Marionettes from cardboard rolls

Instructions No. 2095

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 3 Hours

Making **marionettes** with children is a lot of fun and stimulates the **children's imagination** at the same time. Different animals can be made from simple means and the children can make up stories and play **puppet theatre** with the finished animals.



This is how the great marionettes are made:

For the monkey you need:
1x cardboard roll 10 cm, 8x 6 cm straw, 1x styrofoam ball Ø 7 cm, 2x chenille wire brown, templates for ears and face (transferred to kraft paper and cut out), 4 wooden feet, 2 wobbly eyes, 2 wooden spatulas, warp yarn

1. design the straws, cardboard roll, wooden feet and styrofoam ball in your desired colour Craft paint is best suited for this. In our example we have chosen VBS craft colour in red-brown.

2. glue the wooden feet to one piece of warp yarn each and thread it onto the straw pieces after drying.

3. pierce holes for the arms, legs and tail at the appropriate places on the cardboard roll using an awl. Thread the warp threads through the holes and secure them on the inside of the roll with a wooden bead.

4. form the tail out of chenille wire and thread it also through a hole in the cardboard roll and glue it inside the roll.

5. glue the styrofoam ball to the cardboard roll. Cut small slits for the ears at the sides and stick them into the slits. Paste on the face, wiggly eyes and the bow and paint on the mouth and nostrils.

6. finally, glue two wooden spatulas together to form a cross and attach four threads to it. Connect these threads to the head, one on each wrist and one above the monkey's tail.

For the lion you need:
1x cardboard roll 10 cm, 8x 5 cm straw, 1x styrofoam ball Ø 7 cm,4x chenille wire yellow/orange, pattern for face (transferred to kraft paper and cut out), 4 wooden feet; 2 wobbly eyes, warp yarn

1. repeat steps 1-4 as for the monkey (see above)

2. cut a slit in the polystyrene ball so that it can be stuck and glued to the cardboard roll

3. cut the chenille wire into short pieces and stick them into the styrofoam ball as a mane.

4. fix the face, wiggly eyes and the bow with glue and paint on the mouth and nose.

5. finally, glue two wooden spatulas together to form a cross and attach two threads to it. Connect these threads to the lion's neck and buttocks.

For the giraffe you need:
1x cardboard roll 10 cm, 1x cardboard roll 15 cm, 1 whole straw and 8x 10 cm straw, 1 chenille wire yellow/orange, pattern for ears (transferred to kraft paper and cut out), 4 wooden feet, 2 wobbly eyes, warp yarn

1. repeat steps 1-4 as for the monkey (see above) In addition, thread the whole straw between the body and the head and stick a loop on it.

2. glue the ears and the wiggly eyes to the head, as well as two humps of chenille wire.

3. finally, glue two wooden spatulas together to form a cross and attach two threads to it. Connect these threads to the giraffe's head and hindquarters.

Must Have



VBS Cardboard roll set, 72 pieces

Size: 10 - 20 cm
Lignin-free
Acid-free
Content: 72 pieces
Diameter (outside): 4.2 cm
Thickness: 1 mm
Material: Cardboard

32,95 CHF

Item details

Quantity: - 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
601093	VBS Wobbly eyes to glue on "Mix", 100 pieces	1
762410	Pigma Micron case, set of 3	1
671637	Awl	1
11712	VBS Mini bows "Dots", 100 piece	1
579919	VBS Wooden beads with natural grain, Ø 8 mm, 100 g	1
132824	Hobby scalpel	1
111065	VBS Handicraft glue	1
12512	VBS Wooden spatula "Maxi", 50 pcs.	1
620833	Wooden feet with hole, 4 pieces	1
398749-01	Warp yarnWhite	1
862394	VBS Cardboard roll set, 72 pieces	1
801324	VBS Chenille wire "Colormix", 30 cm, set of 500	1
600064	VBS Polystyrene ball, Ø 7 cm	1
27469	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlBeige	1
27472	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlBrown	1
27465	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlApricot	1
560085-20	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlButtercup (unfortunately sold out)	1
27479	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlVanilla	1
860123-01	Kraft paper-BlockDIN A4	1