

Topics: Manual dexterity, art, history, culture, fun

Materials List

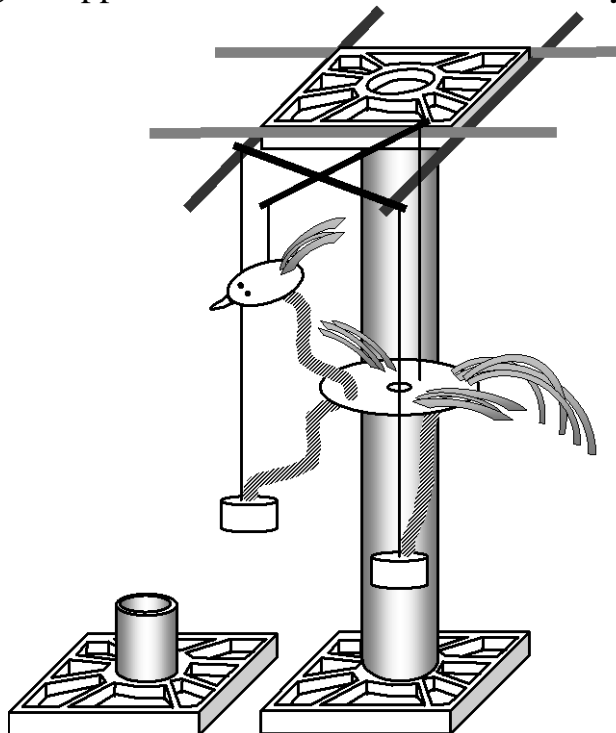
- ✓ 4 metal strips from 2 legal-sized hanging folders
- ✓ 2 plastic bases (a square base with a cylindrical section on the center of one side)
- ✓ 1 sheet of poster board, or a 1 meter (3 ft) long heavy cardboard tube that fits over the centers of the plastic bases
- ✓ Clear tape (packaging tape works well)

This activity can be used to support the teaching of:

- Convey meaning through presentation of artistic work (National Theatre Arts Standards: Performing, Grades K-12)

Flashy Phoenix Stand

Creating a Puppet Stand to Show Off Your Flashy Phoenix



Marionettes are puppets controlled by strings from above. Marionette puppets are prone to getting their strings tangled when they are set down, so a puppet stand displays the puppets and helps keep them usable. This puppet stand is meant to go with the RAFT Idea Sheet *Flashy Phoenix* activity.

Assembly (Note: Younger student will need help from an adult)

1. Roll the poster board into a tube (or use a cardboard tube) that fits tightly over the centers of the two plastic bases (one on each end) to make a 1 meter (3 ft) long “spool”. Tape the tube to the bases.
2. Remove the cardboard from the hanging folders; the metal strips become the top of the stand. Safety note - Use tape to cover the sharp edges of the metal strips.
3. Tape a metal strip to each of the four sides of one plastic base (the top of the stand) so that they form a # sign (two parallel strips just above the other two parallel strips). The indentations at the ends of the strips should face away from the tube.
4. Set the stand on one end so that the metal strips are at the top.

To Do and Notice

1. Hang each of your puppets from two of the metal strips.

The Content Behind the Activity

Various types of puppets have provided entertainment and education for centuries. They are created and used worldwide, such as in Indonesia, Europe and parts of Africa, for entertainment, historical or religious instruction, as well as artistic and cultural expression.

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=160 for more resources!)