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Finger Friends

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MATERIALS NEEDED

STYROFOAM* Brand Products:

2- 1" or 1-1/2" balls

1- block (optional)

OTHER MATERIALS:

1- 3" piece of chenille stem

1- pair wiggle eyes

Craft paint/stiff paint brush

Felt scraps

Craft materials such as eyelash curls, pom-poms, yarn

Scissors

Craft glue or glue gun and glue sticks

Wooden skewers or toothpicks



CRAFTING TIPS:

Painting. Paint with water-based craft paint. Paints containing solvents may damage the foam. (See paint manufacturer's instructions for details.)

Gluing. For a fast, sure bond, use a low-temperature glue gun. Hot glue guns can be used but might melt a small portion of the foam. (Please follow manufacturer's safety instructions when operating a glue gun.) White craft glue is a tried and true favorite for STYROFOAM Brand Products; use florists' picks or toothpicks to hold pieces together while drying.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If desired, paint balls of STYROFOAM. Push a skewer into the balls to hold while painting; place skewers in a block of foam to hold while balls dry.
2. Shape 3" piece of chenille stem into a "U". Dip ends in glue and insert U shape into 2 balls so U shape will slip under the wearer's middle finger while the two balls sit on top of the hand to form the puppet's eyes. (1" balls work best for smaller hands.)
3. Cut felt shapes for eyes; glue wiggle eyes to felt or attach wiggle eyes directly on plastic foam balls. Glue on other features such as pom-poms and eyelash curls, or felt ears and eyelids.
4. Dab glue onto foam and use a skewer to push materials such as yarn into the foam for hair. Insert chenille stems into foam for antennae or eye lashes. For antennae, gently curve chenille stems and glue pom-poms onto the tips of shaped chenille stems; dip in glue and insert into foam.
5. Modify the finger puppet instructions to create a finger friend that resembles your school mascot, favorite pet or other character. Buttons, sequins or glitter are other objects that might inspire your creativity.

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