

Make a Puppet Theatre



Set the stage for a series of fun-filled puppet shows with your child by transforming an ordinary cardboard box into a one-of-a-kind, box theatre! This puppet theatre is a great way to spend quality time with your child while creating a useful play set.

Work together in the creation of a stage, scenery, puppets, and storyline inspired by a favourite character, book, or movie..

What You Need:

A large cardboard box,

Scissors

Packing tape, or other strong tape

Glue Crayons or markers

Magazines, newspapers, or fabric samples

What You Do:

1. Turn the box upside down. Make sure that the opening is on the bottom.
2. Trace a line around the top half of the box on the front side. Extend this line across the centre of the box.
3. Using the scissors, cut the line around the edges of the box. Do not cut through the middle line. This step should be done by an adult.
4. Fold the top half flap that has been cut down by bending the cardboard at the drawn middle line.
5. Optional: If you do not want to have to lift the box up and down every time your child uses the puppet theatre, have them help you to create a back door. Ask your child to draw a door on the back of the box. Cut out one side and the top of the drawing. Fold the door back to form a flap.
6. Invite your child to decorate her new theatre however they would like. This can be done by drawing with markers or crayons or gluing child-friendly magazine or newspaper pictures onto the box in collage style. For an added flare, decorate with ribbons or pretty pieces of cut fabric.
7. When the decorations are in place and the glue is dry, they now have a place to perform.

Round out your stage by encouraging your child to create a variety of puppets to perform with and multiple backdrop drawings that can be hung inside the box.



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