



Paper Bird Puppet

Puppet Party

Make a bird puppet that can fly in the sky just like in the Cloud Child story! Adults and children can work together to create this simple, delicate puppet. Puppets are great tools for story telling and sensory play. Bring the show to life by encouraging children to play with their bird as they watch the Cloud Child Performance. Check out the Make a Bird video tutorial and the Cloud Child Performance video on ARTS:LIVE for more inspiration.

🕒 20 mins

👤 3+ Under 5 years

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What You Need

White tissue paper

Clear sticky tape

Black markers

Bendy plastic straws

Tin foil.



Things to Think About

Where could your bird fly to?

What do you know about birds?

Why do you think birds are noisy in the morning?

What might your bird eat?

Have you ever seen a flock of birds?

Ideas for Extension

Take children outside where they can fly their birds high in the sky.

Act out the scene from the Cloud Child show when the bird lands on the clothes line

Make a whole flock of birds using different coloured tissue paper.

EYLF Alignment

4.1 Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.



1 Make Bows

Take two pieces of tissue paper, and scrunch both pieces in the middle to make bows. Lay one bow on top of the other to make a cross shape.



2 Sculpt the Body

Fold and mold the bottom piece of paper to create a body shape and a head. The top bow piece is for the wings.



3 Fix the Shape

Secure the bird's body shape using clear sticky tape and then fluff out the wings.



4 Make a Beak

Sculpt a beak using tin foil and then fix it in place using sticky tape.



5 Create Eyes

Use a black marker to draw on eyes.



6 Make a Puppet Stick

Make the the straw into a puppet stick by bending the top of the straw and attaching it to the bottom of the bird using sticky tape.



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