboard component to resemble the picture on the package. After assembling, it is best to use glue on all the tabs for a permanent stage.
4. Take the wooden sticks and glue to the back of each character. Be sure to have the sticks stick out from the bottom of the character so you can easily use the puppet.
5. Depending on the theme of your puppet show, "community" or "fantasy," slide the scenic decorative card into the top of the theater.

YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ASSEMBLY PORTION OF YOUR "PUPPET THEATER" AND SHOULD BE QUITE PROUD OF YOURSELF!

### FINAL INSTRUCTIONS:

You are ready to create your own show. The children can have a meeting to determine what their play/story should be. This is great fun to plan your show!

In addition to planning the story line, the children will determine what character or characters each one will have.

Once all the details are worked out, the participants can sit behind the theater and start their performance!

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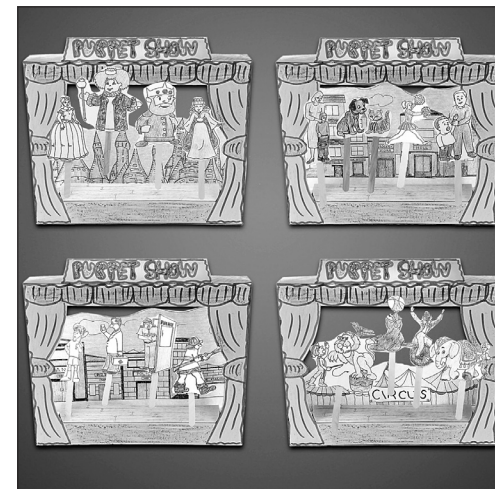
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## Puppet Theater Play Set



PACKAGE OF 2



Please read all directions before starting.

### Your package contains:

- Puppet Theaters
- Headers
- Characters
- Wooden Sticks
- Crayons
- Glue

### Additional Materials You will Need:

- Markers or Paint (optional)
- Craft Supplies (optional)

**Instructions:** Please read this brochure before starting the project. Have the group think about different themes and what their fantasy story might be. Also discuss the different characters and what they might say. The easiest way to complete the project is to color all of the characters, the different headers that set the theme for the show, and the theaters before assembling them. The project can be completed at one time, or divided into different time slots. It is best to have leader involvement for guidance. Have fun playing with your theaters!

Teaching Activities Inside

## TEACHER/PARENTAL INFORMATION

The best way to start this project is to learn and discuss hand puppets and “making up” fantasy stories. Puppets are universally known and enjoyed by all ages. There are many books written on the subject of puppetry.

- *Puppets by Meryl Doney*
- *Make Your Own Puppets & Puppet Theaters by Carolyn Carreiro*
- *Hand Puppets – How to Make and Use Them by Laura Ross*

In this project, the child will assemble their own **puppet theater and characters** using many of the skills needed for child development. This project encourages group participation.

- Fine motor skills
- Sequencing
- Creative thinking

## CHILD DISCUSSIONS

- What is a puppet?
- What are the various types of puppets?
- How do they move?
- Have you ever seen a puppet show?
- Are puppet stories like stories you might read in a book?
- Let's make up several “puppet show” stories!

## Basic Puppet Facts

- There are several types of puppets:
  1. **Marionettes or String puppets**
  2. **Shadow Puppets**
  3. **Finger Puppets**
  4. **Hand Puppets**
  5. **Stick Puppets**
- Some puppets are made like dolls and moved by using strings.
- Some puppets are put on your hand or fingers.
- Some puppets are made flat and are moved by “sticks.”
- Puppets are always controlled by real people who make them move and speak.