

## **Creating and Using Simple Puppets: Dollar Store Puppets**

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Buying puppets can sometimes be expensive, but there are countless puppets that can be created just by using items found in any dollar store! This video gives just a few examples of the materials that can be used to create a fun and affordable puppet.

Some of the most useful supplies are sponges, which can be used for many different types of puppet heads. The use of sponges is one example of children developing the skill of transformation, in which the children can recognize that the sponge can be used to create something else, such as these giraffe and bear puppets. Hands can also be made out of felt and manipulated with popsicle sticks. Hair can be made out the curling ribbon used for wrapping gifts.

The duck is made out of entirely different materials: a toilet bowl brush for the hair, dustpans for the beak, and rubber gloves for the body. There is no limit to the puppets that can be created with even the simplest materials.