



PUPPETS

FOAM PICTURE FRAME PUPPET

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DESCRIPTION

Celebrate this President's Day by creating a cool puppet! Join host John Kennedy as he shows you how to make a picture frame puppet perfect for a President's Day puppet show.

MATERIALS

- heavy card stock paper
- 1" white foam rubber
- colored markers
- pen or pencil
- scissors
- permanent black marker
- glue

DIRECTIONS

1. Trace around the foam onto your heavy card stock. Make sure it's in the center. Draw a line for the mouth in the center of the rectangle.
2. Draw in his hair, nose and circular eyes. Draw in pupils and lids. Make eyebrows and draw in his face. Draw curls in his hair. Draw in his suit, collar and ruffled shirt. It should be a portrait shot, so you should draw him from the shoulders up. Draw some mountains in the background.
3. Make some squiggly lines in the corner of the frame and the sides to make it look elegant.
4. Use your brown marker to trace over the lines.
5. Color his eyelids pink, the sky light blue, dark blue for his suit, black for the mountains. Trace your pencil lines with black marker. Don't trace the mouth, eyebrows or nose.
6. Cut out the entire outline of his face, leaving the black line in the picture.
7. Cut out the eyes that you created, without cutting away the black outlines.
8. Glue your foam to the back of the cardstock.
9. Glue the eyes back onto the foam.
10. Redraw the nose, mouth and eyebrows with a permanent black marker.
11. Take your scissors and cut a slit into the mouth. Make the cut as deep as possible without going all the way through and color the inside with black marker.
12. Turn your picture over and make a mark above and below the mouth with black marker.
13. Take your scissors and create slits where you will put your fingers to animate him. Put your thumb in the top slit and fingers in the bottom slit.

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