

# On The Other Hand Theatre's Glove Puppet

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## For the students to Collect

Old clean tights,

Fabrics

Wool or string (for hair)

Newspapers

## Glove puppets

**For each puppet you will need:** two large sheets of newspaper; leg of a pair of tights; thin cardboard (in different shades if you want); ball of yarn; container such as bottle; bright felt or fabric; masking tape; felt-tip pens; tracing paper; cork or other 'nose'; other decorations (optional)

### Making a head



1. Crumple one sheet of newspaper into a ball, then wrap the other sheet around it to make the ball's surface smoother.
2. Push the ball into the tights' leg, right down to the end. Keep your hand inside the tights and pull the tights up to your elbow.
3. Twist the ball around once with your other hand. Pull the tights down over your hand and all the way over the ball.

*It helps to hold this arm next to your body.*

### Making the glove body



1. Trace and cut out the glove body template on page 30. Draw around it twice on the fabric or felt. Cut the shapes out.
2. Apply a thin layer of glue to the wrong side of one piece, as shown. Press the other piece on top of it, wrong side down.
3. Use the hand template on page 30 to cut out two hands in cardboard. Decorate them with felt-tip pens if you want.
4. Squeeze glue into the sleeves and neck gap. Put the hands into the sleeves. Press firmly. Position the head in the neck gap.

### How to hold your puppet

To bring your puppet to life, hold it as shown here, with your first finger inside the tube.

*Make a smaller nose by cutting a cork in half.*



*You can cut felt shapes and glue them on.*



4. Put your hand back into tights. As before, twist the ball and pull the tights over. Repeat until the tights are used up.
5. Cut a piece of cardboard 15 x 10cm (6 x 4in). Roll it into a tube big enough for a finger to fit into. Tape it with masking tape.

*For hair like this, coat head with glue. Wrap yarn around it. Glue on another little ball for a bun.*

*Glue lace around neck and wrists.*



6. Use scissors to snip a hole in the bottom of the head. Make it bigger with your fingers. Put some glue into it, then push the tube in.
7. Make a mouth and eyes out of cardboard (see photo for ideas). Glue them onto the puppet head. Glue the cork 'nose' into place.



8. For hair, wrap yarn around the container. (For long hair, use a big container). Tie the strands together with an extra strand.
9. Snip the strands opposite the knot, on the other side of the container. Put glue over the head and stick the 'wig' on.





