

A PUPPET

Level: Primary 2nd year (Natural Science)

Time: 3 sessions

Materials:

- ✔ two pencils
- ✔ strong cardboard
- ✔ pencil
- ✔ scissors
- ✔ paper fasteners
- ✔ string
- ✔ felt tip pens
- ✔ paints and a paintbrush



FUN FACTS

- ✔ The French street puppet theatre Royal De Luxe turns villages, towns and cities into huge theatre spaces with giant mechanical puppets.
- ✔ The director, Jean Luc Courcoult, calls the puppets 'giants'.
- ✔ The show often lasts for three days. In Liverpool in 2014, a grandma, granddaughter and dog puppets walked the streets of the city to tell the stories of World War I soldiers from the city.
- ✔ The puppeteers who operate the puppets are called Lilliputains, after the tiny people in the novel Gulliver's Travels.
- ✔ The company has performed all over the world, including Iceland, Chile, Australia and Mexico.



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Royal De Luxe Street Theatre

**Basic description:**

During today's session we will create a puppet. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case, two pencils and strong cardboard to make their puppet. We will start by presenting the Royal De Luxe. We will ask what they know about them, or any other puppet company. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow.

Lesson Plan:

- First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your children about the Royal De Luxe.
(30 min) Steps 1-3 should be completed in the first session.
- Second session: (30 min) Steps 4-5 should be completed in the second session.
(15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic.
- Third session: (30 min) Steps 6-10 should be completed in the third session.
(15 min) Close the session repeating the game or playing with their puppets.

Game:

Play a word game with the class. Say a word related to body parts and pupils say joint, bone, muscle depending on which category it relates to. Ask confident pupils to come to the front of the class and take over your role.

Learning Outcomes:

- ✔ Understands words for joints, bones and muscles.
- ✔ Makes three-dimensional works planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step
1



Draw body parts to make a puppet.

Step
2



Paint the body parts.

Step
3



Cut them out.

Step
4



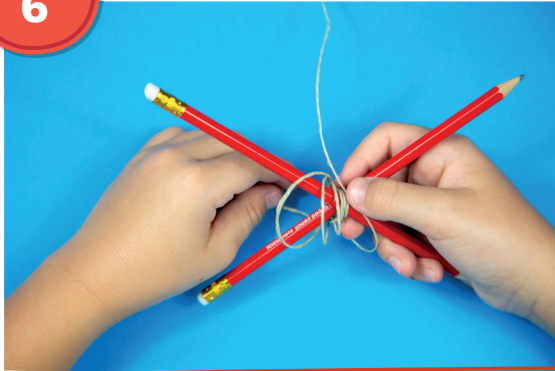
Make holes.

Step
5



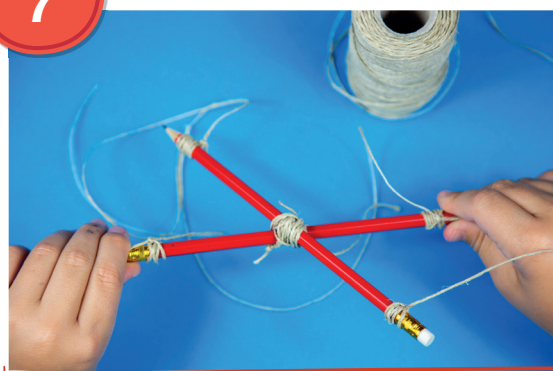
Stick the body parts together with paper fasteners.

Step
6



Tie the pencils together with string.

Step
7



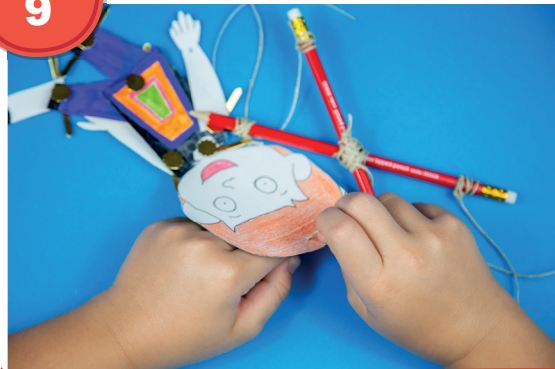
Tie more string round the end of the pencils.

Step
8



Make holes in the hands and feet.

Step
9



Attach the head to the pencils and the body.

Step
10



Attach the string to the hands and feet. Play with your puppet.