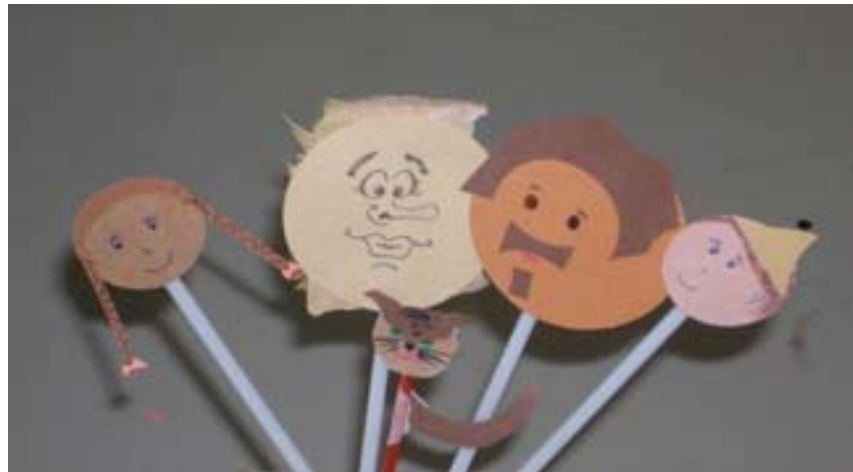


Circle puppets

for ages 4 and up

Puppets are a very old kind of art, and a way to tell stories about important people and events.



materials:

Circles cut from many-colored skin tone construction paper, assorted sizes, up to 2" diameter *

Thin straws or coffee stirrers

Tape

Yarn & construction paper scraps

Glue stick, Elmer's or tacky glue (to glue on yarn)

Markers

* Scrapbooking stores sell circle punches, or you can hand cut them. "Multicultural" construction paper packs are ideal for the variety of skin tones.

at home

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process:

Think of different kinds of faces you make, such as happy, sad, surprised. How can you draw them? Make a face on your circle. You can show a mouth open wide in surprise, give your puppet a smile or a frown. After the face is drawn, tape the straw to the back. Then glue yarn or paper scraps on for hair. You can also use paper scraps to make a body. Make your whole family, your friends and neighbors and even family pet. What do they have to say to each other?