

Milk Carton Puppet

Age: Preschool and up



What's needed

Scissors
Clear tape
Milk cartons (half gallon or smaller)
Rubber cement
String or yarn
Wrapping paper, construction paper, or colored paper

What to do

An empty clean milk carton can be transformed into a colorful puppet or mobile for young children.

1. Collect several milk cartons.
2. Rinse and dry them completely. Cut the bottom off.
3. Coat the carton with rubber cement, and allow to dry.
4. Apply rubber cement to the back of the paper, and allow to dry.
5. Wrap the paper around the carton, and press firmly. Colorful wrapping paper or construction paper will hide the label.
6. Finish the end of the carton as if you were wrapping a package. Hold the end in place with clear tape. Apply rubber cement to the open end of the carton. Cut two pieces of paper to make the face. Apply rubber cement to the back of the paper, and press firmly to the open end of the carton.
7. Decorate the rest of the carton according to the animal or object that you are making.
8. Children can place their fist inside the back to use the puppet.

What children will learn

Small motor, language, pretend play