

MOODY MUPPETS

Materials

- Small rectangle pieces cut from recycled boxes
- Paint or colored paper
- Pipe cleaners, googly eyes, and other loose parts for facial features
- Markers/crayons
- Fabric
- Craft sticks
- Books about emotions
- Imagination!



Instructions

- Read and discuss books that display a variety of emotions (those with photos, like On Monday When it Rained, are great!). Give several scenarios and suggest what emotions might be elicited.
- Depending on time and the skills of your students, have them either cut 2 matching pieces from recycled boxes or choose from a variety of pre-cut shapes and then glue a craft stick between the two pieces to serve as a handle.
- Paint or cover each side with a different color (paint one side in advance if your time is short). If possible, allow one side to dry before working on the other. If not, slits in a cereal box make an easy stand for easy access.
- Using pipe cleaners, markers, googly eyes, fabric, etc., design a puppet that shows opposite emotions on each side (happy-sad; surprised-mad; etc).
- When dry, allow the students to share their Muppets with their peers and to identify the emotions shown. For extra fun, have them reproduce the faces themselves!