

# Video Guide for DIY Animal Puppet Making with Recycled Materials

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**Recommended audience: Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Adult participation: Moderate

Join Kelly from [KCPuppetree](#) and learn how to make your own puppet using materials from your home recycle bin!

## DIY Fish Puppet Activity

Before watching the “Fish Puppet Making with Recycled Materials” instructional video, we recommend gathering your materials first.

### Supply list:

- Clean laundry detergent container (remove labels)
- Plastic bottle caps (any size or color)
- Drawing utensils such as pencils and non-water based markers like a sharpie (with adult supervision)
- Scissors
- Different color tape, like electrical tape, if available
- Thick paper like cardstock or old hanging file folders
- Hot glue gun (with adult supervision)



**Watch the video! (7:06 minutes) Early Childhood Education Playlist** <https://www.youtube.com/user/OregonMetroGov/playlists>

**Post-activity #1-** Read a story about water life with your family or friend.

Use your fish as a puppet to act out the scenes. Try using a different voice for the fish.

**Post-activity #2-** Create a water habitat scene for your new fish puppet and put on a puppet show!

- 1) Set-up backdrop:** Use a blue towel or blue blanket. Drape it over furniture and secure it so it doesn't fall.
- 2) Create seaweed and plant life:** be creative! Use potted plants from your home to decorate your scene or create plants with green pipe cleaners. Got extra pieces of green felt, green paper or green fabric? Cut them into a long, wavy strips and safety pin them to the blue backdrop.
- 3) Tell a short story about your fish using the habitat scene.**

**Post-activity #3 –** Make other water animal friends!

- 1) Dive into your recycle bin and/or cupboards;** paper towel rolls, cereal boxes or yogurt cups are a great way to start!
- 2) Be creative!** Use scrap construction paper, felt, pipe cleaners, pompoms or leftover tissue paper. Straws and chopsticks from take-out can act like sticks to hold the puppet up.

## DIY Cat and Dog Puppet Activity

Before watching the “Cat and Dog Puppet Making with Recycled Materials” instructional video, we recommend gathering your materials first.

### Supply list:

- Toilet paper roll
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Markers or crayons for decorating
- Stick like a chopstick or skewer stick (optional)
- Tape for stick (optional)

### Watch the video! (5:32 minutes) Early Childhood Education Playlist

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### Post-activity#1

Read a story about dogs and cats with your family or friend. Use your animal puppet to act out the scenes. Try using a different voice for the cat and dog.

### Post-activity #2

Using your puppets, go to a window and share out loud what the animals might see from their point a view.

- What does your animal see?
- What does your animal hear?
- What does your animal smell?
- Do you think a cat and dog would behave the same while looking out the window?
- How might they behave differently?

