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**A Puppet Party**

**By Rehan Husain**

Stitching, designing, knitting is what a little girl likes to do. Their desired can be satisfied by throwing a puppet party. Try this tip for your little creative girls on how to set up a funniest but delightful puppet party.

For something new and different that will rate tops with your grad ester daughter and her pals try a balloon puppet party. The only materials needed for these unusual puppets are a supply of balloons, some tempera paints, a little soap, and some pieces of gay crepe paper and bits of ribbon and string.

When the little ladies arrive tell them they can make their own puppets and a prize will be given for the cleverest, the funniest, the most unusual, and the gayest. Be sure to have plenty of table room for the girls to work on and shears handy to cut the crepe paper. Because rubber is slick, it is best to first rub the balloons with a soapy lather. This soapy covering when dry makes the paint adhere more easily to the rubber. The next step is to paint the faces on the balloons before they are inflated. Either tempera paint or ink can be used.

When the features are completed to the satisfaction of each young artist, the balloon is inflated. The girls will be delighted with the expressions they have created. Tie the balloon as close up as possible leaving the neck of the balloon free.

The girls will want to design hats from the colored crepe paper. These hats can be stuck on with cellulose tape or tied on with ribbons under the chin. A china man's queue can be made of braided black embroidery cotton. When the puppets are completed, each girl can fasten her creation to her finger by slipping the neck of the balloon over her finger and fastening it on with a rubber band. Now all is ready for the "Puppet Parade."

If each girl makes up a bit of the life history or perhaps a spicy romance concerning her puppet, it adds to the fun. She can introduce her puppet to the rest of the guests, giving the puppet's name, telling who he is, and what he's famous for. For instance, a Chinaman puppet might be the best laundryman in town; another wearing a George Washington paper hat might be a statesman; another wearing a cap with a small visor could be a bellhop at the leading hotel. The possibilities for a lot of imaginative fun

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are limitless.

Convert a handy table into bleachers for the puppet audience while the girls entertain with some stunts, for by now the lassies will be ready for some active games. Divide the girls into two teams for a "Paper Relay." Give the first player of each team two pieces of cardboard about eight by ten inches. The player steps on one piece of cardboard with her left foot and places the other piece as far ahead as she can easily step with her right foot. Standing on her right foot, she picks up the cardboard from under her left foot and advances it ahead of the right foot. The object of the game is to walk across the room and back, stepping on the paper all the way. In other words, the player lays her own stepping stones as she goes. This game is hilariously funny and exciting as a relay. The team finishing first is of course the winner.

Most of the girls like a game which is connected to crafts. So puppet party is one connected to theirs likes. It helps them to fulfill their desire as well as developed a new creativity in them.

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### **Children And Their Puppets**

**By Alan Ross**

Definition tells us a puppet is a small figure of a person operated from above with strings by a puppeteer. Ironically, a person who is controlled by others and is used to perform unpleasant or dishonest tasks for someone is also referred to as a puppet.

Puppets: The Finest Dolls Puppets are finest because they can be played with so little effort unlike the battery operated dolls. Although playing puppets doesn't let you watch them, playing them in itself is a great fun. Puppets are used to depicting various mythological stories over the ages regardless of where you are.

Why Children Love To Play Puppets Wide range of toys enhances imaginative experiences of children. Innovatively built, stuffed toys can be used to show your baby how to brush her teeth, how to

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wash hands etc. Children are highly imaginative; buy them a puppet or two, they very soon get to learn their mechanisms. Although they like it, they invariably end up tearing the puppets apart! Teach him make a puppet at home.

**Making a Puppet At Home** Making a puppet at home may not save you money, but children love a 'home grown' puppet endless. Their imaginations start flying while you are at work with your puppet. They start off on a fantasy trip imagining stories and characters they have heard. Well here is how you make a puppet at home. Materials you require: You don't need more than a couple of wooden spoons, color brush and ribbon, scissors, cardboard and paint. Don't forget the glue.

**Making it:** Choose the favorite animal of your child to begin with. You need not be altruistic about choice of colors. Choose a pleasant color to wash the cardboard and the spoons with. Cutout two ears from the cardboard and glue them onto the spoons after embellishing. Paint the face, eyes, nose and mouth. Finish it with colorful ribbons around its neck tied like your child wanted.

The easiest you can make at home is a doll with a hollow head of a person or animal and a cloth body; which fits over your hand and manipulated with the fingers.

This is not to discourage buying of puppets. Instead you have the freedom to choose from 1000s of varieties plus the mechanized varieties. Not to mention the thrill you give your child wandering through the toy store.

Alan Ross writes and contribute articles on many topics. Be sure to visit

<http://puppetsforyou.info>

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