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The Bottle Puppet

This is a good puppet for children with poor muscle control as the sock grips their arms and the puppet does not need a dexterous operator.

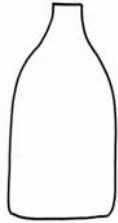
To make the basic structure all you will need is:

- * A plastic bottle or a cardboard beaker
- * A nice clean sock
- * Scissors

If a plastic bottle is used it needs to be cut down by an adult.

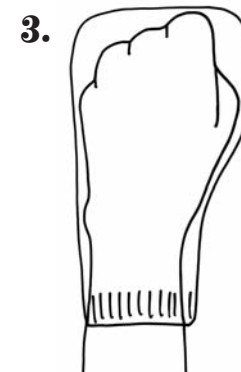
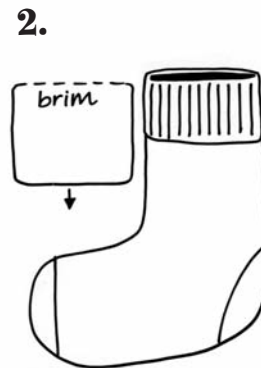
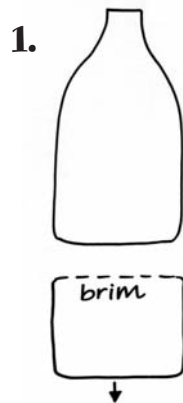
The bottle puppet can be finished in a number of ways. There are some suggestions on the following pages. If you are making people, you might need a variety of colour-tones among your socks to ensure that each child has a colour close to his/her own.

Bottle Puppet - Basic Shape



You will need:

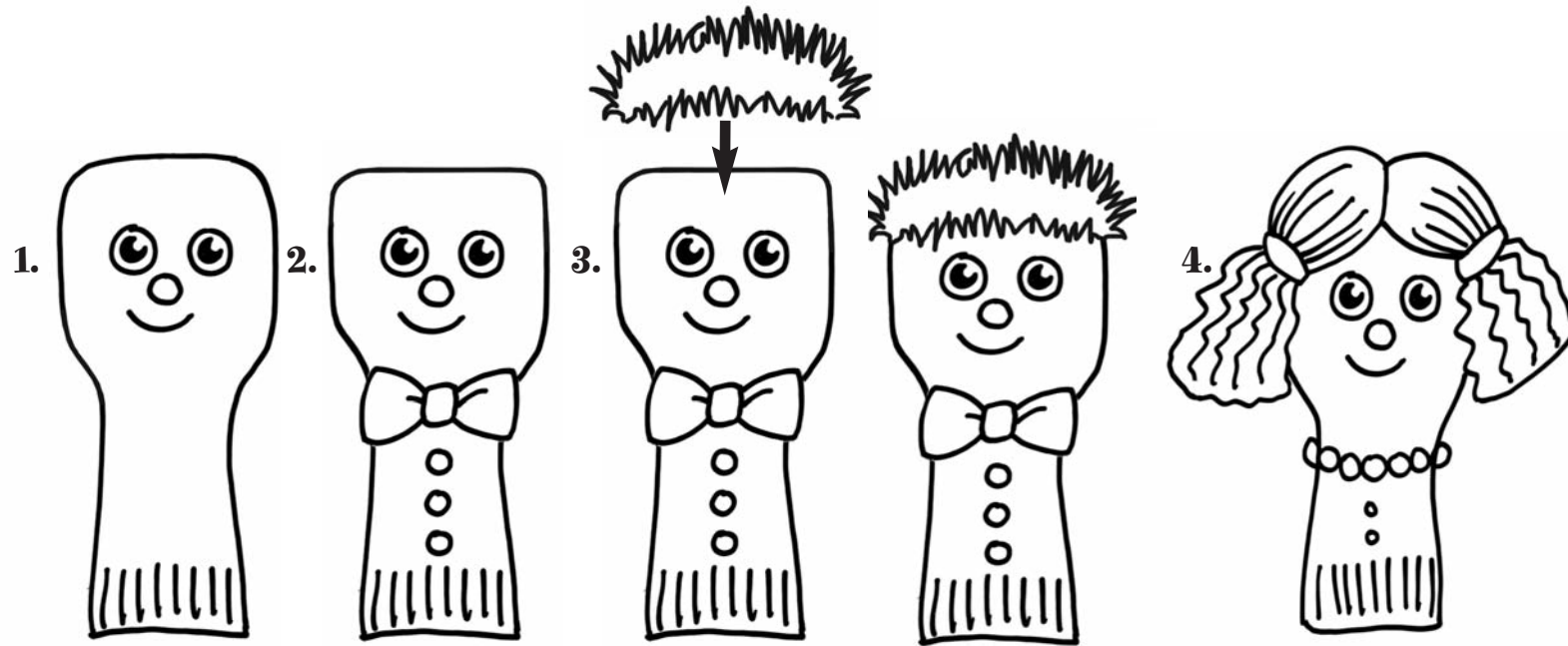
- * a plastic bottle or a cardboard beaker
- * a sock
- * scissors



1. Cut the bottle approximately 10cm from the bottom.
2. Push the bottom half of the bottle into the sock.
3. Push your hand inside and pull the sock tightly over the plastic tub.
(A cardboard beaker is ready for use with no preparation.)

This forms a basic shape that can be used to make a variety of puppets.
There are some suggestions on the following pages.

Bottle Puppet - People



1. Make the face using felt, foam sheet, card, buttons or google eyes.
2. Add buttons and bow tie.
3. Cut a circular piece of fur fabric, and glue it on.
4. Wool can be used as an alternative to fur fabric, and beads can be threaded to make a necklace.

Double-sided tape, sticky dots or stick and stick Velcro can be used instead of glue.
The Velcro alternative adds the option of changing the features of the puppet.