## Puppet Making Tips

*Indian Nation Councils*

**Scrap Puppets**

Scrap puppets are fun, easy and quick to make. Give an old sock a fresh look. Dress up a paper bag. Paint a face on an old wooden spoon and decorate it. To make finger puppets start with an old glove. Cut off the fingers - you know have 5 puppets ready to decorate. Use buttons, beads and pom-poms to make eyes and noses. Bottle caps and jar lids make hats or eyes or ears.

**Popsicle Puppets**

Take a Popsicle stick and paint the eyes, nose and mouth. Use lace to make the dress and wool yarn for the hair.

**Bee Puppet**

Put pom-poms on a yellow sock as the eyes. A pipecleaner serves as the antennae.

**Popsicle Puppets**

Draw any kind of character you want - a dog, cat, person, or anything. Cut it out and color it; then glue it to a Popsicle stick. You can also make a family and friends for your puppet.

**Cereal Box Puppets**

Cut one side of a SMALL cereal box in half (width) and fold the box towards the uncut side. This forms the mouth; your fingers fit into the top jaw; your thumb fits into the lower jaw. Add eyes. Lips, and hair. Drape scarf over your arm for clothes.

**Doll Puppets**

To make a doll/puppet, you will need scissors, two buttons, tights/socks, a piece of material/cloth, a red pen, a needle and thread, wool, a ruler and some rice.

Cut the tight, (up to the ankle), then fill the foot part most of the way up with the rice. Use some of the wool to tie up the end. This forms the face. Then sew the two buttons on the tip part (as eyes). Draw a mouth with the red pen. Cut the wool into 4-inch pieces and use the needle to sew the wool pieces on the head to make hair. Cut the cloth into the shape of a dress/t-shirt. Sew this onto the bottom of the face and then you have a doll/puppet.

**Decorating Puppets**

Use fabric paints to color things in or use it just like glue. You can also use dry foods such as spaghetti, elbow noodles, or spiral noodles for hair, eyes, noses, mouths, or hair. Use steel wool for hair to make witches. Straws and pipe cleaners are great for whiskers and antennae. Hair can be fashioned from yarn, string and rope. Old jewelry, ribbons and feathers will give your puppet an exotic look. Shells can make interesting eyes or ears. Seaweed hair is stylish and smelly! Nuts, bolt, washer, hooks and springs are neat attachments for making robot puppets.