

## Shadow Puppets

Shadow puppets are a great way to share stories and entertain young audiences. The 2-dimensional, high contrast nature of shadow puppetry is especially compelling for young eyes, and the storytelling component is engaging for young and older children alike. While the construction of the shadow puppet theater might require some adult help on the front end, this craft can be repurposed to tell many new stories down the road.



## Materials

Template

Cardboard box

Large sheet of tissue paper

Tape

Scissors or craft knife (adult help recommended)

Wooden skewers

Pencil

Flashlight

Black Paper



**Step 1:** Cut off one side of your box.

**Step 2:** Sketch a square onto the front of the box, then cut that square out.

**Step 3:** On the inside of the box, tape a piece of tissue paper so it covers the opening.



**Step 4:** Cut figures out from the template.

**Step 5:** Trace the cut out on black paper, and then cut it out.

**Step 6:** Glue skewers to each figure to create your shadow puppets.

**Step 7:** Turn on the flashlight and place it inside the box so it lights up the tissue paper from within.

**Step 8:** To use your shadow puppets, hold them up inside the box between the light and the tissue paper. If you hold the puppets close to the screen, the shadows will show up better.

