

# DIY Puppets

Sunny Days swept the clouds away with Sonia Manzano, but you might remember her as “Maria” from Sesame Street, where she lived for over forty years! Sonia Manzano is an American actress, screenwriter, author, speaker and singer-songwriter. She was born in Linwood, New Jersey and raised in the South Bronx. Manzano attended the High School of Performing Arts, where she began her acting career. To honor her legacy as an inspiring citizen, we will create our very own puppets and puppet show.

## No Sew Finger Puppets

### YOU WILL NEED

- Different colors of felt
- Glue
- Scissors
- Marker or chalk
- Small googly eyes

### STEPS

1. Trace your finger on felt twice, making two outlines. You can use marker or chalk.
2. Cut out both outlines.
3. Glue the edges of the two cut out pieces together.
4. Add googly eyes and any other decorations you want to create your puppet character.
5. Use your finger to create movement in your puppet and tell a story.



## Mitten Hand Puppets

### YOU WILL NEED

- Mittens
- Yarn
- Pom poms, buttons or googly eyes
- Glue

### STEPS

1. Find an old mitten.
2. Put your hand in and observe what it looks like. Where do you think the eyes should go?
3. Glue buttons, pom poms or googly eyes as eyes.
4. With an adult's help, glue or sew yarn, string or any other material on top of the glove on the puppet's head.
5. Add any other fun decoration to your puppet character.
6. Create a story or song to perform using your new puppets.

