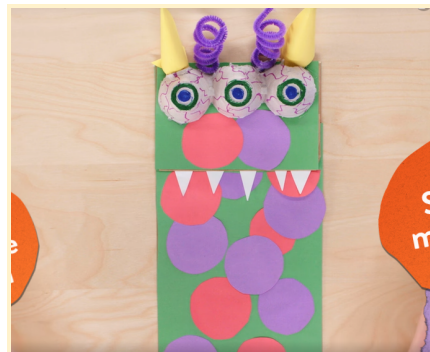


Silly Hand Puppet Monsters: RUN OF SHOW

Silly Hand Puppet Monsters		
Estimated Prep Time	30 minutes	
Estimated Run Time	45 minutes	
Ideal Age Range	All Ages	
Alternative Names	DIY Hand Puppets; Silly Puppets	
Brief Description	From cute and friendly paper bag monsters to spooky, three-eyed sock puppets, they're all here for the making!	
Set Up For Success		
Supplies:		
• Trays (one for each child) • Containers • Paper Bags or Clean Socks • Colorful Cardstock • Empty Egg Cartons • Paper Muffin Liners		• Pipe Cleaners • Yarn • Kid Scissors • Color markers • Adhesive (tape, glue stick, glue dots, etc.) • Hot glue gun (counselors only)
Prep/ Set Up Details:		
☐ Prep each child's tray with: Paper Bag or Sock ☐ Organize all shared supplies in containers (e.g., paper, markers, adhesives, etc.) ☐ Prepare a few relevant fun facts or questions to enrich the activity discussion! ◦ Has anyone ever seen a puppet show before? ◦ Think about what you will name your puppet and what their personality might be like!		
Preparing for younger children (ages 3-6)		
☐ Pre-cut feature shapes ☐ Opt for paper bag puppets that may be easier to glue onto ☐ Opt for less messy options (e.g. glue sticks, etc.)		
Preparing for older children (ages 7+)		
☐ Allow them to cut everything themselves		

Silly Hand Puppet Monsters: RUN OF SHOW

- ☐ Challenge them to create their own custom features
- ☐ Consider more sophisticated options (e.g. glitter, etc.)

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

Counselor(s) prep (30 minutes before)

Doors open (5 minutes before)

Gather (right on time)

- When all children are seated, welcome everyone!
- Introduce yourself and any other Counselors assisting the activity
- Give children a brief overview of what to expect and show children a completed “demo” or what the final product of this craft can look like
- Briefly review the tools they’ll be using and highlight any tools/techniques that require either (1) special care or (2) direct Counselor intervention
 - E.g. “Scissor edges can be sharp, so take care to always grab them by their handles and set them down gently every time!”
 - Or - “If you are making a sock puppet, come and see Counselor ABC for help with the hot glue”

Icebreaker (5 minutes)

- We’re going to play Nice to Meet Ya!
- Instruct all children and Counselors to sit in a circle
- Go around the circle having each participant tell everyone their name and their favorite puppet/muppet.
- Counselors can go first to set an example for children

Craft (25 minutes)

1. Prep your puppet body
 - a. Paper Bag:
 - i. Trace, cut, and glue/tape paper to cover each section of the body
 - b. Sock Puppet
 - i. Try your puppet on for size and make a mouth - while it is on your hand, mark where the face will go
2. Choose your desired features
 - a. Eyes (choose one):
 - i. 1-eye: Cut a small paper circle (pupil) and glue it inside a muffin liner
 - ii. 3-eyes: Cut out three egg cup holders and use markers to draw eyes
 - b. Head (choose one):
 - i. Hair:

Silly Hand Puppet Monsters: RUN OF SHOW

1. Wrap yarn 30 times around your hand (cut from the yarn skein)
 2. Tie the loose end of yarn snugly around one side of the loops to hold them in place and then cut through the center on the other side
 - ii. Horns:
 1. Cut a square with 5-inch sides out of cardstock
 2. Fold it corner to corner and cut the diagonal to create a triangle
 3. Roll it into a horn shape and tape to secure - fold in the bottom edges to create a flat base
 - c. Antennae: Wind pipe cleaners loosely around your finger to coil
 - d. Spots: Cut circles out of cardstock (*best for paper bag puppets*)
 - e. Teeth: Cut paper triangles for teeth (*best for paper bag puppets*)
3. Put it all together!
 - a. Glue features onto your puppet!
 - i. If using a sock for the puppet body, hot glue will be required to attach each feature.
 1. **Safety Reminder:** Hot glue is a counselor-only tool!
 - a. Insert a piece of cardboard to spread the sock open before gluing pieces on!
 - b. If using a paper bag, you can use markers to color the spots and anything else you want - color in the uncovered sides of the paper bag with scales or other designs.

Play/Perform (10 minutes)

- Instruct children to sit in a circle with their puppets - go around the room and have them make up a puppet voice and have the puppet introduce themselves to the group - name, favorite color, and favorite snack! Counselors can go first to help demonstrate.
- Think of a common story that everyone knows (3 Little Pigs, The Cat in the Hat, etc) or bring out a storybook to read with the group. Assign characters to each puppet and work together to reenact the story!

Wrap-up/goodbyes (5 minutes)

Reset/Cleanup (After - 10 minutes)