

TISSUE BOX PUPPET THEATER



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Directions for theater box

1. Remove the tissues from the tissue box.
2. Remove the cardboard piece on the front of the box. Remove the plastic covering the opening at the front of the box (this is where you would pull out the tissues).
3. Using the scissors, cut around the sides and back of the tissue box so you have a flap that stands up. Make sure this flap is on the same side as the opening in the front of the box.

Note You might need to open up the sides of the box so you can cut the top. That's okay! Once the top is cut, you can tape the sides closed again.



Caution: You might need an adult's help when you cut the box.

4. Tape the craft sticks to the back of the flap so the flap will stand up straight.
5. Using the black and red paint, paint curtains on the front of the tissue box (or decorate it however you'd like!). You can also paint the sides if you'd like.
6. Using the bottom of the box, measure a rectangle onto the construction paper. Cut it out on the inside of the rectangle, so it is a little smaller than the bottom of the box.
7. Glue the construction paper to the inside bottom of the box.
8. Now, we're ready for Step 2! (Turn to the next page for scenery and puppet directions)

A note from Page

This is the first step to putting on your own show!

Today we're putting on our own miniature show! It's going to take a few steps. The first one is: create your story! Who will your characters be? What about the conflict? What will they say to each other? Where do they live? Keep this last question in mind as we make the theater setting!

Materials:

- Tissue Box (the rectangular kind works best, but a square box can also be used)
- Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- Red & Black Acrylic Paint
- Construction Paper
- 2 Craft Sticks (chop sticks or pencils can also be used)
- Markers, Crayons
- Craft Glue
- Pencil

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TISSUE BOX PUPPETS AND SCENERY



Step 1 is done! Now it's time to think about what your characters look like and what would be in the scene with them! Is yours in a cloud kingdom? A forest?

A note from Page

This is the creative part! What kind of story will you tell?

Materials:

For the scenery:

- Paper, craft foam, etc.
- Markers, Crayons
- Scissors
- 1-2 Binder Clips

Optional: Stickers, shells, pompoms, etc.

For the puppets:

- Craft Sticks, Pencils, Straws, or Chop sticks
- Construction Paper or Craft Foam
- Tape or Glue

Optional: Stickers



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Directions for Scenery:

1. Trace the back of the tissue box onto the paper (or craft foam). Cut out the rectangle. You might need to trim it so it fits inside the box.
2. Decorate it however you'd like! Create a scene that works for a puppet show that you create. Use markers, crayons, stickers, shells, etc.
3. Use the binder clip to attach your scenery to the back of the box.
4. Create different scenes for different shows!

Directions for Puppets:

1. Draw a character onto the craft foam or paper. Cut out the character and stick it to the bottom of the craft stick or pencil, straw, chopstick, etc.
2. You can also use stickers and attach them to the bottom of the stick.
3. Create lots of different characters for your different puppet shows.
4. Write a script and put on a show!

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