

# Starting a crafting collection

You don't need to go out and buy lots of fancy materials to be able to make puppets or get crafting.

There are loads of things you might have around the house, or normally throw away, that make brilliant materials for puppet making or other arts and crafts activities. Although they might look like rubbish they can actually be a valuable resource!

By saving and reusing these items you can save money, and the environment too!



**STOP! Don't throw it away! Clean it and keep it as there are loads of crafty things you can do with:**

## Milk bottles:

These make great puppets as they come with their own ready-made handle to puppeteer with.



## Paper:

Newspapers, magazines and offcuts of wrapping paper make for interesting and colourful paper to use for decorations, collages or to screw up to make different shapes.





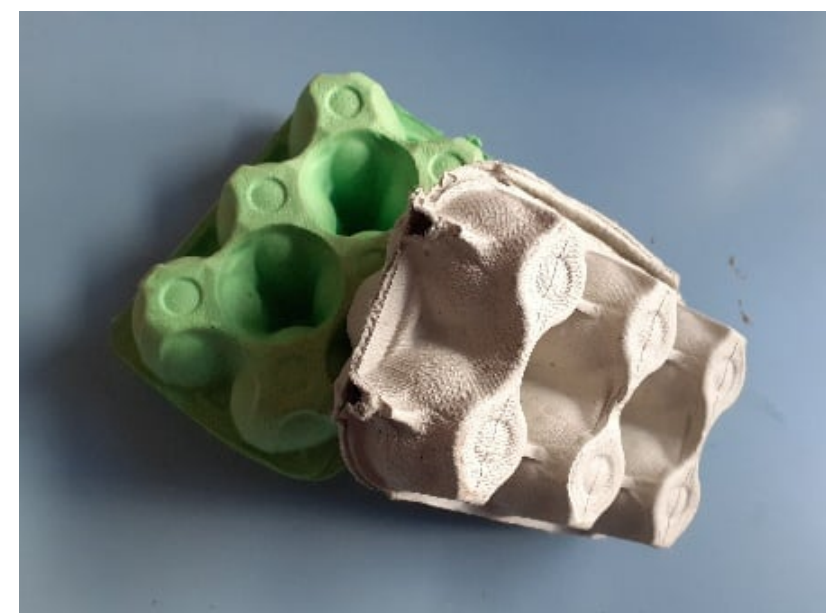
## Wrappers:

Sweet and chocolate wrappers, biscuit wrappers and foil milk bottle tops all work well as shiny and colourful decoration for your creations.



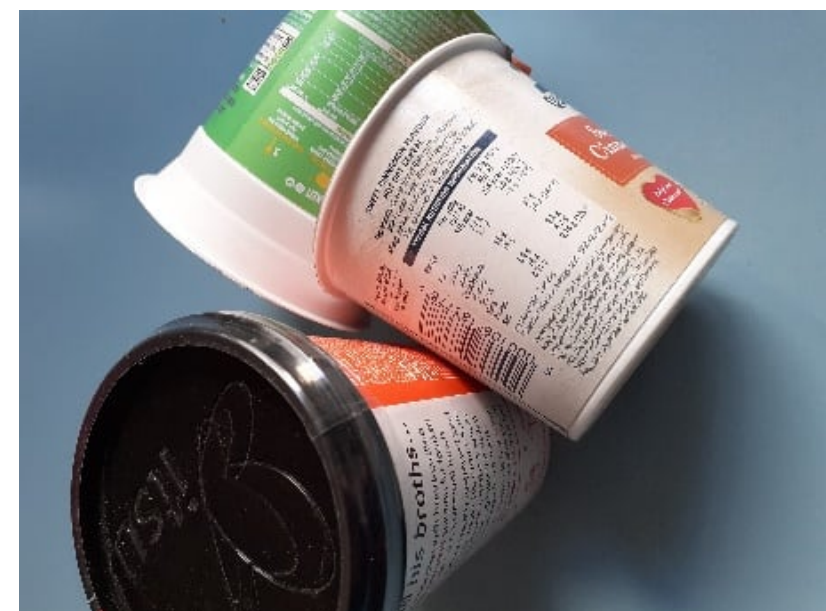
## Egg boxes, toilet and kitchen roll tubes:

These unusual shapes give you lots of options for crafting. Don't forget that boxes of all shapes and sizes - from online deliveries, for example - can all come in handy if you need cardboard.



## Tubs and pots

Plastic or cardboard food tubs and pots can come in very handy. Just don't forget to wash them thoroughly before you use them for crafting!



## Party or picnic leftovers

Paper plates, cups and straws, wooden spoons - all these items have so many uses to a crafter!



## Chopsticks

Wooden barbecue skewers or chopsticks are particularly useful for puppet making if you need a rod or a stick.



Have a look around your house to see what you have already, and what you could re-use or recycle instead of throwing away! Find a big box or bag to store your materials in and you can start your crafting collection today.

**Many of these materials will be suggested for Little Angel Theatre's craft activities.**