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This fun skeleton project for Halloween or El Dia De Los Muertos can be made quickly with a few extra supplies. Instead of sewing the pieces together, as instructed below, you can get some tiny brad paper fasteners and a tiny hole punch.



#### SUPPLIES

- Printout of the skeleton artwork
- Cardstock at least as thick as a file folder. If you are comfortable cutting thicker cardboard, it makes a better puppet.
- Thin twine or embroidery thread
- Needle
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Awl or tiny holepunch



#### METHOD

1. Rough-cut around the pieces and glue them to the card-board. Let dry.
2. Punch holes on all the black dots with the awl, and on the Xs on the arms and legs. Cut out the inside of the flower necklace. The hat has a hole in the center and cut a slit below the front fringe to insert the top of the head.
3. Sew the skeleton together or use tiny brads. Thread the needle and start through the back of the shoulder, through the front of the arm, then tie on the back. Trim the ends.
4. If you want a moveable puppet attach strings to the X marks. On the back tie a string that goes between the two X marks on the arms. Tie another string between the two Xs on the top of the legs. Tie a string from the center of the arm string to the center of the leg string and leave a long tail. Tie a hanger through the hole above the head.
5. Add the mask and hat. Thread the hanger string through the holes and then slip the head into the slit in the hat.
6. The guitar and scarf can be tied on or use removeable double stick tape.

