



# PUPPET PLAY



## DETAILS

Puppets are great fun. Making your own puppet to use while playing with and singing to your baby is an uncomplicated way to add an additional layer to your play.

To construct the puppet, first gather all the listed materials. Begin by using a black marker to draw a face around the toe part of the sock. Use a variety of markers to color in the drawing. An alternative option is to use a needle and thread to sew the details of the face into the sock.

Try to make the face look like a familiar animal or give it human features. If you use a colored sock, the color goes a long way towards making the puppet look like an animal. For example, a green sock could be a turtle, or a yellow sock could be made to look like a duck.

Once, your puppet is finished use it as a play tool for interacting with your baby. This puppet can be used to enhance a favorite nursery rhyme, as a key character when reading or telling a story, or during a familiar song.

Remember, your puppet can be used many times and in many play contexts. As your baby grows, she will eventually want to play with her hand inside the puppet.

## BENEFITS

Puppets are a great tool to make stories and songs come alive. They create an additional way to model pretend play and you will be amazed at the connection you and your child can form over puppet play.

Benefits include:

- Imagination Stimulation
- Emotional Development Support
- Motor Skills Improvement
- Fostering Early Literacy and Language Development

Materials:

- Sock
- Needle and Thread or Permanent Markers in Various Colors