

# Explorer Marionette Instructions

Materials Needed:

6 pipe cleaners – cut in half to make 12 pieces

Scratch paper

Masking tape

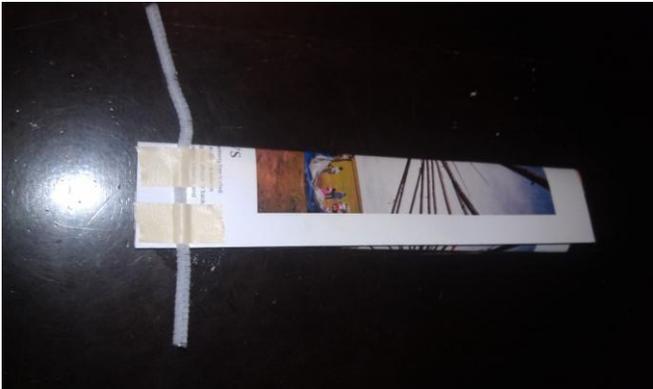
## Step One:

Make Limbs (2 sections per arm, two sections per leg) fold scratch paper to approximately 2 inches in length. (You may want to make the leg sections  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch longer each).



## Step Two:

Take one pipe cleaner, center it on the end of the paper and tape it in place.



## Step Three:

Roll the paper until limb piece reaches desired thickness. Be sure to keep the edges straight. It is fine if the middle crunches up a bit.



## Step Four:

Tape the roll in place, then coat the entire paper roll in tape.





### **Step Five:**

Loop the ends of pipe cleaner into hooks for connecting.  
(Repeat for all 8 limb sections.)

### **Step Six:**

Hands and Feet – tape a square of paper to one end of the pipe cleaner. Fold the paper over, roll and tape to form a small foot or hand shape on the end of the limb. Cover with tape. (Repeat for both feet and hands.)



### **Step Seven: Head**

Simply wad up two pieces of scratch paper together and tape around the entire ball, shaping as you go to resemble a head shape. When covered with tape, cut one pipe cleaner segment in half and tape a hook on the top of the head (to connect string) and one hook to the bottom (to connect to body).



### **Step Eight: Torso**

Repeat steps for limbs, using a 5 inch paper – doubling up paper to increase thickness. Tape a pipe cleaner segment across the top to form shoulders – loop ends into hooks for connecting arms.



### **Step Nine: Make Connections**

Lay out pieces as shown in picture – connect loops and twist to secure. Trim any excess pipe cleaner if necessary.

### **Step Ten: Decorate and Dress**

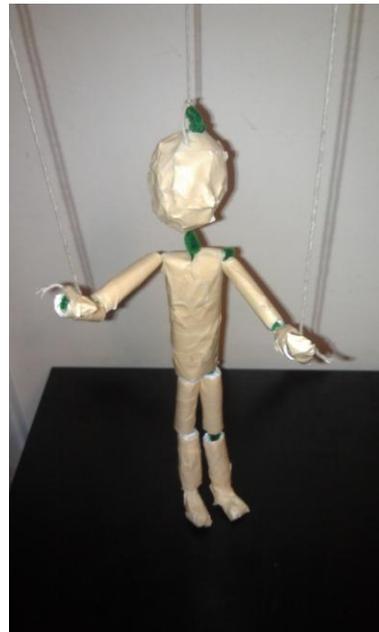
Now that your marionette is connected, you are ready to decorate! Use tape pieces to shape a nose on the face, use permanent marker to draw face, then use fabric and other materials of your choice to create clothing and accessories for your explorer. Make it authentic! Research your explorer, Find out what style of clothing he might have worn. Be sure to add hair and a hat and Add accessories your explorer may have carried (compasses, maps, periscopes, etc.). Be creative!





### **Step Eleven: Strings**

Once your explorer is dressed and decorated, create a cross out of two sticks (pencils work well) and tie one string to the head loop, and a string around each wrist. Connect the wrist strings to the cross bar in the front, and the head string to the single pencil in the back.



### **Need Help?**

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[www.stormthecastle.com/how-to-make-a/how-to-make-a-marionette.htm](http://www.stormthecastle.com/how-to-make-a/how-to-make-a-marionette.htm)

OR:

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