



Advanced Puppet Maker Kit Extension Guide

We love puppets at the Bubbler so much we have multiple kits to make them! This advanced kit is a great extension to our Paper Puppet kit. The best way to make a puppet? Gather supplies, give simple instructions and set loose to tinker!

- School Age - Adult
- Low to Medium Facilitation support
- 1-1.5 hrs
- Drop in and Workshop Settings - great with examples
- Great for Small and Large groups

Materials in this kit:

- Magazines
- Cardstock
- Metal Brads
- Popsicle Sticks
- Skewers or Dowel Rods
- Glue Sticks
- White Glue
- Small Hole Punches
- Construction Paper
- Markers
- String
- Wooden Spools
- Socks
- Masking Tape
- Pipecleaners
- Hot Glue & Hot Glue Guns
- Any other supplies you have on hand!

Things to know:

Puppets Can be Made of...

almost anything. Providing a variety of materials that allows makers to consider how to manipulate the puppet's arms, legs, facial expression invites creativity and tinkering. Materials like string, brads, or sticks encourages movement and play.

Provide a Challenge Prompt or a Time Limit

Older learners (especially adults) can benefit from a prompt to get them going. We have tried "make a puppet that has a changeable facial expression" or "make a puppet that must be operated by two people." A time limit also helps get adults or teens *making* and not over thinking.

Encourage Sharing & Interaction

Puppets invite storytelling and play, even with older kids and adults. Provide time, prompts, or opportunities to play or tell stories or create skits.

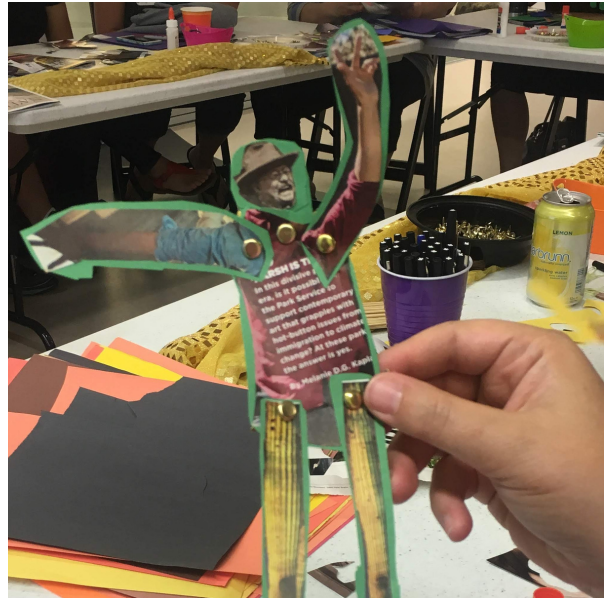
Making an Advanced Puppet!

Exploring Advances Puppets

Magazine jointed puppets

Our magazine jointed puppets are odd and wonderful things! Look through your favorite magazines to find limbs from different people or creatures, heads of famous people, or objects (like pizza legs?!) to incorporate. Here are some best practices to make your franken-puppet come to life:

- Reinforce your magazine limbs and body by gluing them to card stock before or after cutting them out
- Use masking tape or hot glue to attach your sticks to move the limbs. Traditional white glue takes a very long time to dry when you want to play with your puppet right away!
- Use a small hole punch to work the brads through, this helps make the movements smoother.



Marionette

Marionettes are puppets controlled by strings. Easy marionettes can be made with sticks and other materials, here are some ideas to get you started:

- Spools, beads, and a couple of googly eyes held together by string are all you need to make a beginner marionette puppet
- Pipecleaners work as easy limb creation that are still stiff enough to change expressions and gestures.
- Marionettes make great collaborative projects as they are often even easier to control by two people. Pair your makers together to try and make a complex puppet that *needs* them to work together.

Sock Puppets

Sock Puppets are familiar, funny, and easy to make - even without a needle and thread. Sock puppets invite play around moving your hand to create different dynamic expressions. Here are some fun ways to think about making a sock puppet!

- Permanent Markers are an easy and fast way to make the expression of your sock puppet come together quickly.
- Pipecleaners can be added by simply sticking them through the loose weave of a sock
- Introducing buttons, felt, or feathers with a needle and thread (or even tacky or hot glue) can introduce new skills around sewing or making.

