

Making a Hand Puppet

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Hand puppets are easy to make. They are another standard issue, so to speak, among puppets. While they are rather basic, you can do a lot with a hand puppet. You can create a very unique character with or without a moving mouth. We'll show you how to make it without a moving mouth first.

Step 1:

Select fabric (can be fleece, cotton, flannel or felt, basically any fabric can be used. Although prints are usually ruled out, they do make an interesting puppet!)

Step 2:

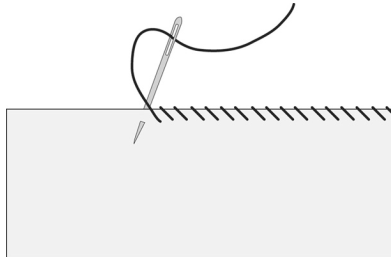
Cut out the pattern shown on the next page. If you wish to keep it for awhile, you should probably cut out this design onto a piece of cardstock or cardboard (such as that used in cereal boxes).

Step 3:

Cut two pieces in this shape by folding material and cutting. Make sure your fabric pieces are both going the same way when using anything with a nap.

Step 4:

With right sides together, the two puppet pieces should be sewn together using a whipping stitch or overcast stitch.



Leave the bottom open to put your hand in. Stick your fingers inside the arm pieces and another into the head.

