



# Sock Puppets

You know how you always end up with odd socks after a load of washing? Well, next time you find yourself with a lonely, old sock, try turning it into a puppet. It's really easy to do. Make a whole collection of different characters with the kids and then let their imaginations run wild.

## You'll need:

- a selection of odd socks (thick, long socks make the best puppets—the longer the sock, the more 'body' the puppet has)
- a range of materials to use for things like eyes, hair, tongues, hats, patches, antennae, etc (e.g. buttons, wool, odd fabric assortments, felt, pipe cleaners)
- a means of fixing the attachments to the sock (you could sew the pieces on—need a needle and thread, or you could glue the pieces on—need a sturdy multi-purpose glue)

## What to Do:

Pull the sock on over your hand. Form your hand into a 'beak' kind of shape. Feed the toe part of the sock into the 'mouth' and then work out where you want certain anatomical features of your puppet to go. You may wish to use a marker pen to pinpoint exactly where you want things like the eyes to be. Once you've sorted out positions, take the sock off and attach the various items that you have to use. Once all the items are securely fixed, you're ready to put your puppet back on your hand again and make it come to life.

