



## CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPET SHOW

### ART 5: Marionettes –Y5/6

Marionettes are puppets which hang on strings and are controlled from above. They can have quite realistic movements and some can be very complicated.

Effective marionettes can be made quite simply using used boxes, cardboard, plastic bottles and pots etc.

Although it can be quite fiddly it is worth doing and is really good fun.

You will need:

- A selection of card, boxes, tubs and bottles etc.
- String
- Wood or card strips
- Tape

When you have your things together you need to choose items to make head, body, feet and any other parts you need depending on what you choose to make.

This is a simple duck puppet made from papier-mâché balls covered in feathers with little wooden disks for feet.

Mine is made from paper cups.

The first thing you need to do is hang the main parts from the control bar above, and then hang the moving parts, in this case legs, from that.



Then attach the strings to the legs and up to the controller so you can lift them up and down.

