

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

The 1900 Bestseller



The book's story is well known. Little Dorothy Gale and her dog Toto are swept away by a tornado from their drab Kansas farm home to a fairyland named Oz. There, they meet up with the Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, and Tinman, and team up to search for the Wizard of Oz, who they hope will grant each of them what they want most in life. The group has a series of exciting adventures along the way. Throughout the experience, Dorothy remains true to her wish — to return to Kansas because "There is no place like home."

First published in 1900, L. Frank Baum's book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, quickly became a hit. It was years, however, before people focused on Kansas' ties to the beloved American fairy tale. Today, thanks to the book's enduring popularity and the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*, people across the world often think of the book or movie whenever Kansas is mentioned.

Although not from Kansas, Baum was familiar with the Midwestern landscape. Kansas' location in the center of the United States and its involvement in prominent social and political issues may have been the reasons Baum chose Kansas, instead of his native South Dakota, for Dorothy's home. Also, Baum, a newspaper editor, was aware of recent devastating tornadoes in Kansas.

In addition to other children's books and plays, Baum wrote 13 more Oz books before he died in 1919. None of the other Oz books were as popular as *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, but they all include references to Kansas.



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Dorothy Puppet

Materials

- Jumbo popsicle stick
- Brown & Blue yarn
- Scissors
- Liquid glue
- White, Blue checkered, and Skin tone paper
- Pencil



Blouse

1. Use the template below to trace the blouse shape.
2. Cut out the shape below from white paper.
3. Glue the blouse ½” from the top of the stick.

Dress

1. Use the template to trace the dress shape.
2. Cut out the shape below from blue checkered paper.
3. Glue the dress on top of the blouse.

Head

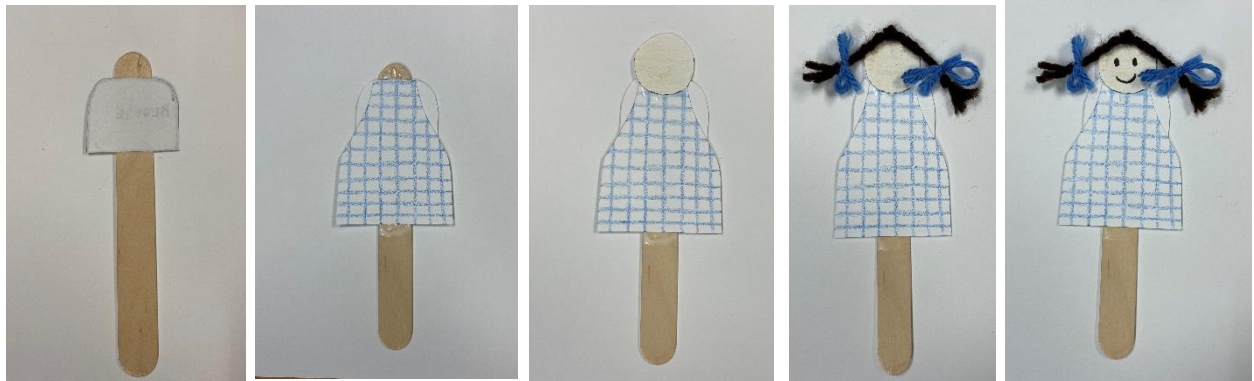
1. Cut out a circle using skin tone paper.
2. Glue the circle at the top of the stick.

Hair

1. Cut five pieces of yarn 6” long. Hold them together and tie a knot in the middle.
2. Tie a piece of blue yarn near both ends and trim any uneven pieces of yarn.
3. Glue the hair at the top of the head.

Face

1. Draw two eyes and a mouth.



Lion Puppet

Materials:

- Gold, white, and brown paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Jumbo popsicle stick
- pencil



Body

1. Use the template to trace the body shape onto gold paper.
2. Cut out the body shape.
3. Glue the body 1" from the top of the stick.

Face

1. Use the template to trace the face shape.
2. Cut out the face shape from gold paper.

Nose

1. Use the template to trace the nose.
2. Cut out the nose from white paper.
3. Glue the nose onto the face.

Mane

1. Use the template to trace the mane onto brown paper.
2. Cut out a mane.
3. Cut fringe along the bottom of the mane.

Head

1. Glue the face shape onto the mane.
2. Glue the mane onto the top of the stick.

Face

1. Draw two eyes, a nose, and a mouth.



Scarecrow Puppet

Materials:

- Green, tan, and brown paper
- Glue
- Popsicle stick
- Scissors
- Pencil
- yarn



Body

1. Use the template to trace the body shape.
2. Cut out body shape from green paper.
3. Glue 1" from the top of the stick.

Head

1. Use the template to trace the head shape.
2. Cut out head shape from tan paper.
3. Glue at the top of the stick.

Hat

1. Use the template to trace the hat shape.
2. Cut out hat shape from brown paper.
3. Glue at the top of the head.

Face

1. Draw two eyes, a nose, and a mouth.

Neck

1. Tie a small piece of yarn around the neck.



Tinman Puppet

Materials:

- Light grey paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils
- Popsicle stick



Body

1. Use the template below to trace the body shape on grey paper.
2. Cut out body shape.
3. Glue the body 1" from the top of the stick.

Head

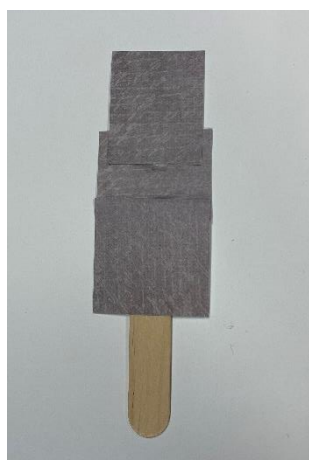
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2. Cut out head shape.
3. Glue at the top of the stick.

Hat

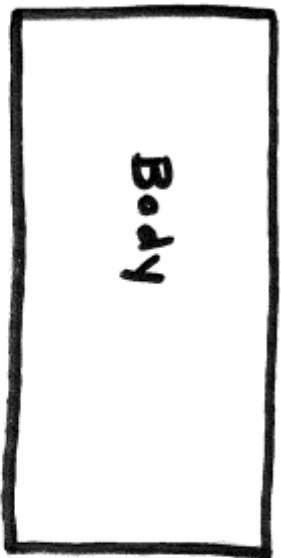
1. Use the template to trace the hat shape onto grey paper.
2. Cut out hat shape.
3. Glue at the top of the head.

Face & Heart

1. Draw two eyes, a mouth, and a heart.



LION PUPPET



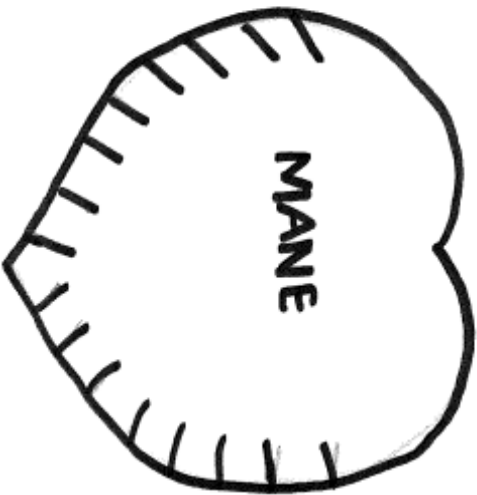
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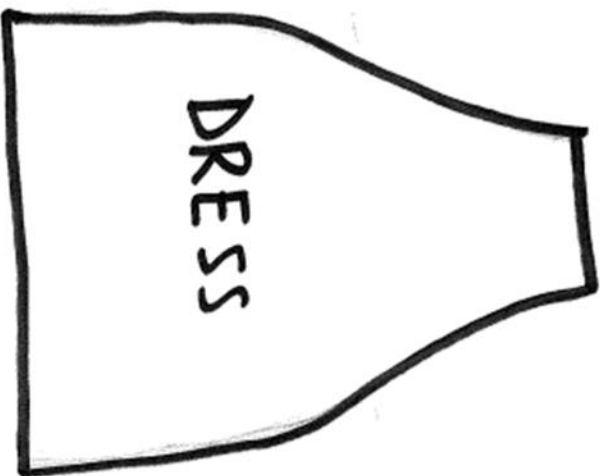


Nose



MANE

DOROTHY PUPPET



DRESS



BLOUSE

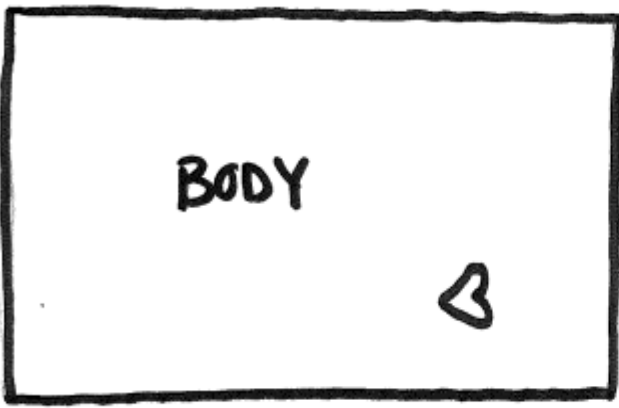


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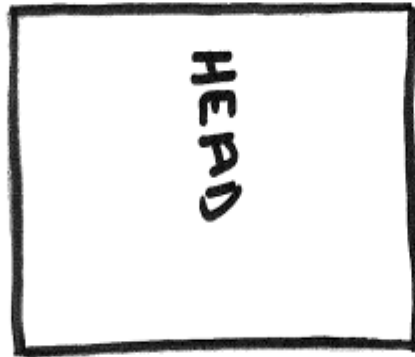
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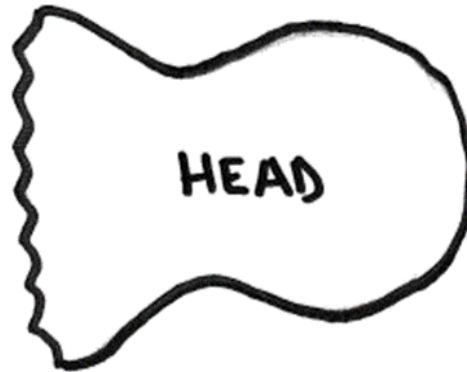


BODY



HEAD

SCARECROW
PUPPET



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BODY



HAT