Make a push puppet



duration: 40 - 60 minutes age: from 7 years

Make a little puppet that collapses when you pull the lever

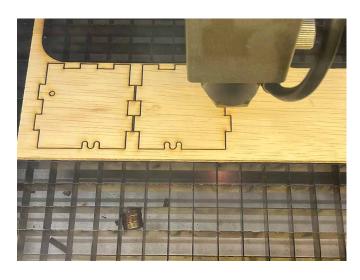
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tools

- ☐ Laser cutter
- ☐ Wire cutter
- □ Scissors
- ☐ Glue gun
- ☐ Marker

materials

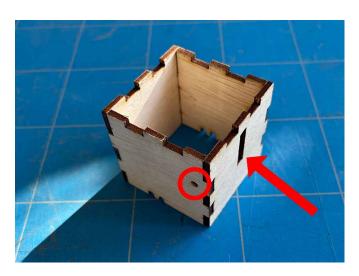
- ☐ 3mm plywood
- 2 loom bands
- Beads
- ☐ Dental floss
- ☐ Thick skewer





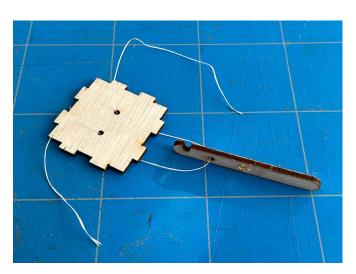
Cut out the parts

Cut out the template with the laser cutter.



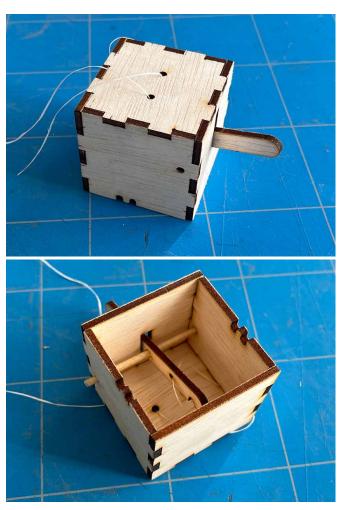


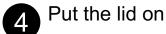
Assemble all the sides, but wait with the top.



3 Thread the string

- Cut about 35cm (14") of dental floss.
- Thread the string through the holes in the top and the lever as shown in the photo. Pay attention to which side the hook should be.





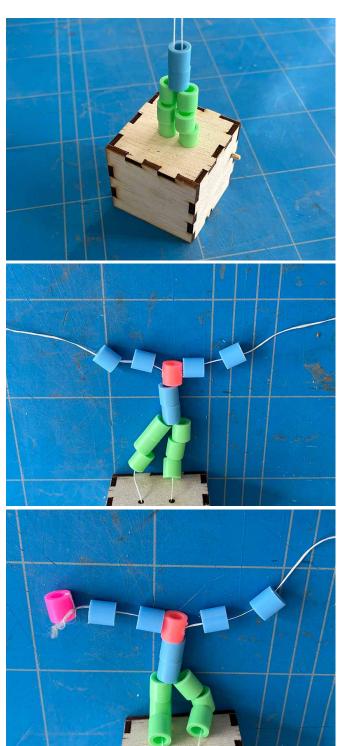
- Insert the lever through the slot. Make sure the opening of the hook points upwards.
- Cut a skewer to size and insert it through the holes on the side and the lever.
- Glue the lever in place with a little glue from the glue gun.





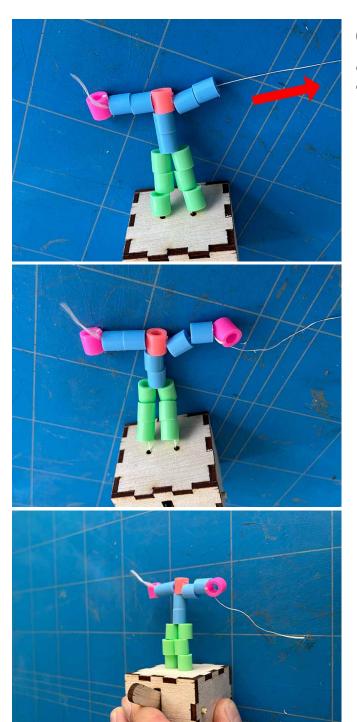
Drill a hole

- Use a clamp or pliers to hold the bead while drilling.
- Drill a hole straight through one of the beads.



6 String the beads

- String the beads until you have a little puppet.
- Tie the dental floss to the 'hand' bead on one side.





Pull tight and tie the other arm

- Pull the loose end of the dental floss tight.
- Tie the second hand. It should be fairly tight, but not so tight that no movement is possible.



Add the loom bands

Place 2 loom bands over the hook in the lever and the hooks on the sides. This should keep your puppet upright.



9 Head, done

- Use the glue gun to attach a round bead on top of your doll.
- Use the marker to draw a face.
- Done!