Character design is the **single most important step** in producing professional-quality puppets.

- First, develop a personality for the puppet. Establish the character’s invisible qualities and write them down.

- Next, translate those qualities to physical features. Plan to offer visual clues that immediately reveal the character’s invisible traits.

- Finally, use tracing paper and the shapes on this page to create a character sketch.

Note: The **Alternate Body** and **Legs & Feet** are available on our website as add-on patterns for the **Simple Series**.