

Shoebox Craft Saturday – **SOCK PUPPETS**

You will need:

- ❖ **A sock** (preferably one with a design that will not be upside down on the puppet.) Heel is the top of the head.
- ❖ **Cardboard or cardstock to create the “mouth”** (See templates).
- ❖ **2 Pom Poms for eyes**
- ❖ **2 Googly eyes or felt for the pupils**
- ❖ **Yarn for hair**
- ❖ **Black felt for inside of mouth**
- ❖ **Pink or red felt for tongue (optional)**
- ❖ **Fabric glue or glue gun**



STEP 1 (the mouth):

Measure the toe width and cut your cardboard/cardstock to the width and determine how deep you want your “mouth.” One pictured is 4” long and 2 1/2” deep.

Turn sock inside out and glue the cardboard/stock to create the mouth.

Glue along the fold on both sides to ensure the edge of the mouth is defined. I trimmed the corners of mine to help with “face” shape. Glue the edges so fingers don’t catch. I used a low heat glue gun, but fabric glue would work for small kid crafters.

Turn sock right side out and I glued black felt for the inside of the mouth.



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STEP 2 (eyes):

Glue googly eyes (or black felt) to the pom poms. My pom poms are white but use your imagination. I also have the usual 2 eyes but make it yours. (Same goes for hair).



Put the sock on your hand and work the "mouth" to determine best place for eye(s). Leave room if you intend to add a nose or mustache, etc. Glue the eyes in place.

STEP 3 (hair):

Your "hair" will be placed behind the eyes so keep that in mind. You can have a lot of hair or no hair. For my puppet I wrapped yarn several times around 5"x5" cardboard square. Length of hair will be half (my case 2 ½ inches).



Carefully remove it from whatever you are using to wrap and tie in the middle. I used the last strand to secure it, added a dab of glue and then cut the loops and fluffed into a pom pom.



I glued the "hair" onto the head, directly behind the eyes.

STEP 4 (nose, tongue, etc.)

I added a red tongue and a small blue pom pom for the nose and he's done!

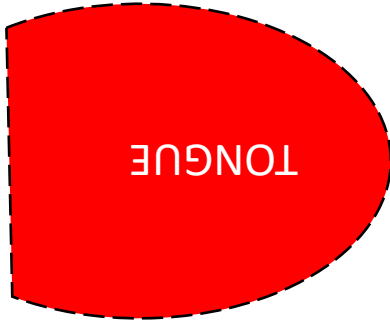


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PATTERN TEMPLATES

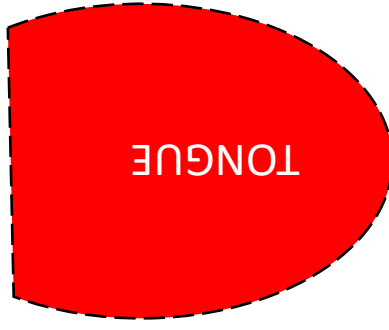
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A FRIEND:

I created a friend to go with my first puppet since I want to send these in pairs to encourage play. The second puppet has Tshirt yarn for hair, blue googly eyes, eye lashes, a bow, and pink lips in addition to what my "boy" puppet has. Girls are so high maintenance, but SO fun. They are both very cute and I pray the child(ren) who receives with them enjoy them very much.