

Sock It To Me: Silly Sock Toys!

(Target Audience: Ages 9–12)

Materials:

- Socks
- An assortment of buttons, beads, sequins, etc.
- Peel and stick googly-eyes
- Yarn
- Scraps of fabric or felt
- Needles and thread/craft glue/hot glue gun/strong double-sided tape
- Scissors
- Construction paper or lightweight cardboard
- Markers
- Cotton batting for stuffing (not necessary for puppets)

Program:

Challenge the participants to create the silliest looking sock puppets/stuffed creatures possible.

This craft can be effective if done both simply or elaborately; allow the size/age of the group and time available to dictate how detailed you can be.

Sock toys can be displayed in the library, or if time allows, you may wish to hold a “sock pageant” to determine the silliest looking.

You can also encourage participants to come up with wacky names for their sock puppets.

Suggestions:

- For a more defined mouth, cut an oval out of construction paper or lightweight cardboard, fold it in half, and affix it to the inside of the “mouth” of the sock.
- Eyes are especially comical if they are different sizes or made of two different objects
- Scraps/objects can be used to make goofy looking teeth, clothing, etc. the possibilities are endless!

Resources

The following books are suggested for inspirational purposes only. You may find similar books in your library.

Sock and Glove: Creating Charming Softy Friends From Cast-off Socks and Gloves by Miyako Kanamori

Sock Monkeys: (200 out of 1,863) by Arne Svenson and Ron Warren

Stupid Sock Creatures: Making Quirky, Loveable Creatures From Cast-Off Socks
by John Murphy

http://www.ehow.com/how_12570_make-sock-puppet.html

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/puppets.html>

<http://www.stupidcreatures.com/gallery.html> - great images for inspiration