

# MASHENKA'S SONG

Grand mother dear Grand father dear, Hey diddle dee for-

ever now I'm staying here. Hey diddle dee Ma shenka sweet Ma

shenka dear for- ever now you're staying here Hey diddle diddle

dee how happy we will be Hey diddle diddle dee How

Happy we will be

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## A SUMMER PLAY FOR SMALL PUPPETS

- Bronja Zahlingen  
from a story by H. Rolka

Music. The snail creeps across. The storyteller speaks:

Can you be silent where greenwoods grow,  
Where deep in the shade small streamlets flow?  
Can you walk without shouting on tips of your toes?  
Then come! and you'll see how little folk pass  
Gathering dewdrops from flowers and grass!

Song of the mossy brothers:

Quickly, quicly, little brother  
Pick up every drop of water,  
Raindrops there and dewdrops here  
Take it to the fountain clear!

Quickly, quickly little brother,  
Fill your bucket full of water,  
Save it well for Mother Earth  
'Gainst the summer's heat and dearth!

The oldest one speaks:

I am the oldest with silvery hair  
I've lived in the forest for many a year.  
I clearly feel the summer's heat  
When fireman dances on fiery feet.  
So quickly, quickly brothers  
Do fill up your buckets!

Song of mossy brothers, repeated. The storyteller speaks:

At last comes the youngest, a wee little man,  
He carries and carries and carries again  
For even the tiniest drop will be good  
In the heat of the summer for flowers and food.

Song of the mossy brothers, repeated. They all sit around the pond.

Music, as in beginning. Butterflies fly. Storyteller speaks:

If you see a fairy ring  
On a field of grass,  
Very lightly step around  
Tiptoe as you pass!  
Last night fairies frolicked here,  
And they're sleeping somewhere near.

Song of the sylphs:

We fairies of flowers, we butterflies,  
We airy young sisters of sunny skies,  
A-dancing and singing by night and day  
Midst fragrant sweet scents and midst colors gay.

Yellow fairy comes and calls:

Sisters, sisters, do not stay!  
Dearest sisters, hide away!  
The fireman is coming on fiery feet  
To dry up the grass with the flame of his heat!  
Dear sisters, away!  
For we must not stay!

Music and dance of the fireman. Then he speaks:

I am the fireman  
Burn with my flame I can.  
I'll dry up the Earth  
I'll dry up the Air.  
I'll dry up the grass and flowers fair!

Fairies sing second tune:

Oh come and help, green brothers dear,  
Bring water from the fountains clear.  
The flowers fade, the leaves are dry  
If we can't drink they are sure to die!

Gnomes' song, twice:

Quickly, quickly little brothers  
Pour out every drop of water!  
Fireman, you must not stay,  
We shall wash you right away!

They speak twice:

With a swish and a swash  
And away you'll be washed!

Fairies sing first tune:

We thank you, we thank you, green brothers dear!  
You've saved our lives with your water clear.  
Now join our dancing and join our play,  
Make merry with us all this summer's day!

Dance of fairies and gnomes, several times over:

Come sing and dance  
And laugh and play  
Be merry all this summerday!

And eventually the children might join in singing.

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#### THE GIANT AND THE GNOME

(Use knotted cloth dolls and two small pieces to wrap feet. Do the whole play in front of the children, including making of the puppets.)

There walked a giant big and bold  
Whose feet were getting very cold.  
He came long to our town  
And walked the streets all up and down,  
Calling "Is no one hearing me?  
My toes are freezing bitterly!  
No single shop that I could tell  
Has stockings giant-size to sell."

A little gnome both old and wise  
He gave him very good advice.  
He brought two pretty bits of stuff  
The giant thought them good enough.  
He wrapped his feet, his pain was eased,  
And home he walked, content and pleased.

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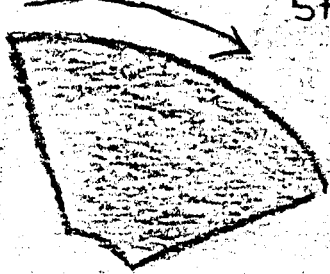
# Stick Puppets



Directions:

Cut out one cone from cardboard.  
 Wet cardboard, bend into shape and  
 fasten with paper clip, let dry.  
 (step one)

Fold Over

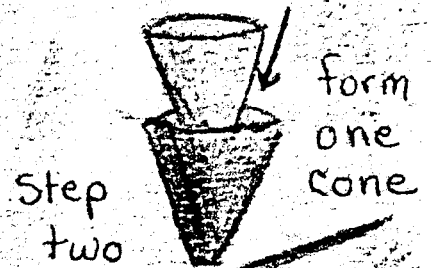


Step One

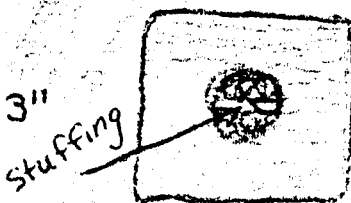
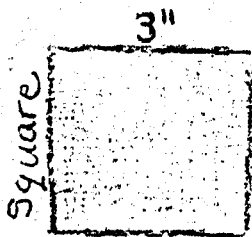


Cut out another cone, this  
 one from fabric, sew  
 together.

Insert cardboard cone into fabric  
 cone, adjust cardboard to fit fabric,  
 glue, forming one cone. (step two)  
 Cut out dress pattern, sew together.  
 (step three)

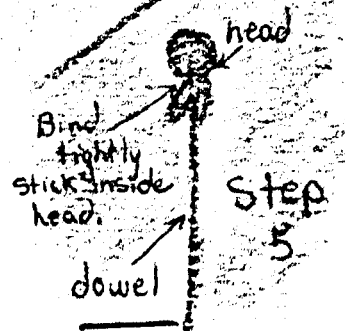


Use a square piece of fabric, 3 or  
 4 inches. Place stuffing in center,  
 gather edges together, bind forming a  
 ball. This is the head. (step four)



Step four

Head is bound on to a dowel or stick  
 18 inches long  $\frac{1}{4}$  of inch wide. (step five)



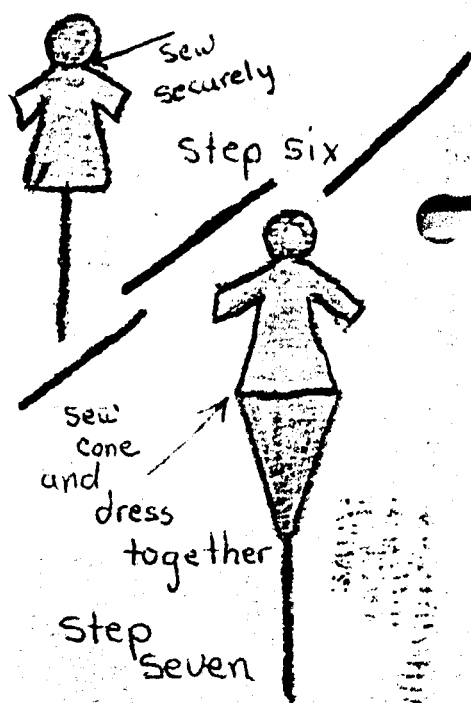
Head and dowel are attached to dress,  
sewing head and dress securely together.

(step six)

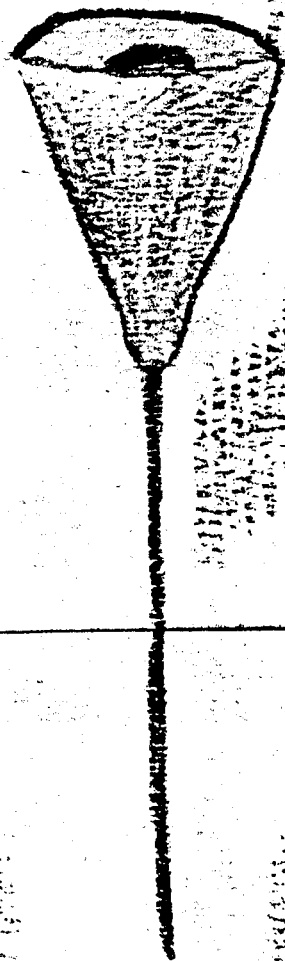
Sew bottom of dress to top of cone.

(step seven)

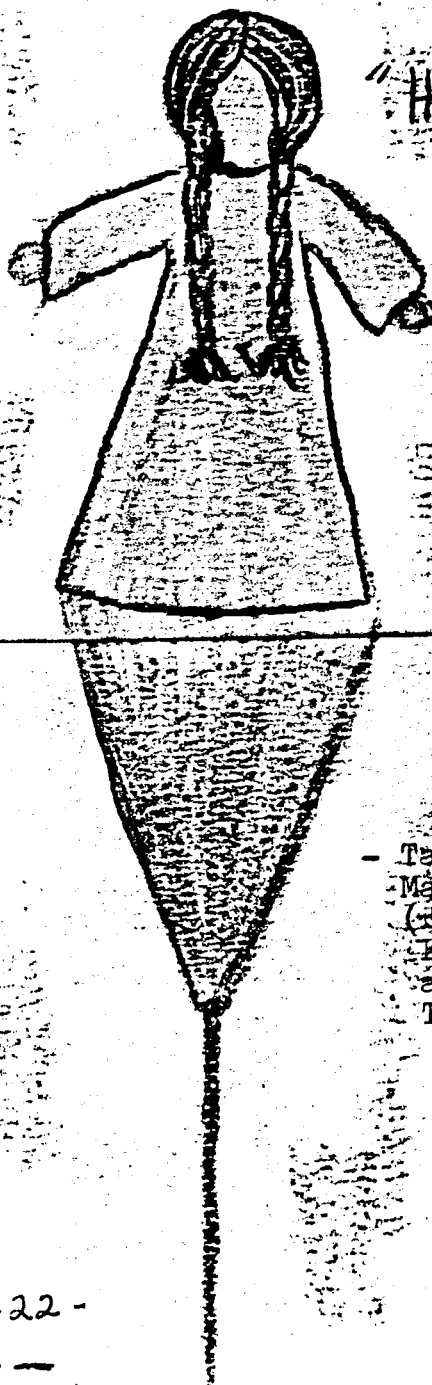
Next attach hands and trim in any  
desired way. By pulling stick down,  
puppet hides, push up, pops up  
to say hello.



Hiding



"Hello"



- Taken from Linda Lee  
Malone's Course Book.  
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at Detroit Teacher  
Training Institute)

## VERSES

### Summer Rain

The summer's warm showers are falling like mist  
My face and my hands by their soft touch are kissed.  
The dry thirsty ground becomes fragrant and cool  
On every green leaf lies a small shining pool.

Earth blossoms again,  
I do love the rain.

### I Can Turn Myself

I can turn myself and turn myself  
And curl up when I will.  
I can stand on tiptoe, reaching high  
Or I can hold myself quite still.

I can be as small as a tiny seed  
Or grow tall as a tall, tall tree.  
I can be as wide as the whole wide world  
Or I can just be me.

### October

Scarlet and yellow and golden and brown  
Winds of October blow all the leaves down,  
Tear from the branches their curtains and spread  
Carpets of color beneath them instead.

Glistening with rain, or ablaze in the sun  
Falling in showers, or dropped one by one  
Fluttering leaves of October blow down  
Scarlet and yellow and golden and brown.

### The Stork

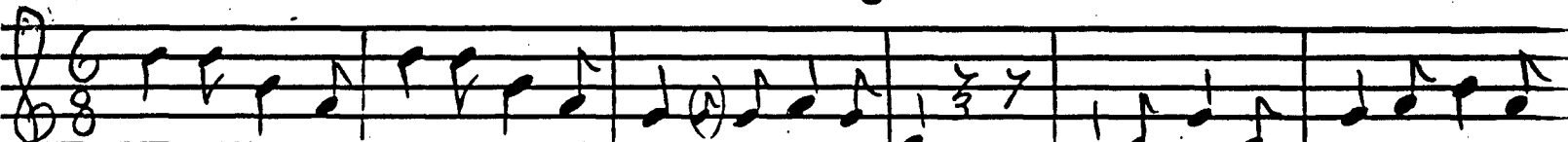
I lift my leg, I stretch my leg  
I plant it firm and light.  
I lift again and stretch again,  
My pace exactly right.  
With care I go, so grand and slow,  
I move just like a stork  
My eye is bright, my head upright  
And pride is in my walk.

(Children imitate appropriate motions)


### April

Soft the showers sweep the blossoms  
Sudden shines the sun again.  
Rainbows give their ancient promise  
Sun will always follow rain.

# Spring is Coming



Spring is coming, Spring is coming, birdies build your nest! Weave together straw and feathers



2. Spring is coming, Spring is coming  
Flowers are coming, too,  
Pansies, lilies, daffodilies,  
Now are coming through.  
doing each your best!

3. Spring is coming, spring is coming  
All around is fair  
Shiver, Quiver on the river  
Joy is everywhere.

4. Spring is coming, spring is coming  
How do you think I know?  
I found some pussy willows  
So I know it must be so.

- Verses and song from Pre-School  
Waldorf School, Garden City :  
Sources unidentified

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## EVENING PRAYER

(for the parent, to say it with the  
child after age three)

From my head to my feet I'm the image of God  
From my heart to my hands, His own breath do I feel.  
When I speak with my mouth I shall follow God's will  
When I see and know God in Father and Mother  
In all loving people, in beats and flower, in trees, plants,  
and stones,  
Then no fear shall I feel, only love then fills me for  
all that is around me.

- Rudolf Steiner

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