FAMILY FUN

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CREATING CHARACTERS AND TELLING STORIES
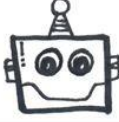
Roll-a-Robot Activity

Simply roll the dice and copy the robot pieces onto your paper to build your own robot!

ITEMS NEEDED

- Piece of paper
- Pencil
- Marker
- Dice

Simple Folded Puppet Activity

Make a simple folded puppet from one piece of construction paper. Decorate it with markers and paper to create an animal or a person!

ITEMS NEEDED

- Piece of construction paper
- Glue

STEPS

Step 1: Fold a piece of construction paper into 3rds lengthwise. Don't worry if the folders aren't perfectly equal. Since 1 flap will be at the bottom of the puppet, no one will notice if the edges don't align exactly.

Step 2: Glue the top flap down to hold the folds in place. Open up the top fold and squirt glue along the entire inside of the flap. Then press it down onto the other folded third so that the folds won't come undone. The paper should now look like a long, narrow rectangle.

Step 3: Rotate the rectangle so it's vertical. After you rotate it, the short sides of the rectangle should be at the top and bottom. Keep the paper rectangle oriented like this as you continue to fold it.

Step 4: Fold the rectangle in half, bringing the 2 short edges together. Pull one of the shorter edges up so that it aligns with the other short edge. Crease the paper at the fold to hold it in place. To avoid any sloppy seams from showing on your puppet, fold the paper so that the glued edge is on the inside of the folded paper, not the outside.

Step 5: Fold each flap down so the edges line up with the center fold. After you've folded the rectangle in half, bring one of the flaps back down. Align the edge with the bottom fold, then crease the fold so the paper stays down. Repeat with the other side. Try to line up the edges as perfectly as possible so your puppet isn't crooked.

Step 6: Glue the 2 outside folds down. Squirt dots or a thin line of glue around the inside of the 2 flaps you just folded. Press the flaps down firmly once you've applied the glue to secure them in place. The side view of your folded paper should now look like a "V." Hold the paper down for about 20 seconds to let it dry before you remove your hand. Leave the very center fold of the paper unglued. This will be the mouth of your puppet.

Step 7: Decorate the puppet however you'd like. Use crayons, markers, or paint to add colorful designs to the puppet, for instance. You can also glue on 3D decorations like ribbon, paper, or googly eyes. If you're using heavier decorations, like gems or popsicle sticks, consider gluing them on with hot glue instead of school glue. Hot glue will hold better.

Step 8: Place your fingers in the 2 openings to use your paper puppet. First, put your thumb in one of the openings along the outside of the center crease. Then, insert the rest of your fingers into the other opening next to it. Your thumb should be in the bottom opening, your other fingers should be in the top opening. To open and close your puppet's mouth, simply open and close your hand while your fingers are inside the paper. Keep in mind that it's easier to use the puppet with your dominant hand. For example, if you're right-handed, put your puppet on your right hand.

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