



Repairing Puppet Strings

If the strings on your puppet are severed or tangled, this is a simple guide for replacing the strings on your puppet so that it may be restored.

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INTRODUCTION

In order to restrung your puppet, you will need:

- Fishing line
- Scissors
- A sewing needle
- Tape or glue
- Two equally sized wooden sticks (such as chopsticks or pencils)

Note: The glue, tape, and sticks are only needed if you are restoring a handle, also.

TOOLS:

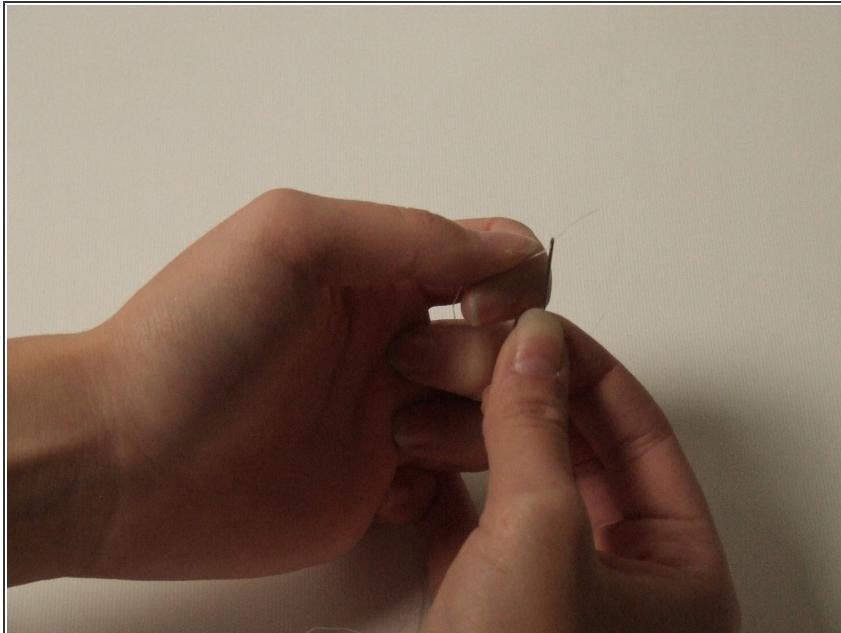
- Utility Scissors (1)
- Fishing Line (1)
- Super Glue (1)
- Hand Sewing Needle (1)
- Dowel Rod (1)

Step 1 — Repairing Puppet Strings



- Detach the severed/damaged strings. This can be done by cutting them or carefully pulling them out.

Step 2



- Thread the fishing line through the needle as you would with thread and tie a simple knot to secure the fishing line.
- Note: Tying the knot can be tedious, so it may take a few tries.

Step 3



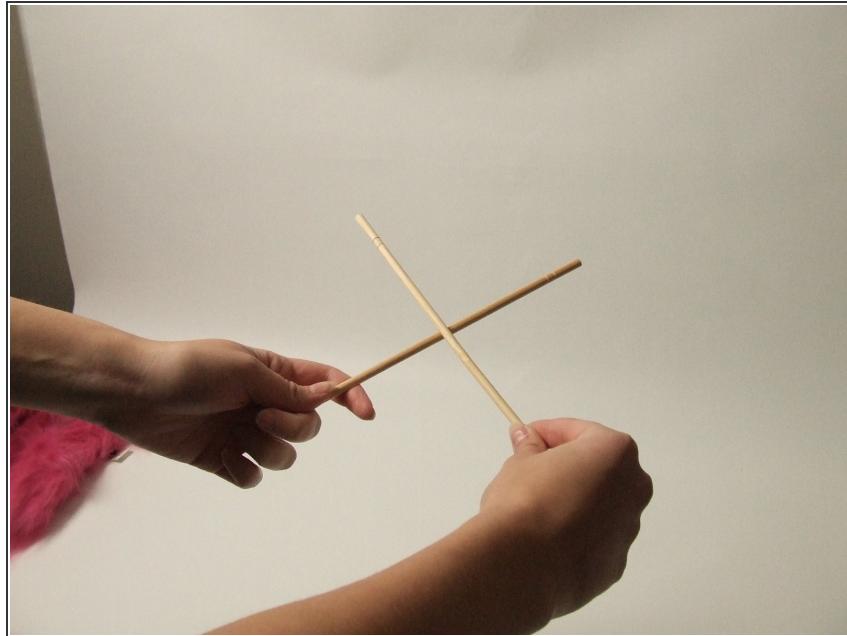
- Insert the needle into a secure part of the puppet's feet or other necessary puppet part.
- Note: The material may resist the needle at first.

Step 4



- Pull the needle through the puppet part and tie another simple knot directly onto the location that was threaded through.
- Note: You may want to tie a few simple knots for extra security.

Step 5



- If you need to make a handle, take the two wooden sticks and cross them to where they are perpendicular to each other.

Step 6



- Secure the two sticks with tape or glue where the two sticks cross.
- Note: Tape is a faster fix, but may appear messier.

Step 7



- Tie a knot around the stick handle to secure the fishing line. (it may take several knots to secure the fishing line and you can adjust the length as needed with scissors)
- Note: Repeat the previous steps to other parts of the puppet if necessary.

Step 8



- This is what your puppet should look like.
- Happy puppet-ing!

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.