

Jim Henson Puppet

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MATERIALS

- Felt, and/or fabric
- Liquid Glue
- Googly Eyes
- Cardboard
- Miscellaneous crafting materials
- Stapler
- Markers
- Yarn/string

HOW LONG WILL
THIS TAKE TO DO?

20-25 minutes

DEVELOPMENT SUBJECT AREAS:

Art

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September 24th is Jim Henson's Birthday! Henson was a puppeteer who created thousands of puppets to entertain children across the world. Henson is responsible for the creation of the Muppets and Sesame Street, and the likes of Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Elmo, and Big Bird, plus many more. Today's activity will force you to think like Jim Henson and create your very own character puppet! You can base this puppet on yourself or make a magical mystery creature!

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1 Plan out what kind of puppet you are going to make. Will it be a puppet that your hand goes inside? Or a puppet that is controlled with a stick? Or will your design be made of paper and cardboard? You may choose whatever speaks to you!

STEP 2 Once decided its time to get creative! Design your puppet any way you choose, using the materials provided. Be sure to fasten with glue, staples, or tape.

STEP 3 With your completed puppet make sure you can play or act with your creation!

BONUS STEP Watch this video of Jim Henson talking about how you can make puppets!

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/make-puppets-diy-jim-henson>



VOCABULARY

PUPPETEER: A person who works puppets.

IMAGINATION: The ability of the mind to be creative or resourceful.