

Creating and Using Simple Puppets: Paper Plate Puppets

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Paper plate puppets are one of the most exciting types of puppets to create for children because they use moving mouths. These puppets can still move (walking, running, etc.) by using your hand to replicate the movement. The plate puppet can be made out of either large or small paper plates. Find an object, such as a cup, with a circle large enough for your hand to fit in; this can serve as your template for cutting out a hole in your paper plate. Next, glue or staple the toe of a sock that will serve as the mouth or nose of the puppet. After this, create a tube that will secure your thumb to the puppet while the other fingers manipulate the sock piece. This will give you more control over the movement of the puppet's mouth. This will begin your "puppet in progress" so you can create any character you want!