

A Few Final Words
(from Deb)

Here are notes from the brief segment I did at the end, in case we decide to do that one sheet on "Why Puppetry?" and "Final Words of Encouragement."

A Few Final Words of Encouragement

- Few among us had professional preparation to do puppetry – don't let that stop you.
- You may feel shy and inhibited about performing, but it's easier to let go behind the stage. The less we worry about our dignity and become the (often silly) characters we're playing, the more the kids love it.
- Puppetry is an opportunity to be playful – enjoy it!
- Our audiences are receptive and forgiving.
- If we can do it, anyone can!

And lastly.

We've had a few inquiries about our cardboard box barn. In brief – here's how it's made.

Box top – (Ours is 15x18 inches from Office Depot.)

The top was red to begin with. Lettering was covered up with red marker.
You could paint a whole top if can't find a red one.

Slit a horizontal slit left to right full width of flat top.

Slit a vertical slit in the center in the top section only.

That becomes the doors that open.

Decorate with crisscross white strips, barn door design; (and black hinges, if you like.)
(Skip the barn door design and create a small stage. Finger puppets anyone?!)

We reinforced the 4 inside side edges with paint stirrers and duct tape!

While we sing to Old MacDonald, our animals come bolting through the 'closed' doors! Enjoy!