

PATTERN FOR SOCIAL WORKER AND TEACHER PUPPETS

These ideas were kindly given by Monica in Dorset, who makes wonderful puppets.



This pattern uses the basic boy or girl pattern from the website, so please make one of those as normal, in whatever colours you like. Please use embroidery thread for the features – wool/knitting yarn tends to be a bit thick!

Suggestions from knitters:

- There are more female Social Workers by far, so please knit more of the female type of puppets, or they could be “unisex”.
- Teachers tend to look more “intelligent” and “teacher-like” if they have glasses on! So these can be embroidered with black or brown embroidery thread, and using chain stitch makes them neater.
- It’s best not to do a hat on either type of puppet.
- Please ensure that hair is attached firmly: it should be impossible to pull out.
- Suggestions for attaching hair safely are on the “Patterns for Hand Puppets” page of the website – (scroll down to the bottom.)

CONVERTING YOUR BASIC GIRL/BOY PUPPET into a Social Worker or Teacher.

SOCIAL WORKER



Social Workers all wear an ID badge round their necks. This can easily be made in the following way:

Cut a small rectangle of coloured or white card.

Draw a small face in one corner and make a few broken lines with a biro to indicate writing.

Cover the whole thing with some clear sellotape – this makes it look laminated, and will preserve it after a lot of use.

Using a fairly chunky sewing needle, pierce a hole in each of the top corners, or one through the centre, as in the picture.

Thread some embroidery thread or thin knitting yarn through the holes and then tie it around the puppet's neck at the appropriate length.

Please then secure it with a few stitches at the back of the neck so that it can't become unattached.

Here's a close up of a Social Worker's/Teacher's badge:



TEACHER



Teachers also have an ID badge, and look good carrying a book.

Cut a small piece of felt (any colour you like) into a long rectangle – approx. 7cm x 4 cm. It will be folded in half to make the book cover.

Cut another piece of felt for the book insert – approx. 6cm x 3cm.

Use a thin felt tip pen to indicate lines of writing on the outside cover and on the insert.

Fold the 2 pieces in the middle, and using an embroidery thread in blanket stitch, join all 4 layers together at the edge.

Then attach the book to the puppet's "hand" using a simple hem stitch. The picture shows both stitches used. (The wide ones are holding the book together, and the small stitches on the right side are attaching it to the hand.)



