

# DOEPAK

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## Javanese jester: Semar on a stick

Try it yourself? Another exciting activity from the Dutch Puppetry Museum. Stick the fat Javanese jester on piece of card and cut out Semar, who is munching away on *spekkoek/kwee lapis* (a Dutch-Indonesian layered cake). Attach his body to a playing stick with glue or a split pin. Stretch a white cloth. Place a light source. 'Selamat malam!' (pronounced as: slammat malam, 'good evening'), says the clown. Have fun cutting and playing. Applause!

Would you like to learn even more about wayang puppetry figures? In our museum shop we have family board games, postcards, posters and documentation in Dutch, French, German and English. 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.

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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.