

# Lip-Sticks



These laughter provoking, moving mouth puppets can be made in various forms. They can serve as attention getters and conversation starters at a variety of events as well as for actual performances (great for vaudeville acts and for delivering one liners). The simple version consists of a pair of lips, with a tri-fold "mouth piece" (see pattern Piece A below) glued to top and bottom lips, and operated by your hand, or placed between your teeth. Instructions for the deluxe version with a hand operated rod control are detailed below. You can draw your own lips, cut them out of magazines, or blow up photographs of your friends and family, mount on card stock, and cut out the lips.

## Materials Needed: Instructions for Deluxe Version

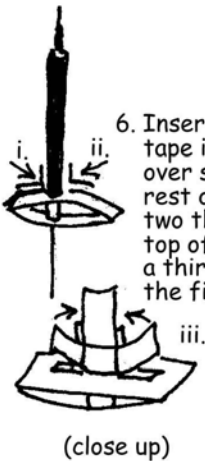
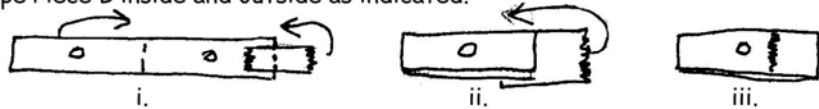
- A set of lips (upper and lower)
  - Heavy Tag board or plasticized cover stock (for inside of mouth and finger control)
  - Straw
  - 14" long wire (ex. piece of coat hanger)
  - Black tape (gaff or electricians)
- Tools Needed:**
- Scissors
  - Needle nose pliers with cutter
  - Paper punch (1/4 inch)
  - Glue Stick

1. Wrap black tape around straw.



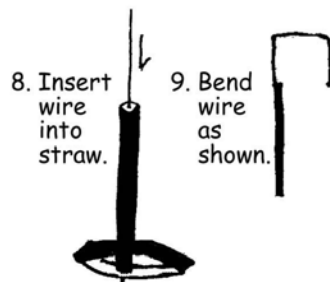
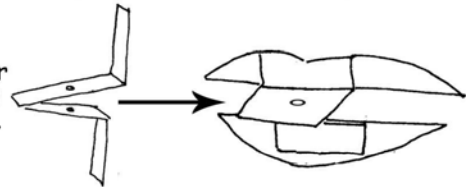
2. Wrap 4" thin piece of tape around wire about 1" from end, spray paint or color with magic marker..

3. Cut out 2 pieces of tag/cover stock (Piece A: 1 1/2" x 4" and Piece B: 1" x 4 1/2")  
 4. Hole punch Pieces A and B where indicated on pattern.  
 5. Tape Piece B inside and outside as indicated.



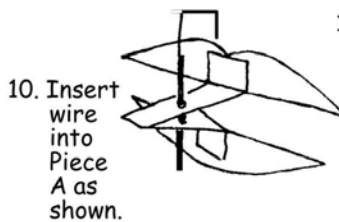
6. Insert Piece B over straw and tape in place (Top half goes up over straw, but bottom half can rest on straw end as shown. Use two thin pieces of tape to attach top of Piece B to straw and wrap a third thin piece of tape around the first two to hold them in place.

7. Fold Piece A as indicated. Then glue upper and lower tabs to back of lips.



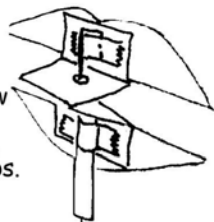
8. Insert wire into straw.

9. Bend wire as shown.

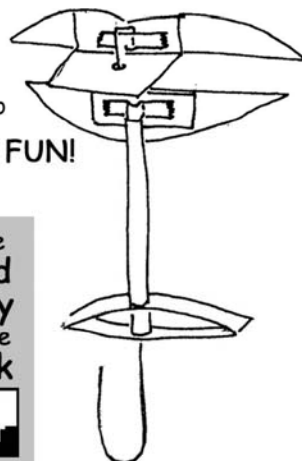


10. Insert wire into Piece A as shown.

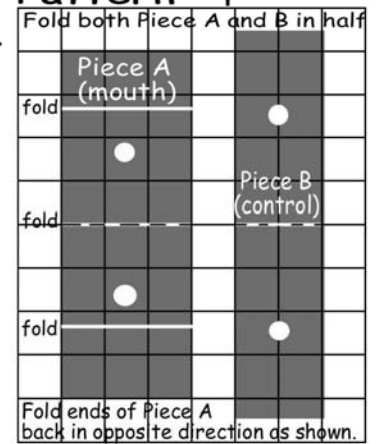
11. Tape wire and straw to back of lips.



12. Bend bottom of wire into a "U" to create a handle. Insert index and middle fingers into Piece B, and grasp handle with other 3 fingers for one handed operation. **HAVE FUN!**



## Pattern



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