

EVS REPORT

A German Volunteer in Croatia

Today is the 20th of February and last couple of weeks I disappeared in our little studio to acquire the complete process of how to make a puppet. I finished the structure of a few puppets, which can be transferred to cutting out the patterns, glueing and mainly sewing.



Probably that sounds, and – while working and observing a local volunteer Mirjana – first seemed to be way easier than it actually is. It implicates many small steps to remember in the right order, which also sounds way easier than it was, at least for me personally.

After sometime and many tries and with Sabina's help, we figured out all pieces of process to put them together.

Because I was sure that I will definitely forget these steps very soon I wrote a plan to safe some of my and future volunteers time and probably nerves. ;)



Some more some less interesting hands, arms or bodies occurred with my first tries which are mostly nonexistent anymore. But, practice makes perfect.

I think main learning aspect besides the practicing skills part was becoming more attentive of how much patience, attention and caring for details is necessary

for a good result in the end. And even more important, to always keep in mind to adapt this in every other process of creating!

I could say that I knew that before, but comprehension and valueing will be a little bit different next time when I will need to evaluate something like this.

Over and out form Petrinja!

Amrei Hatzler, EVS volunteer

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After my first Skype interview with Amrei, I was sure that she will be a great choice for this project. Soon after her arrival to Petrinja, she got her nickname „Smiley“ because of her ability to always smile. Amrei is a wonderful volunteer and a great colleague. She's never afraid to ask questions and actively participates in all the activities of Association IKS and somehow she always “ends up” doing some kind of artistic work.



Since she came to Petrinja to work in our puppet studio in which she already made 5 puppets, she participated in different activities like playing bingo in the Home for the Mentally ill, visited an event organized by the Croatian National Agency celebrating 20 years of EVS, organized a workshop for children in local school, participated in a workshop for high school

students of Petrinja, appeared on National TV, conducted a German language course for citizens and many others. She is a valuable part of our international IKS team and I'm really happy to be working with her!

Barbara Kositer, project coordinator



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