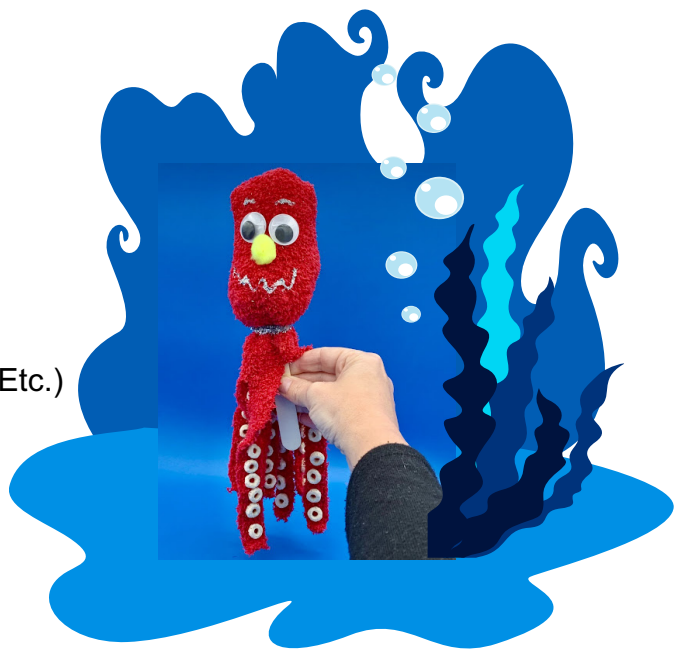


SOCK-TOPUS PUPPET

How One Sock Covers Eight Legs!

MATERIALS:

- 1 Sock
- Stuffing For One Sock (Paper Towel, Another Sock, Etc.)
- Craft Glue
- 2 Googly Eyes
- 1 Pipe Cleaner (Or Rubber Band)
- Glitter Glue (Optional)
- 1 Pompom (Optional)
- 40-50 Cheerios or Fruit Loops (Optional)
- 1 Craft Stick or Pencil



DIRECTIONS:

First, make the head.

1. Stuff the sock from heel to toe. The stuffing can be anything that is easy to crunch up and pack inside the sock.
2. At the end of the stuffing, near the heel, wrap a pipe cleaner around the sock. This will make a neck for your puppet's head and hold the stuffing in place. A rubber band can also be used to do this.

Next, make the legs.

3. Make eight legs by cutting 8 strips. For each strip, start at the cuff and cut in a straight line until you are approximately one inch from the neck. You might need an adult's help for this part. Also...be sure to ask an adult before you start cutting up socks!
4. Optional but fun: Using craft glue, attach five or six Cheerios to the underside of each leg.

Then, give it some personality.

5. Glue two googly eyes onto the sock using craft glue.
6. Use glitter glue or paint or markers to create a nose, mouth and eyebrows.
7. Optional: Glue a pompom onto the sock for the nose.

Finally, create your own puppet and show!

8. Insert a craft stick (or a pencil) through the "neck" going straight up towards the toe of the sock. Push the stick far enough into the stuffing so it stays and can be used to hold your puppet.
9. Name your puppet. Write a story or a play that your puppet can tell to your friends.

Have fun!