

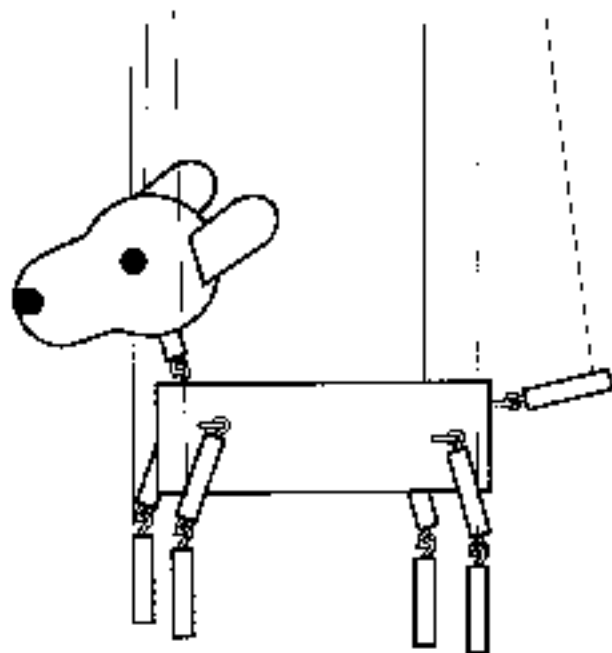
# Animal Marionette

## Textile technique:

A combination of techniques could be used.

## Equipment needed:

You will need two 45mm polyspheres, cold water paste and newspaper, approximately 40cm of 8mm by 8mm square section timber, a scrap piece of wood or length of broom handle approximately 10cm long for the body and a box of curtain wire hooks and eyes. Very strong thread or nylon fishing line will be needed to string the puppet. Scraps of material and paints will be needed to finish off the head and the body.



## How to make the example:

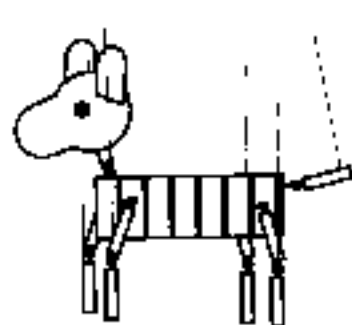
Take the two polyspheres and using wide sticky tape, brown parcel tape is ideal, tape the two spheres together. The teacher should drill an 8mm hole from the top to the bottom of one of the spheres (look at plan on opposite page for guidance). Cut a piece of square section timber approximately 5cm long and insert in the head. Glue into place with P.V.A. Use a bradawl to make a starter hole at each end of the neck timber and screw an eye into the top and a hook into the bottom.

Stick on cardboard shapes for ears and use old plasticine to build up other facial features. Cover the head with a thin layer of paper mache, using very small scraps of newspaper, making sure to overlap onto the card and plasticine features. Leave to dry and decorate appropriately.

Cut a length of scrap wood or broom handle to make the body and screw a curtain wire eye into each of the joint positions as shown on the plan on the opposite page. Cut out appropriate lengths of the square section timber to make up the legs. Make starter holes with the bradawl and screw hooks and eyes into the appropriate places using the plan as a guide. Assemble the joints by threading a hook through an eye and closing the hook using a pair of pliers. Finish the puppet by adding the head.

Cut square section timber to make the hand control. Glue together and screw a hook through the centre for hanging the puppet up. Screw in eyes in the positions marked on the plan. Use strong thread or fishing line to string the puppet up. **WARNING!** Marionette strings are very easily tangled. Always hang puppet up after use

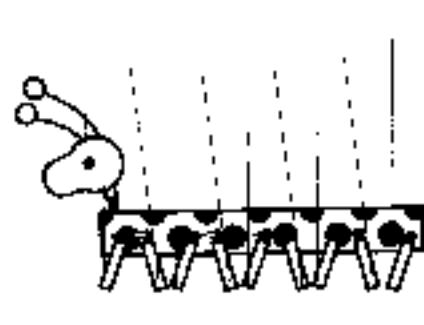
## How the idea may be developed:



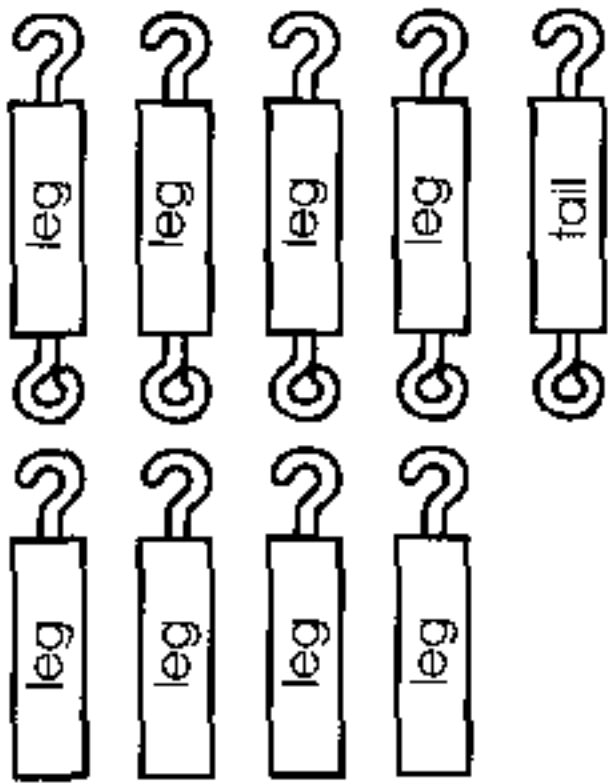
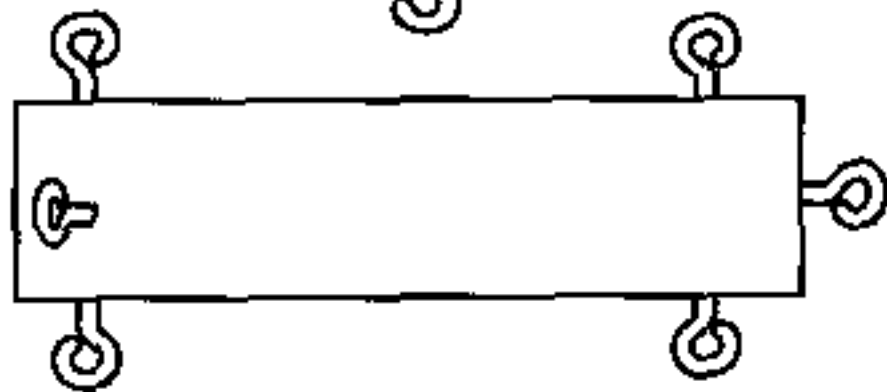
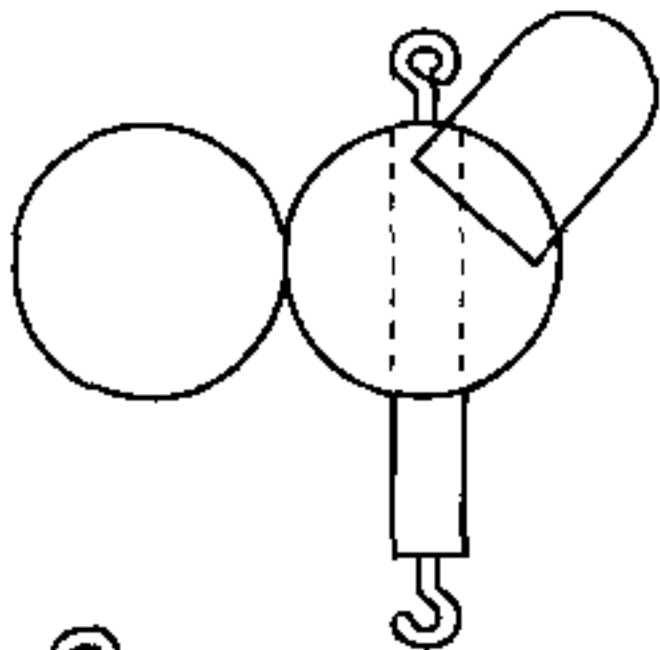
The puppet may be finished off by painting in appropriate colours e.g. stripes for a tiger, zebra etc.



An alternative to painting could be to sew a "body suit" and stuff with cotton wool to make a realistic shape.



Unusual animal shapes could be made e.g. an elephant with trunk, a giraffe, a centipede etc.



Detail of joints

