How to Make a Homemade Puppet Theatre

You will need help from an adult to make your puppet theatre as some bits can be quite tricky! If you do not have lots of carboard you could always use a shoe box or cereal box to make a smaller puppet theatre!

You can use your toys, dolls or make your own puppets to star in your plays and even create different back grounds for every show!

What you need

- A rectangular cardboard box, the one used here is around (W) 55cm x (L) 35cm x (D) 20cm
- A large piece of card to mount the **puppet theatre print outs (found on well-being activities page)**
- Green tissue paper for the backdrop – you can use any colours you like or any material, you can even draw your own scene!

1. First, cut a rectangular hole in front of the box, make sure that it is centred with equal distance from the edge of the box as this will be the front of your theatre.

2. Then cut a opening in either side of the box, around 5cm in width and 20cm in length, big enough to fit the puppets through – these will be the equivalent of your wings.

3. Now, cut a hole in the top of the box around 40cm in length and 10cm in width which can again be used for controlling the puppets or scenery inside the theatre.

4. Print off the **puppet theatre print outs** or draw your own design onto the card! Cut out and mount onto card. Stick onto the front of your box.

5. Finally, rip up lots of pieces of green tissue paper, sugar paper or crepe paper in a free collage style to create the forest background – you can create any backdrop you like for your puppet theatre!