

Leaf Puppets

Materials needed:

- Leaves such as sycamore, maple, or tulip tree leaves (at right)
- Sturdy twig about 6-12 inches long
- Twine or yarn
- Permanent marker or paint pens
- Acrylic craft paint in desired colors
- Paint brushes and water for rinsing

Directions

1. Gather an assortment of leaves and twigs.
2. Clean and dry the leaves. (Optional: You may press leaves for a few days to help dry and flatten them.)
3. Paint features onto the leaves using paint, paint pens, or markers. If using paint, allow it to fully dry before drawing with markers. (An adult should supervise and help clean up.)
4. Gently tear a small hole near the top of the leaf. Place twig behind the leaf and through the hole. Use twine or ribbon to tie the stem onto the twig.



Playing with your Leaf Puppet

What kind of adventures will your leaf puppet have? You can play with it outdoors, build habitats or dens for it, or even invent a bedtime story together. Since this is made from a leaf, it is somewhat fragile and won't last forever, but it is sure to inspire creative, leafy play.