

# How to make *Turtle Puppets!*

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## You will need:

- 1 1/2 paper plates for each puppet, Sturdy “deep dish” type if possible.
- 1 full sheet of construction paper for each puppet
- white glue
- glue sticks or tape
- scissors
- a full stapler
- Lots of scraps of paper! (Great use for scrap box!)

1. Children can trace around a paper plate, onto a sheet of construction paper, and then cut out the circle.
2. Using scraps, children can cut out head, four legs, and tail. These can be free-form! If they get frustrated, start with a rectangle for each piece. They can attach body parts to circle with tape or glue stick.
3. Spread white glue around inside lip of paper plate. Glue onto turtle body with “attached” parts to inside. (See diagram) Press carefully.
4. Staple half plate to underside to form pocket for hand. Children will probably need assistance for this part. Six staples should do it.
5. Children can decorate turtle “shell” with scraps of paper. (Those waiting for help with stapling can still begin this part.) Top of shell can also be a place to glue stories or folded accordion books.

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