

My Pet Dinosaur Activity Guide

Make Your Own Pet Dinosaur Sock Puppet!

"My very own pet dinosaur - this is the best birthday present ever!"

Craft adapted from allkidsnetwork.com

Supplies:

Sock - cleaned - fun colors preferred!

Pencil

Two googly eyes

Red and Black felt or fun foam

Colored felt or fun foam to match your sock (for the spikes)

Scissors

Low temp glue gun and glue (regular glue will work, but the puppet will not hold together for as long)



Instructions:

- Put the sock on your or your child's hand and wiggle the sock around so that it forms a mouth for your puppet. Make a mark with your pencil of where the inside of the mouth is - this will help you glue the tongue on later.
- Decide how long you want your sock puppet to be on your arm and make a small mark there with a pencil as well. (You'll need to cut at least an inch off the bottom to form the arms later.)
- Take the sock off and trim off some of the sock the open end of the sock where you drew your line. Save this scrap you just cut off for later.
- Cut the red felt or fun foam into a triangle. Glue the red felt inside the mouth, where you marked earlier. This will be your puppet's tongue.



- Put the sock back on and make two marks on the top of puppet where you want the eyes to go. Take the sock off and glue the two googly eyes on the top of the puppet where you marked.
- Cut out two small circles using the black felt or fun foam to form the nostrils of your dinosaur. Put your sock puppet back on and make two small marks toward the front of your fingers where the nostrils will go. Take the sock off and glue the nostrils where you made the marks.

- Try the sock on one last time and decide where you want your spikes to go in the middle, down the dinosaur’s “back” and how many spikes you’d like to fit on your puppet.
- Cut triangles out of the felt or fun foam that you have picked to make your dinosaur spikes. You’ll need two triangles per spike. Make as many as you need for as many spikes as you’d like.
- For each spike, glue two triangles together, just at the top, leaving the bottom part open. This will allow you to glue the spike onto the sock and still have it stand up.
- Glue the spikes onto the marks you made on the dinosaur’s “back” by opening up the bottom a little bit and pressing them into place. Repeat for as many spikes as you made.
- Take the scrap from the bottom of the sock that you cut earlier and cut it once to make one long piece. Then, cut that long piece in half.
- Roll half of that piece into itself and glue it in place to form one dinosaur arm. Remember, we’re making a T-Rex so the arms should be short, if it’s too long trim it to the desired length. Repeat with the other half of scrap.
- Glue these two “arms” onto the front in the middle of your puppet.
- (If using regular glue, slip your sock puppet over a drinking glass and allow it time to dry.)
- Enjoy your own pet dinosaur!



Resources

Dinosaur Sock puppet craft and photos - allkidsnetwork.com:

<http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/animals/dinosaurs/dinosaur-sock-puppet.asp>

Tyrannosaurus Res Coloring page - firstpalette.com:

http://www.firstpalette.com/tool_box/printables/dinosaur-cretaceous.html

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Tyrannosaurus rex

The name Tyrannosaurus means "tyrant lizard" due to this dinosaur's fearsome reputation as a predator. The species Tyrannosaurus rex or T. rex lived during the late Cretaceous (70 million years ago) and is one of the most well-known dinosaurs of all time.

At 40 feet long and 20 feet tall, the T.rex was one of the biggest carnivores that ever lived. It had a muscular body, with a massive tail to balance its huge head. Its powerful jaw with large saw-like teeth could crush the bones of its prey. It walked on two powerful hind legs but had very short arms. It also had a large brain for a dinosaur, which made it a better hunter.

