

PEANUT CLOWN MARIONETTE

Use two or three peanuts for the clown's body, two for each arm and leg, a small one for each hand and foot, and a large one for the head. String them together with needle and thread. Be sure to make big knots at the end of the thread so the peanut will not slip off.

Using poster paint or water colors, paint the clown white. Then paint green stripes over his body. Make his feet black and his hands yellow. Give him a smiling red mouth, and a red nose and cheeks. Use black paint for his eyes and ears, and paint a blue cap on his head.

Now add strings and a control stick to make the clown into a performing marionette. Glue two Popsicle sticks together to form a T. Attach black thread from the knees of the clown and to each end of the T, as shown. Now glue another Popsicle stick across the center of the T. Attach threads from the clown's hands to the ends of this stick. The control stick should now look like a T that has been crossed twice: once across the top, and again halfway down the middle.

To make the clown dance and jump, hold the control stick in one hand and pull the strings with the other hand.

