Lay your bandana out flat and fold down one edge about 1/3 of the way. Slide a Styrofoam ball into the center of the fold and wrap the fabric around it. Secure it in place with a rubber band.

Tie a string around the ‘neck’ of your puppet. Tie the other end to the center of the dowel or stick.

Tie a string to a folded corner to make a hand. Tie the other end to the dowel. Repeat on the other side.

Now it’s time to decorate! Look around your house for craft materials — yarn, fabric, paper, etc. Add details like eyes, ears, a beak, maybe a hat?

Put on a puppet show!

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