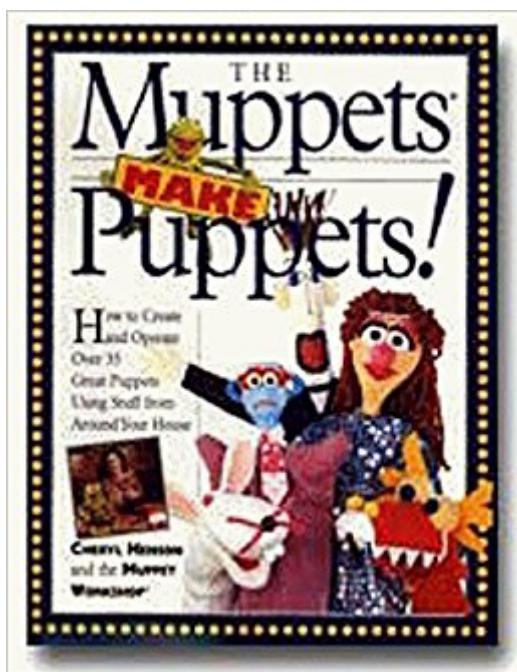


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# The Muppets Make Puppets: How To Create And Operate Over 35 Great Puppets Using Stuff From Around Your House



## **Synopsis**

Cheryl Henson, daughter of Muppets founder Jim Henson, along with the Muppet' Workshop (and Kermit the Frog), shows kids how to make over 35 puppets using stuff from around the house-with a little help from the googly eyes, funny noses, feathers, and fuzzy fur included. There's Dixie Dragon (principle ingredient, a sock), Jughead (small plastic jar), Spidey Jones (old work glove), Metalmouth (bandage boxes), Princess Esterrilla (wooden spoon and chopsticks), and Pinky Roach (pink eraser). In addition, the authors show how to talk the puppet talk and walk the puppet walk, how to write a script and put on a show. It's a complete kit. Just add glue, and a little imagination. Selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club. 152,000 copies in print.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Now you can make puppets right at home out of materials from around your house-an old work glove, empty paper-towel tubes, that meatballer in the kitchen drawer no one ever uses. With the enclosed feathers and fur to get started, it's easy to create a whole cast of sweet, scary, weird characters. Discover the secrets of eyes, become a hair expert, develop the right nose-or beak-for a face. Then learn how to walk the puppet walk and talk the puppet talk. With tips on scripts, stages, and shows, it's a complete puppeteering guide. Just add your imagination.

The Muppet Workshop is the magical place where original Muppet characters are created by a staff of talented designers and builders. The Workshop has created hundreds of Muppet puppets over

the last 30 years. Cheryl Henson, daughter of Jim Henson--creator of the Muppets--is a vice president of Jim Henson Productions. She is an ardent advocate of puppetry and is executive producer of the International Festival of Puppet Theater.

Very cool book for all ages!

I would recommend *The Muppets Make Puppets* to puppet-builders both young and old, beginner and advanced. The book contains many creative suggestions of items to use to make puppets, some of which struck me as very original and off the beaten path. Even if you don't end up following these puppet "recipes" exactly (and I don't think that's even the point), they'll give you excellent starting points for creations of your own. Highly recommended.

This is a wonderful book for making simply puppets from easy-to-find items. The pictures are attractive and the book is full of creative ideas. The book teaches how to make multiple types of puppets, including rod puppets, shadow puppets, hand puppets, and marionettes.

Gave it as a gift and my friend is thrilled -- she's very capable with a sewing machine and is going to start making some for her 4 year old. The instructions are very simple even for the novice.

This book has so many great ideas using many easy to find objects. It even includes a little packet with 2 pairs of eyes, some faux fur, a few feathers and other sundries. The day this book arrived, my daughter and I made 3 puppets. In the next several days we made many more out of socks, oven mitts and other things that were just laying around the house. If you hate to throw things away, you'll love this. After reading the book, you'll start looking at your trash with new eyes. Old paper towel rolls, band-aid tins, fabric scraps, plastic spoons, small plastic bottles you might throw out, sponges, pot scrubbers, erasers--all these things can be transformed into puppets. My only quibble is that the suggested reading level is ages 4-8. My nearly five-year-old can't do these projects alone, (I also use a hot glue gun, so it's too hot for her) so I've ended up letting her direct what goes where on the puppets. I think a six year-old working with less dangerous adhesives could do many of the projects himself, and I think kids even older than the age range would find the projects fun, especially if they have little siblings or an opportunity to teach younger kids. (Like helping out at Sunday school). The book is full of projects that are easy to do right away, don't cost much money or require special trips to the craft store and let your child develop her imagination/creativity/emotional skills.

Only good for young kids.

Awesome book. I am well pleased with my purchase.

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