

Marionette Puppet Craft

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Create your own string
puppet just like the Spirit
Animals in the Disney
adventure *Coco*



Materials

Your materials can be different, your creatures will be original to you!

- Sticks
- String
- Tape
- Scissors
- Recycling rubbish
- Paints
- Brushes



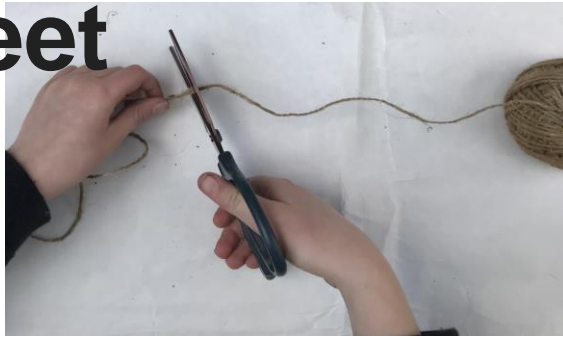
Head and Body

- Find an interesting shape for a body (we used a stick from the park but you could also use a something from the recycling)
- Tape, tie, or glue on a head (we used part of the egg box again, but nearly used an old paper cup)



Legs and Feet

- Cut 2 lengths of string (about 30cm each)
- Cut some card feet (we used an egg box)
- Push the ends of the string through hole in the feet and tie them on to a stopper (we used a twig!)
- Role some card or paper around the middle of the string between the feet



Attach the legs to the body

- Tape, tie, staple, or glue on the cardboard role of the legs to the body.
- Slide and adjust the string all the legs are the right length



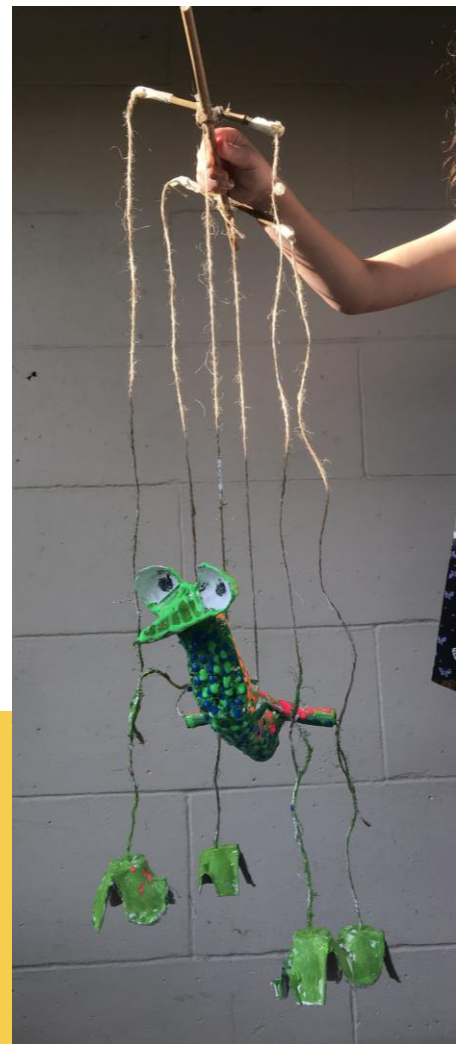
Paint your magical creature as brightly as you can

- You can keep your puppet like this or move on to the next steps of making the handle
- TIP – if you paint everything white first the colours will be even brighter!



Handle and strings

- Cut and tape together a long stick and two short ones on the same position as your creature's body and legs
- Cut, tie, and tape 6 pieces of string from the the handle to the puppet.
- The crosses of the handle are tied to the body and head
- The ends of the short sticks of the handle are tied to the leg strings



**Take
your
puppet
For a
walk!**

