

# The Pucking Puppet Co.



## Puppet-Building 101 Workshop

**Overview:** This workshop is designed to introduce participants to the basics of puppet construction and the creative craft process, culminating in the building of a basic puppet head. We supply our own original patterns and all the materials. Puppet-building can be a great way to develop self-expression, creativity, basic building skills, and most of all character creation and problem-solving skills. The workshop will inspire students to continue exploring dramatic creation through prop and puppet creation and provide tips on making their own work in the future, using simple materials that can be found around the classroom, at home, or even at the dollar store. This workshop encourages innovative and divergent thinking and draws on skills from a variety of mediums, making it a truly integrated arts experience.

**Length:** 3 hours (option for a second day for a more detailed building process )

**Group Size:** 5 to 10 people is ideal but we won't leave anyone out!

**Suitable for:** Highschool and older

### **Workshop Breakdown:**

- Design a Character: choose your head pattern and sketch your character design
- Construct the Basic Mechanism: build the mouth pallet
- Foam Fabrication: trace, cut, and glue the foam for your head shape
- Using Fabric Patterns: trace and cut fabric to cover the head
- Stitching Skills: sew your fabric with a basic whip stitch
- Bringing It All Together: attach the head to the pallet and the fabric to the head
- Complete the Characterization: decorate your character with eyes, horns, a nose, ears, whatever!

### **Workshop Part 2 (Optional)**

With this version of the workshop, students have the option to create a fleece head instead of just fur (think Kermit instead of Fozzy). It is more difficult and time-consuming and they will be able to complete it as homework during the week.

With the two-part workshop, we can also make bodies and arms. Once again, we will bring our original patterns and all the supplies and students will be able to design their own character.

**Post-workshop:** Activity and lesson plans can be provided upon request so that the skills learned during the workshop can continue to be developed and integrated into different contexts.

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This workshop is a template or a starting point. We can work with you to tailor it to your specific needs, interests, budget, and desired length. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!