

THE BUILDING SHOW

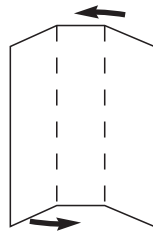


BUILD A PUPPET!

STEP 1: Take a sheet of paper.



STEP 2: Fold in thirds.



STEP 3: Fold in half.

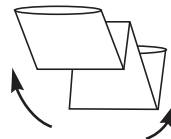


STEP 4: Place paper with folded edge at top

Folded end here

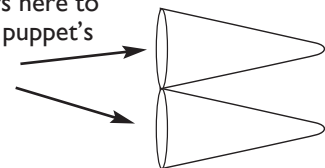


STEP 5: Take top flap and fold back. Repeat with other flap.

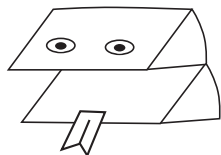


STEP 6: Place fingers and thumb in open ends

Place fingers here to move your puppet's mouth.



STEP: 7 Now your puppet is ready to decorate!



Use crayons, markers, ribbon, and other things to decorate your puppet. Then put on your own show!

BUILD YOUR LIBRARY!

Over the Moon by Rachel Vail

Cinderella Bigfoot by Mike Thaler

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trivizas

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka

Into the Sky by Ryan Ann Hunter

Block City by Stevenson/Wolff

Up Goes the Skyscraper by Gail Gibbons

Houses and Homes by Morris/Heyman

BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

- The world's tallest free-standing tower is the CN Tower in Toronto, Canada. It reaches 1,815 feet and 5 inches into the air.
- The world's tallest building is Burj Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. It is 162 stories tall and was built in 2009.
- The largest Egyptian Pyramid reaches almost 500 feet. It is made of 2.3 million stone blocks, each weighing between 2.5 to 15 tons!
- Although many bridges compete for the title of world's longest, the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge in Japan (also called the Pearl Bridge) can claim the longest span without any support structure underneath. The center span covers 6,529 feet, and the entire bridge is 12,828 feet long.
- The Great Wall of China is about 4,500 miles long (including all the branches) and is over 2,000 years old.
- The Rockville Bridge is the longest stone arch bridge in the world. It is located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and was built in 1902. It has forty-eight arches and is 3,820 feet long.

BUILD WITH TOYS!

Building is a great open-ended activity that encourages fine motor skills and problem solving in young children. For toddlers, use easy to grab plush or foam blocks (warning: always check that the foam is tooth proof!) Preschoolers enjoy blocks that they can handle easily (not too big or too small). Large connecting blocks can help ease frustration since they make sturdier structures for budding builders. However, often at this age toppling the tower is half the fun!

Visit PTM's Kids Store for a wide selection of blocks and other building toys. You can also make your own building "blocks" out of small shipping or gift boxes. Plastic cups and plates also make good impromptu building materials, as do pillows and plush animals.

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