

Title: Art of Colombia

Grade Level: K-5

Objective: Members will use paper bags to create a glove puppet in the style of the traditional Colombian puppeteers.



Lesson Plan

Materials: paper bags, scissors, glue stick, colored paper/construction paper.

Opening Activity: HAND PUPPETS! Invite members to invent a character using just their hand and choose a few members to bring their character to life, with a voice and personality all their own! Colombia has a long history of giant puppets parading through the towns during big major festivals every year. Puppetry theater became a popular folkloric art in the early 20th century, as celebrated characters were brought from town to town by traveling minstrel performers.

Core Activity:

- Distribute scissors, colored paper and copies of the cartoon features for them to design and produce their own character puppets. THEN, distribute paper bags and glue sticks.
- Instruct members that a finished puppet has a face with all facial features, and a costume or outfit.
- NOW FOR A CHALLENGE- Have them KEEP their hands OUT of the bags until they are finished!
- Older members can also team up and create a short puppet theater performance based on their characters, developing a 2-5 minute story to share with the class.

Reflection: As members help clean up the space, have them share their finished character with each other, and invite them to pair up and improvise a conversation between puppets!