

Lions, Monkeys & Felt, Oh My!



What child wouldn't love their very own puppet theater? These adorable felt puppets are easy to create and the felt theater even easier thanks to tension rods that makes setting up and taking down a snap. This is a project that could be easily put together in an afternoon and offer hours of fun and playful imagination.

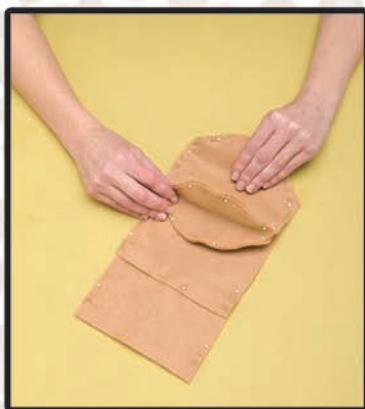




Supplies... 9x12 Felt Squares • Embroidery Floss • Plastic Eyes • Black Pom-pom
Plastic Leather Cording • Scissors • Needle • Craft Adhesive • Pins



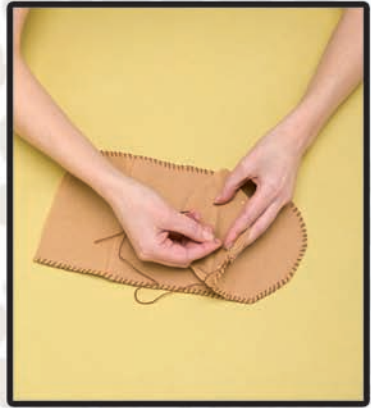
To make the lion, first design your pattern using simple felt shapes as shown and cut out puppet pieces.



Pin your pieces together, as shown.



Use embroidery floss to sew pieces together using a simple whipstitch.



Be sure to give your puppet a mouth opening so that he will be able to talk.



Cut out cheeks from felt, and make 4-5 French knots on each cheek to attach to Puppet.



Attach nose & cording as whiskers with craft adhesive. Adhere eye components as instructed on package label. Cut out and attach lion ears, as shown.



Using photo as a guide, cut fringe along both sides of two strips of felt. Then the fringe together into knots for the mane.



To finish your lion puppet, simply stitch the mane along the edge of the puppet, as shown.

Once you start creating your characters you won't want to stop. The whole animal kingdom will want to come out and play.

Bananas the Monkey just makes you want to giggle! With his distinctive two-tone body and silly contagious smile you know he's up to some serious monkey business.



Tiny the Elephant with her big floppy ears and sweet little stitched eyelashes definitely has a soft side in spite of her size.

Whiskers the Lion is sure to be a kid's favorite with his just-out-of-bed looking mane and happy puffy white cheeks.

It's a JUNGLE out there, but we think it's a cute one!



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