



Welcome to the
PUPPET CONSTRUCTION DIGITAL WORKSHOP
with Dead Puppet Society

BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

This Digital Workshop will be delivered in segments. In each segment, our Artistic Associate Helen will demonstrate the key steps and principles involved in building a prototype puppet character.

During the demonstrations it's okay just to watch to make sure that you don't miss anything.

At the end of each segment the key instructions will be repeated and you'll be invited to **pause the video until you've completed the relevant steps**. Feel free to jump back in the video if you need to see something again, the outline on the next page will help you to navigate the timeline.

The workshop should take 60-90 minutes to complete, so make sure that you take your time with the individual work sections. The outline on the next page will help you to navigate the video and the exercises.

We hope you enjoy this Digital Workshop. To share your work, or see what others have created, check out our digital workshops account on Instagram @dps_digital

MATERIALS...

- 7 x 50cm squares of brown paper (newspaper or printer paper taped together will work as well)
- Pens
- Masking tape or sticky tape
- Strapping tape or cloth tape*
- Scissors
- Beads, buttons or tacks *
- Craft glue*

*items are optional

DPS DIGITAL WORKSHOPS: PUPPET CONSTRUCTION

OUTLINE...

SECTION ONE: Welcome and making paper rods.

WATCH: 00:00-03:18

PAUSE AND WORK: Make four rods and trim the ends. Making rods can be frustrating, take your time and ask for help if you need.

SECTION TWO: Designing your puppet.

WATCH: 03:18-05:06

PAUSE AND WORK: Design your puppet according to the instructions on the screen.

SECTION THREE: Preparing the skeleton.

WATCH: 05:06-06:10

PAUSE AND WORK: Measure and cut the rods to for each section of your design. Don't forget to tape the ends before you cut!

SECTION FOUR: Hinge joins.

WATCH: 06:10-07:34

PAUSE AND WORK: Create the hinge joints for the elbows and knees of your puppet. If you don't have strapping tape, sticky tape or masking tape will work too.

SECTION FIVE: The torso.

WATCH: 07:34-09:18

PAUSE AND WORK: Assemble the torso according to the instructions on the screen. Make sure that the hips and shoulders are in alignment.

SECTION SIX: Universal joins.

WATCH: 09:18-11:54

PAUSE AND WORK: Assemble the hips and shoulders according to the instructions on the screen. Make sure you leave a space between the rods at each connection point for movement.

SECTION SEVEN: The head.

WATCH: 11:54-15:40

PAUSE AND WORK: Sculpt and skin the head of your puppet according to the instructions on the screen. If you don't have craft glue, don't worry, just leave it out.

SECTION EIGHT: The neck.

WATCH: 15:40-18:28

PAUSE AND WORK: Attach the head according to the instructions on the screen. The neck is really just a longer universal joint.

SECTION NINE: Detail and accessories.

WATCH: 18:28-19:31

PAUSE AND WORK: Add detail to your puppet. Give your creature eyes, hands or other accessories. Use more brown paper, or other materials you might have at home or school.

SECTION TEN: Wrap-up.

WATCH: 19:31-20:28