



Little Puppet Troupe

Turn spoons and forks into animal puppets and start the show.

Helps Your Child Grow



Creativity

Imagining spoons and forks as animal characters helps your child see a new use for familiar objects and invent a story around them.



Fine Motor

Drawing, cutting, and attaching features to the utensils gives your child practice using small hand movements to express a visual idea.

Steps

- Add new characters to pretend play by turning small wooden spoons and forks into puppets.
- Set out disposable wooden spoons or forks, child-safe scissors, colored paper, and yarn. Choose a theme together, such as a forest-animal party.
- Demonstrate a rabbit: draw a face on a wooden spoon, cut out two paper ears, and attach them at the top. “Look - the rabbit is ready!”
- Invite your child to use the shape of each utensil as inspiration. A fork’s pointed tines might become a cat’s ears, for example.
- If your child is unsure how to begin, look at an animal picture together. Ask, “What does a lion’s mane look like? Would yarn or strips of paper work better?”
- Make several puppets, then let the forest-animal party begin.

Tips

- Build on your child’s wild ideas. A fork can become a monster, or a bunny can become a flying lion. Ask, “It has wings! Where does it want to fly?” The point is not realism; it is keeping the story growing.

Observations

- Connects a material with a character idea, such as “This could be a long nose”
- Attaches different materials to a wooden spoon or fork