

Character essence

A loyal, excitable, slightly chaotic duck who communicates through quacks, honks, big reactions, and exaggerated physical comedy. Puddleduck is expressive, emotional, and always trying their best... even when it goes wrong.

Character physicality — Show how you waddle, flap, react, freeze, and “listen” as a duck.

Comic timing — Panto ducks are funny even when silent.

Stage-direction awareness — Show you can follow movement cues smoothly

Pickle **(Proud)** Yes, sir! One plump duck, ready for the pot!

Puddlefoot **(Flaps indignantly, pecks at Pickle's sleeve)**

Pudding **(Uneasy)** Well... mostly ready. Sort of ready. Potentially ready

Puddlefoot **(Stops pecking. Turns its head sharply to stare at Pudding one eye, then the other. Slow... judging... disappointed)**

Sheriff What do you mean, potentially? It's a duck, not a philosophical debate

Pudding It just... looked at me, Sir. With feelings

Puddlefoot **(Tilts its head to the other side, slow and soulful)**

Sheriff Feelings? It's dinner, it's not a Facebook friend

Pudding It quacked at me

Puddlefoot **(Gives a single, pointed quack right on cue)**

Sheriff It's a duck. Quacking is its entire job description

Pudding Yes, but this one quacked... judgementally

Puddlefoot **(Folds its wings, turns its back on Pudding with a huffy little hop, as if offended)**

Sheriff At LAST! The children...gone! The duck...caught! ...now for Robin Hood

Puddlefoot **(Puddlefoot suddenly perks up — heroic stance, wings out, chest puffed. A proud, dramatic quack... then a tiny wobble because it's overbalanced)**

Audition