



Broom Puppet in Ten Steps by Jo Coles

To make this puppet, you will need

- A borrowed broom
- Recycled Card, pizza boxes are good for the face or cereal boxes
- Some colour paper
- Scissors, stapler, tape and glue
- Elastic bands and string
- Pens and pencils
- A dinner plate to draw around
- Some bottle and jar tops, also to draw round
- A borrowed shirt
- A borrowed clothes hanger



Step 1

Take your broom and maybe give it a bit of a clean! before making it into a puppet. You could even trim it's hair a bit. My broom is not trimmed, it's just worn, I think I've had it for more than 10 years!



Step 2

Using a dinner plate draw and cut out two face shapes. Go big and bold. Temporarily, put the head in place on the broom, this will help you judge where to put your shoulders/coat hanger.



Step 3

Tape your coat hanger to the broom underneath the handle. Use string if you can, to make a really sturdy joint.

Step 4

Place one circle under the brooms head. Then measure the width from the cardboard circle, over the broom head and to the other side.



Step 5

Cut a 2 cm wide strip of card that is the length you measured in Step 4 plus two fingers width extra each end. Then staple or tape this strip so that it joins the two circles together and goes over the broom head. Now you have the front and back of the puppets head in place. Once the head is in place, put a staple on both sides of the head to secure it.



Step 6

Use coloured paper and bottle/jar tops to make features on the face, eyes, nose, mouth, etc. Stick them on to one of the circles.



Step 7

Make some crazy hair! I curled and frayed two colours of paper and stuck them together.



Step 8

Attach your crazy hair. I used my stapler but tape or glue is good also.

Step 9

Loosely draw round an adult's hand, making sure you over exaggerate the shape and size to make them big and eye-catching. Make two hands and poke them in the sleeves of the top you have borrowed. I used elastic bands to keep them in place so as not to damage the borrowed shirt. You can add many more details like a big necklace, fancy cuffs.



Step 10

Put the shirt on the hanger and we've made our puppet. Well done!

If you've made one of these, do tag us in your pictures. We would love to see them! **#ChildrensParadeAtHome**

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