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A dupák to look at: do, grasp, cut, bend and slide

Try it yourself? Another exciting activity from the *Poppenspe(e)lmuseum* (Puppetry Museum). You can stick the picture on a piece of card and cut it out. Slide tab **1** into slit **2**. If you use your imagination, you can now decorate a bottle neck or an egg cup with it, or use it as a funny napkin ring. By rubbing salad oil all over the back and placing a burning tea-light candle in the centre of the figure - after you have bent it into a circle and glued its edges - you have created a pretty, transparent *dupák light*. The huddling, smiling dupák looks 'as neat as a new pin': he is dressed smartly. He has a *pointed cap* on his head with a *little bell* that leans forwards. He is a *hunchback* and *chicken-breasted* and he wears *clogs*. The dupák has *Jan Klaassen's* face (Dutch Mr Punch) and also wears the same cheerful *costume*. Jan Klaassen, an old-Dutch *puppetry* character, can always be recognised by his hooked red *nose* and pointed *chin*. You can also admire him as a *rod-marionette-and-trick-puppet* in one of our theme-based exhibitions. The dupák was designed exclusively for the Poppenspe(e)lmuseum by the Slovakian puppeteer Anton Anderle (1944 – 2008) in 1993 ©.

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Have fun putting things together. Applause!

Doepak presents some unusual theatre forms, far beyond the confines of our own fantasy! Doepak is a cheerful, educational and colourful Dutch-language newsletter packed with background information about folk and mainstream puppet theatre. In this newsletter and scribblings you can also read about all kinds of activities in the Puppetry Museum such as which exhibitions are on show, whether new books were issued, and how the website is developing. The Dutch verbs of 'doen' (do) and 'pakken' (take) are hidden in the name of the Doepak newsletter. This name was composed for good reason, because you are supposed to 'do' and 'take' things yourself. The name 'Doepak' is also the phonetic transcription in Dutch of the Czech word dupák. A dupák is a rod marionette and trick puppet. Where the dupák swings his arms wide as he twirls around, Doepak embraces the international world of puppetry and related arts with its hints and tips, questions and answers, illustrations and DIY activities. In Slovakian and Hungarian puppet theatre the dupák is called Paprika Janesi.