

RECYCLE-ME PUPPET DIRECTIONS

ANIMAL PUPPETS



YOU WILL NEED : Kid's imagination and creativity plus a variety of recyclables

Low temperature glue guns and glue sticks

Aluminum foil pans made from recycled aluminum or repurposed from your cupboards

Drinking cups of all sizes

Detergent bottles in all colors for birds Save the tops for other uses

Take home Styrofoam food containers in colors other than white (I found black, green and blue) to be cut up for facial features, bird wings and animal ears

Paper lunch sacks for birds

Low temperature glue guns and glue sticks

Yarn, string, paper bags

Optional: Movable eyes Eyes can be made from buttons, beads and bottle caps

GETTING STARTED:

Make a list of all animals and people puppets you will need for the performance

Make a list of all props you will need

Have children choose recyclables to match their puppet choice

Design and create Glue Decorate

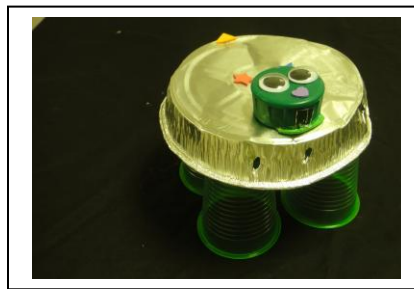
SNAKES



Coiled tubing for clothes dryer vents *** Tubing for drain spouts comes in green plastic
These snakes have repurposed dust glove for heads Any sock or colored drinking cup works well
Plastic lids for face Bottle tops for noses Tongue is cut from a lid
Rocks are crumpled paper bags
Cut tubing in arm size lengths Glue face to FRONT of snake, not on the top. For a longer snake, Cut a slit in tube to insert hand about 3 inches from wrist and reinforce it with packaging tape to prevent from tearing This makes it easy for the head to stand up and the rest of the snake to move freely.

TURTLES

Recycled aluminum pie tins
Drinking glasses
Egg cartons
Detergent bottle caps for heads
Brown head is a lid from coffee



FROGS

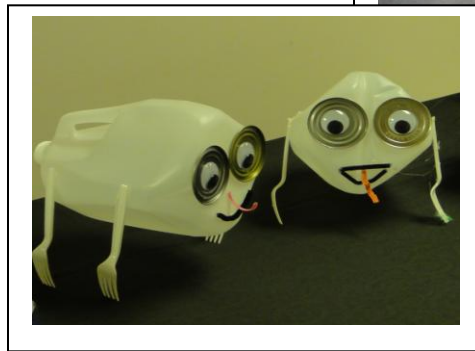
Gallon size milk or water bottles

Recycled plastic forks for legs

Green bottle caps from orange juice for eyes

Lids from cans for eyes behind moveable eyes

Red lids to cut for mouth and tongue



FISH

Gallon or ½ gallon bottles

Bottle caps for eyes

Silver muffin baking liners, folded in half

Any round plastic bottle

Plastic drink glasses cut into tail and fins



BIRDS



Paper lunch bags in a variety of colors
Scraps of construction paper, foam and felt for feathers
Eyes
Optional: Real feathers used for crafts (not picked up the ground)

Detergent bottles come in all colors Red: Cardinal Black: Raven
Blue: Blue Jay

Cut wings and tail from foam or reused fast food Styrofoam containers or colored drink cups
Size depends on size of bottle.

Cut beak and trim from orange and yellow cardboard off boxes
(I used a Jolly Time popcorn box)

To make owls: Use a brown paper grocery bag
Tear strips of paper from brown paper bags to make feathers (Feathers will curl as you tear to give a "fluffy" appearance)
Shape ends if desired

****PRE-PACKAGED PUPPET PROJECT

If you need to save time, package supplies for one puppet in a paper bag that can be used for children to take their finished puppets home. Either give the children the animal of their choice or pre-assign puppets according to ability and what you need for the performance.

Children can choose the decorations to make the "Pre-Packaged" puppet a one of a kind creation!!