Hand Puppets

Hand puppets have a hollow cloth body that fits over a hand. The fingers fit into the head and arms and can make the puppet move.

Finger Puppets

Finger puppets are tiny puppets that fit over one finger or flat puppets that have two holes to insert fingers to make it look like puppet legs.

Stick Puppets

Stick puppets are attached to a single stick or rod that is held by the puppeteer. Sometimes a stick puppet has sticks attached to the hands as well to make them move separately.

Marionettes

Marionettes are puppets controlled from above by wire or strings.

Shadow Puppets

Shadow puppets are placed between a light and a screen. They are usually cut from paper and attached to a stick.

Water Puppets

Vietnamese water puppets are made out of wood and then lacquered. The shows are performed in a waist deep pool. The puppets are attached to a large bamboo rod that puppeteers hold under the water. The puppets appear to be moving over the water.

Human Arm Puppet

Human Arm puppets have a glove that look like the puppet's arms that the puppeteer can slip his hand and arm in to make the puppet move. The puppeteers other hand goes into the puppet's head.