

5 Shapes Many Emotions

Explore, Describe and Collage Expressive Faces

Instructions for the Torso

To prep in advance for your students

- Make one stencil- Print out this sheet. Cut along these lines and discard the corners. Use the remaining shape as a stencil to trace the torso, shoulders and neck for the puppet.
- Use the stencil- Save time by stacking the stencil on top of 2-5 sheets of colored card stock to cut through at once. Secure the sides with paper clips before cutting. Reuse the same stencil to cut more batches. You will need 1 torso per student plus extra for color choice.
- Materials needed- You will need a sheet of 8.5" x 11" color card-stock to cut a torso for each student, plus extra for color choice.

To make stencils for students to use

- Make multiple stencils- You need enough for kids to share them in pairs or in small groups. The stencils will be easier for students to use if you make them out of card-stock. Save them to use again in the future!
- Tracing the stencil- Let kids choose the color of card stock they want. Show them how to line up the square bottom of the stencil with their sheet of card-stock and hold the stencil still while tracing the two shoulder lines. Each child needs 1 torso.
- Cutting the torso- Kids can cut along the traced lines themselves to create their torso. It is fine if the shoulder shape is a bit uneven or asymmetrical.
- Materials needed- You will need a sheet of 8.5" x 11" color card-stock for each student, plus extra for color choice.

Tips

- Save the colorful shoulder off-cuts to use as collage material. They make great pockets, scales and hands!
- If making a 2-face puppet, it's important that the top of the neck is not altered and that the neck doesn't end up too skinny to support the tube mechanism.

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Torso Template