

WILD THINGS SEWING CIRCLE MEETING

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Date: 11/17/11

Time: 11:00 am to 1:20 pm

Attendees: Megan, Josena, Kara, and Patrice

Notes:

Design:

- Discussed the hooded- towel costumes design and thought that might be a good way to make the costumes so they fit a wider range size of children. Easy to make and less intricate.
- Discussed pillowcase costumes – just cut out holes and sew up to look like desired animal. Can use fabric paint, or sew on details.
- Paws: made out of gloves, just cut off ends of fingers so children can still have movement, and sew furry fabric on top of gloves to look like paws.

Costume Safety:

- No masks to limit the amount of germs shared between persons wearing costumes
- No choking or poking materials
- No longer furry materials, to limit burrs and stickers to attach to materials.

Wearability & Washability of Costumes:

- Use sturdy fabrics that can be washed and worn numerous times. Polyester, cotton, natural fabrics – acrylic may be too fragile to wear and wash over again.
- Cleaning: Megan mentioned a natural disinfectant spray that can keep bugs such as lice away.
- Storage: drawstring pillowcases to store costumes. Can design the outside with costume animal information and pictures, etc.
- Storage: design a costume box to put all costumes in. Can have wheels on it to travel down to the amphitheatre area.

Where to get materials:

- Check with local fabric stores & art stores to see if they can offer any donations to the Placer Nature Center for making costumes
- Thrift stores, your house, anywhere you see materials that may be useful for costumes.

Timeline & Next Meeting:

- Would like to have most of the costumes completed by the spring time for the spring play.
- Next meeting: tbd (either Jan. 21 or 22).
- Will start a forum for sewing circle to communicate with one another and ask questions, share finds and discuss sewing.

COSTUM ES:

| Birds | Insects | Deer | Skunk | Opossum | Grey Fox |
|--------------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jack Rabbit | Raccoon | Beaver | River Otter | Miner's Cat | Butterflies |
| Hawk | Mouse | Crawdada | Dragonfly | Bee | Ant |
| Ringtail Cat | Turtle | Snail | Bobcat | Salmon | Lizard |
| Snake | Quail | Oak Trees | Pine Trees | | |