

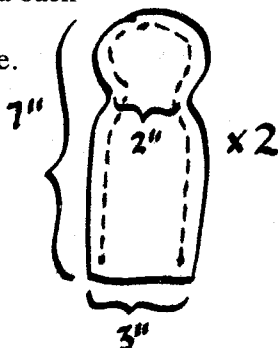
Standing Puppet Instructions

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At the Toronto Waldorf School, this version of the stand up puppet is well loved. The stuffing does not come out and it stands up well.

Materials: Cotton knit, wool fleece, strong sewing thread, felt or fabric scraps.

1. Using cotton knit, cut out two forms and sew together with a back stitch along dotted lines ----- approximately 1/4" from edge.



2. Turn inside out so that stitching doesn't show.

3. Stuff with sheep's wool quite firmly, but it should still feel soft.

4. Do a gathering stitch around the bottom as close as possible to the edge of the material and pull tight.

5. Sew up hole that is left with a few stitches.

6. Pinch in a small rim (1/3") of material and sew a running stitch ----- evenly around to make a base so that the puppet will stand up.

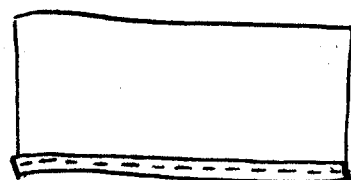


7. Make head by attaching thread a bit higher than neckline. Circle thread around neck pulling tightly and fix thread well by sewing in and out a few times. The puppet should be very stable.

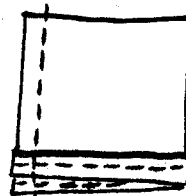
Making Clothes:

1. Measure dress to fit body allowing enough material for a hem on both ends if needed. Felt or fabric scraps can be used.

2. Hem the bottom.



3. Turn over on the wrong side, and hem for the side of the dress.



Sew backstitching

4. Gather the top of the dress by using a running stitch around the circumference. Do not pull together yet.

5. Fit on puppet and pull in gathering stitches. Sew in place by using small stitches close to the head.

Gathering



Hair:

1. Tease wool and sew on head with small random stitches. Thread should be the color of the hair.

2. Cut cloak or veil to size and sew onto head or shoulders with small stitches. Cloaks can be many different shapes. You will need to play with this a bit.

3. Add a crown if needed. Or if it is a boy — a hat instead of a cloak. Have fun! Use your imagination and take courage!

Janet Kellman at the Rudolf Steiner College puts a large washer from the hardware store in the base of her standing puppets and covers them with felt.

