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## A door tag depicting Semar: a Javanese fool

Try it yourself? Another exciting activity from the Dutch *Poppenspe(e)lmuseum* (Puppetry Museum). One of the *punakawan* (comical characters, meaning ‘servants of royalty’ in wayang) is the Javanese wise fool and divine clown Semar. Together with his sons Nala Gareng and Petruk he tackles problems in many lakons (wayang stories). Semar is the servant and adviser of gods and aristocrats. He has a fat bottom and belly, a large face and only one tooth in his mouth.

Cut out the shapes, which you can glue together if you like. Hang the tag on your room door handle and, in this way, indicate whether visitors are welcome.

Would you like to learn even more about folk and mainstream puppetry figures? In our museum shop we have family board games, postcards, posters and documentation in Dutch, French, German and English, such as Semar, the old-Dutch Jan Klaassen and Katrijn and their English cousins *Judy* and *Mr Punch*. You will find more information about the museum collection on [www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl](http://www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl), [www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2](http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2) and [www.poppenspelmuseum.nl](http://www.poppenspelmuseum.nl). Illustration: Elsje Zwart © (2013). Concept: Otto van der Mieden © (2013).

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 Jancsi*.