

# Popsicle Stick Puppets

Get ready to put on a show with these charming Popsicle Stick Puppets! With just a few simple supplies, you can create a whole cast of characters, from silly monsters to adorable animals and even superheroes! This craft is perfect for kids who love to play pretend and create their own stories. Let's bring these little puppets to life and get the stage set for endless imaginative fun!



## **Materials List:**

- **Popsicle sticks** (the foundation of every great puppet!)
- **Colorful markers or paint** (to give your puppets vibrant personalities)
- **Googly eyes** (because googly eyes make everything more fun!)
- **Construction paper** (for creating arms, legs, hair, and more)
- **Kid-friendly glue** (to hold everything in place)
- **Scissors** (grown-up help needed for tricky cuts)
- **Yarn or string** (for hair or fun accessories)
- **Buttons, beads, or stickers** (for decorating and adding flair)
- **Craft foam or felt** (for creating clothing or extra details)

## **Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!**

1. **Pick Your Characters:** Decide what kind of puppets you want to create—animals, aliens, superheroes, or maybe even a princess or a knight! Grab a popsicle stick for each character.
2. **Decorate the Stick:** Use markers or paint to add a face and body to the top part of the popsicle stick. You can draw on a big smile, a mustache, or even rosy cheeks!
3. **Add Googly Eyes:** Glue on a pair of googly eyes to give your puppet an expressive look. Want a wacky puppet? Try using two different-sized eyes!
4. **Cut Out Accessories:** Use construction paper to create fun accessories like capes, hats, ears, or wings. Glue them onto the popsicle stick. Craft foam or felt works great for making clothes or a superhero mask!
5. **Give It Hair:** Cut some yarn to make hair and glue it to the top of the stick. You can make short, spiky hair or long flowing locks—get creative with colors!
6. **Finishing Touches:** Decorate your puppet with buttons, beads, or stickers. Maybe your puppet needs a tie or a glittery crown!
7. **Let It Dry:** Allow the glue to dry so all the pieces stay in place. This is the perfect time to think up stories for your new puppet friends!
8. **Time for a Show!** Once everything is dry, gather your puppets and put on a little play for your family. Who will be the hero, and who will be the villain?

### **Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!**

- **Make a Puppet Theater:** Use an old cardboard box to create a mini puppet theater for your puppets! Decorate it with markers and paper, and cut out a stage window.
- **Magical Creatures:** Create unicorns, dragons, or mermaids with glittery scales and colorful manes!
- **Glow-in-the-Dark Fun:** Use glow-in-the-dark paint to make puppets that shine during bedtime stories.