

#### MAKE YOUR OWN:

## SHARK HAND PUPPET!

WANT TO MAKE YOUR OWN CURIOUS, YET GOOFY SHARK? NOW YOU CAN WITH THIS HELPFUL GUIDE!

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Since there are many different types of puppets that exist in the wonderful, wide world of puppetry it can get confusing when you try to remember what they all are and do!

Below is quick list of the different puppets we used in this show and how they are used!

### **Puppet**

Any object that given motion, emotion, and life.

#### <u>Puppeteer</u>

A special name given to the person in charge of giving a puppet motion, emotion, and life! The "puppet actor."

#### Rod or Stick Puppet

This type of puppet is often made with a rod or stick poking out of it. This stick/rod helps the puppeteer control and animate the puppet! This puppet can be controlled from below or above.

#### Marionette Puppet

A puppet that is brought to life using strings attached to the joints (often the knees, elbows, hands, feet, and head) of a puppet. It it controlled from above.

#### Hand/Arm Puppet

This type of puppet often comes in glove form (or has a glove built into the puppet where the puppeteer controls it just using their arm or hand.

#### Full Body Puppet

This puppet can either come in the form of a costume or large scale puppet of any of the puppets mentioned above, but is controlled using the puppeteer's whole body. (Think Big Bird!)

#### Shadow Puppet

This is often a type of stick puppet is often a cut out piece of paper, cardboard, or sturdy piece of material and attached to a stick or wooden dowel and controlled using a screen or black surface and light source that helps create the shadow! It can be controlled from below or above.

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#### SHARK MATERIALS

- Old kitchen mitt or mittens
- Stiff felt or fabric
- Craft foam
- Googley eyes
- Glue or needle/thread
- Scissors
- Optional: Acrylic paint, stuffing.

In the show, Shark is portrayed by puppet and actor, Robyn Helwig -- a specifically made with felt, foam and googley eyes!

Below are some materials and ideas on how bring your own Eels to life at home (or in the classroom)!

#### SHARK TUTORIAL

- Step 1: Take your mit or mittens and cover with either felt with glue or tack it onto the mit with needle and thread, or simply paint it (you can skip this step if you like the body the color of the mit/mitten)
- <u>Step 2:</u> From the (remaining) felt cut out fins (a triangular shape) for the top and sides of Shark.
  - Note: if you use fabric for the fins be sure to use the stuffing to make them a little more durable!
- <u>Step 3:</u> Attach fins (to the top ad sides) and googley eyes to the front (the face) of the mit.
- **Step 4**: Inside of the mouth, place either foam or felt to give a blank canvas for the interior.!
- <u>Step 5:</u> Take remaining foam or felt and cut out triangular shapes (for teeth) and glue them inside of the mouth however you choose!
- Step 6: Let everything dry!
- Step 7: Include Shark in your sea fun and play around with how they would talk, laugh, swim and play!

