

# Stick Puppet

Not all stick puppets are created equal. Well, maybe they are, but your young history buff will have to admit that these presidential puppets are pretty cool. Try out this patriotic craft for President's Day or Independence Day.

## What You Need:

- 2 craft sticks
- Black paint
- Blue paint
- White paint
- Red paint
- 4 wiggly eyes
- White pipe cleaner
- Black construction paper
- White glue
- Paintbrushes
- Newspaper
- Cup
- Water
- Scissors



## What You Do:

1. Help your child set out the sheet of newspaper on a clean, flat surface.
2. Have her fill the cup with water and place it on the newspaper.
3. Let her squirt a small pile of black, blue, red and white paint directly on the newspaper. Make sure she keeps each pile of paint at least several inches away from each other.
4. It's time to add clothes to her presidential stick puppets! Have her paint the middle third of the Abraham Lincoln stick black and the middle third of the George Washington stick blue.
5. Don't forget about these famous men's hats. Let her paint the tip of the Lincoln stick black and the tip of the Washington stick blue.
6. Allow time for the paint to dry.
7. While she waits, show her how to rinse her paintbrushes in the cup of water.
8. Have her use scissors to cut a tiny top hat out of the black construction paper.
9. Let her glue the hat to the top of the Lincoln stick puppet.
10. For Washington's hat, have your child cut a strip from the white pipe cleaner that is about one inch long.
11. Help her glue the white pipe cleaner strip to the base of Washington's blue (painted) hat.
12. Have her glue wiggly eyes onto both the Lincoln and Washington stick puppet.
13. Let your child use red paint to draw smiles on the presidents' faces.
14. For the finishing touch, have her use white paint to add on buttons, collars and other details to her presidents' clothes.