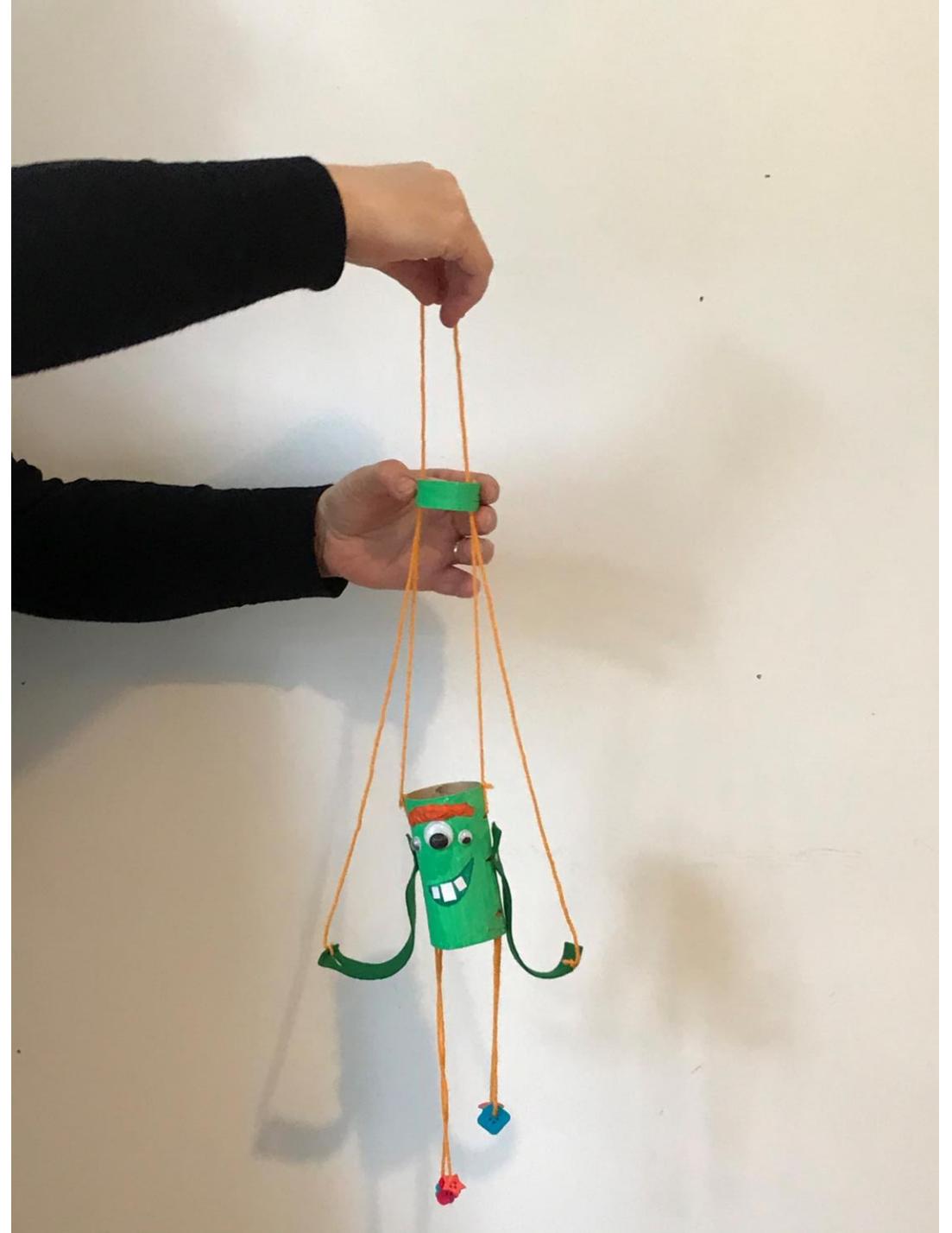


Monster puppet

Step by step guide

Monster Puppet

This puppet has been designed to make using materials that can be easily found or sourced in homes and schools. The puppet will allow children to experience making and operating a simple mechanical movement. The puppet can also be adapted in theme and materials to suit different abilities.



Materials

- Toilet roll core x2
- Scissors
- Staple gun
- Wool
- Buttons or beads
- Material scraps or felt
- PVA glue
- Googly eyes
- Split pins
- Poster paint and brushes
- Tissue paper
- Ruler or measuring tape



Step by Step Guide

1. Start by cutting a 2cm slice off of one of your rolls to make a 'holder' for the puppet. Use the other roll as the main body of your puppet.





2. Cut some small triangle slits into the side of your puppet body. These holes will be for attaching string , hands and feet to the puppet. The holes should be spaced and approx. 1 cm from the top and bottom of your puppet body, they do not have to be measured or accurate however they should be small.



3. Paint your puppet. It is always best to paint a layer of white and then let it dry before applying colour. While the layers are drying children can measure and cut their wool.



4. Measure and cut wool. You will need (left to right in picture) 2 X 25cm pieces to attach the holder to the body , 2 X 30cm pieces for legs and one 100 cm piece to use as the arm pully.



5. Decorate your puppet. I have stuck on googly eyes, tissue paper and small bits of white paper with PVA, I have also used felt tip to draw the mouth. (paint needs to be dry when doing this) Children can use any thing to decorate their puppets and teachers can set any theme.





6. Next attach the feet using the 30cm pieces of wool. Thread the wool through the lower hole on the puppet body and then thread on buttons. Tie the wool using a granny knot. Alternatively you can staple the wool onto the puppet after threading the button. The puppet works best when the buttons or beads are heavy and children will have a easier time threading larger buttons.

7. Make the arms by cutting two strips of material approx. 15 cm long and 2 cm wide. I have used felt for this puppet. Cut a small hole in one end of the strip, approx. 1 cm from the side (as shown on left side of strip below) then cut an even smaller slit with one cut on the right hand side, this small slit will be for the split pin to go through, so it is important that it is not too big a cut.



8. Attach the arms using the split pins into the middle hole on the puppets body.





9. Attach the holder to the main puppet body using the two 25cm pieces of wool. Tie one end of the wool into the top hole on the puppets body using a granny knot and then attach the other end to the holder by either tying or stapling the wool to the holder.

10. Attach each end of the long 100cm piece of wool to the puppets hands using granny knots and pull the wool through the centre of the holder.



Enjoy your puppet!
Move the puppet arms by
lifting the arm pulley up and
down through the centre of
the puppet holder.

