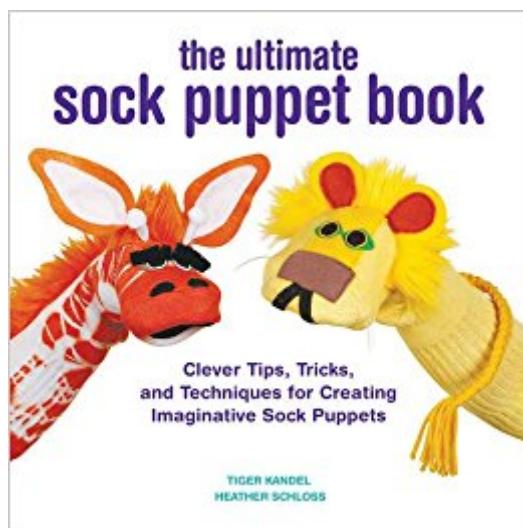


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# The Ultimate Sock Puppet Book: Clever Tips, Tricks, And Techniques For Creating Imaginative Sock Puppets



## **Synopsis**

Everyone has a sock or two without a mate, lost to the abyss of the dryer, but what to do with this lonely laundry left-over? Worry not! The Ultimate Sock Puppet Book will help you craft whimsical, quirky creatures that you can create with just some inexpensive materials and your imagination. Moving from the simple to the extraordinary, authors Tiger Kandel and Heather Schloss will take readers on a journey through the incredible world of sock puppets. With trademark techniques, easy-to-follow instructions, illustrations, stencils, and photographs your misfit socks will transform into characters that are full of life and personality.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Tiger Kandel and Heather Schloss are the co-founders of Tigercandy Arts, Inc. Working as a professional design team for ten years they have combined their individual talents and experience to create the whimsical and fanciful Sockett™ puppet line as well as the process-oriented Sockett™ Kit aka The World's BEST sock puppet kit and Stick Puppet Party!™ They are frequently commissioned to create custom sock puppets for teachers, doctors, therapists, music videos, TV commercials, professional training videos, public service announcements , sitcoms and live performances making them arguably the most successful sock puppet designers in the country. With an MS in Art Therapy and a BA in Art History and Child development, multi-media artist and educator Tiger Kandel has designed and implemented numerous art workshops and puppet making techniques for educational, recreational & therapeutic venues. She has successfully

utilized art and puppet making to address social issues such as violence prevention and conflict resolution with children from K-12 as well as in a therapeutic capacity with children in short-term treatment facilities. In addition to working with children, she has extensive experience utilizing art therapeutically with adults and seniors suffering from mild to severe medical and cognitive impairments. At times she conducts professional development workshops educating others in her original methods of teaching puppet making and 3 dimensional art to regular and special needs populations. Heather Schloss has an MS in Art Therapy and a BA in Costume and Theater Design. A multi media artist and designer Heather is well versed in folk art, costuming, mask making and puppet design and has incorporated her experiences in the theater and her knowledge of design history to create the highly detailed and fanciful look of *Socketts*. She began developing educational art activities for pre-school and kindergarten children while working in early childhood centers in Vermont and New York. Her primary focus was to create developmentally based pre-art and art therapy activities for children dealing with separation, developmental and medical issues.

My granddaughter was up from Texas for a visit. We had a lot of fun creating our own puppets and visiting. She is thinking of a career working with children. This may be a great idea to add to her repertoire. The book itself had easy to follow instructions, colorful pictures and great ideas for using the puppets.

Excellent book on making sock puppets! They look good and are not that hard to make. I made a Wolf puppet the same evening I got the book, and it looked good. All by hand, no sewing machine. It also works, as my husband who is a librarian uses it at work.

A beautiful informative book with easy to follow instructions. I used this book with my men's and women's arts group and they loved it. Only wish they had examples of people puppets along with the animals. Wonderful illustrations.

Amazing book. Would highly recommend to anyone making puppets.

Good ideas for kids. Works their imagination

Sock puppets have always been successfully used in story telling and for entertaining family fun. They are also fun to make. We used puppets a lot at the local library story time hour when my kids

were really little. Now my kids want to continue the tradition by making some sock puppets to entertain their younger cousins. As the title says, this book does offer some great techniques and tips for making sock puppets. However, this book offers so much more than a few simple sock puppet patterns. Which is why I am including a flip video with this review, to give you a better idea of the vast variety of projects this book offers to the reader. In the introduction the authors point out that in the "Ultimate Sock Puppet Book" you won't be told specifically what to make or exactly how to make it. Instead this book offers a base of techniques to build upon. The book has an anatomy section for making all the different animal body parts. The authors make it easy for the reader to find a specific section, for example: how to make a tail or add teeth. It also covers hair, fur, eyes, noses, mouths, teeth, wings, arms, legs and more! If you wanted to make a certain animal that wasn't featured in the book you could easily pull together all the elements and you would be all set to create your own version of that animal in a sock puppet. If you wanted to create something from your imagination you would also be well equipped with all the techniques you would need to create fantasy critters and creatures. The book covers both sewing and gluing construction methods and since the kids are not big fans of the sewing, they will be using the gluing methods for sure! However, the sewing is pretty simplified so if you have basic sewing skills, they are easy to follow. I recommend this book to anyone looking for a new inspirations on how to create their own sock puppet menagerie or just be inspired. The Ultimate Sock Puppet Book projects are a fun family orientated craft projects that provides both fun and educational opportunities for kids learning to make craft their own sock puppets.

With all the single socks we have come out of the dryer, I thought this would be a fun book to try and learn how to recycle them into something we can use and have a good time with. I thought that the ideas in it were not silly and goofy, but really looked cute and well made. Since they include things like legs, arm and tails, I couldn't help but think how they would actually work perfect even as a stuffed animal, if you just stuff them and sew up the sock! I really appreciated the tips, including things like how to place the facial features so they don't look too weird! The sections are based on the parts of the puppets, like ears, eyes, tails, manes, wings and more, which enabled us to just pick and choose what types we wanted to include and also allowed us to mix and match elements. My daughter and I decided to make a cute purple puppy from a cast off sock of hers and we had a lot of fun adding some colorful elements to it. We're looking forward to trying out more of the fun ideas!

This is a fantastic book! Tiger and Heather share a wealth of information on every aspect of making sock puppets including how to attach appendages, make an open mouth, make ears, horns, tails, and so much more. There are lots of step-by-step photos for each lesson and instructions are well written and very easy to follow. I made the lion and the frog and my children love them so much! For a few dollars worth of socks you can make gifts for all the kids in your life. This book is well worth the cover price! I will use it as a reference book for puppet making for years and years to come.

Love it!

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