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Hello  
Bello™



# Toy Theatre

Bring your favorite toys to life and put on a show for the family on this miniature stage!

# Supplies



- Hello Bello box (or any cardboard box will do)
- Other cardboard scraps (for decorative accents & props)
- Scissors
- X-acto knife or box cutter (\*only with adult supervision)
- Hot glue gun (\*only with adult supervision)
- Packing tape
- Ruler
- Red fabric (or any color you prefer)
- String, wire or twine
- A few of your favorite toys or puppets



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Peel off the tape holding the bottom of the box together so that it is open at the top and the bottom. Next, peel apart the glued seam of the cardboard box so that the box becomes one flat sheet. Now, fold each top and bottom flap onto each other and hot glue them together to create a solid structure.

Cut two pieces of cardboard from another box that fits the width and depth of the box structure. Hot glue one piece to the top flaps to form a roof, and one on the inside of the bottom flaps to form the theatre floor.

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To make the stage curtains, cut two pieces of fabric that are 13" tall x 18" wide. Cut a long piece of string or thin wire, then lay it across the top of the fabric pieces laying side by side.

Put a line of hot glue just under the string, then fold the fabric over on top of the glue and seal it shut (be careful not to get any glue on the string itself).



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Poke one hole at the very top of the box on each side at the front of the stage, and thread the string through it so that the curtains are hanging. Tie a big knot with the string on both sides, making sure the curtains are pulled very tight and the string won't come loose.

Bunch each side up so they're pleated, but meeting in the middle. You can try sliding the curtains open and closed now, or just tie them open on each side with ribbons or fabric scraps.



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Use scissors to cut a decorative stage awning from a long strip of cardboard. Use hot glue to attach it to the top, outer edge of the box, hiding the curtain string.

Finally, use a box cutter to cut two arm holes in the back wall of the theatre. Start small, and make them bigger if you need more room to move around. This is how you'll animate your toys or puppets on stage.

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Now you're free to add all the detail and decor you want to make your stage unique! You could:

- Stack thick sheets of cardboard up and hot glue them to the floor to add height for your performers.
- Use scissors to cut out cardboard props like trees buildings (whatever makes sense for your play!)
- Make clouds from cotton and hang them with string.
- Use markers or paint to add color to your stage.

