



Making Your shadow Puppet Theatre



Now you've made your shadow puppets, you need somewhere to tell your stories! It's best to find a room in the house where the curtains can be closed for you to have your puppet show, so that it's nice and dark.

The easiest way to make a temporary theatre for your shadow puppets is to use a light coloured bed sheet hung in a doorway or over two chairs. Use pegs or tape to hold the sheet flat, so that your shadow puppets can be seen behind it.

Perhaps you could cut out some trees, grass or mountains too add to your 'stage'? If these are going to stay in the same place during your play, stick them to an egg box to hold them still.

Prop up a torch or another bright light behind the sheet screen and use the sticks to move your shadow puppets across the 'stage'.

If you have a bit more time on your hands, perhaps you would like to make a puppet theatre you could use over and over again? Find an empty cardboard box of any size, but strong enough to stand on its side. For the screen, a piece of white copier paper or tissue paper is ideal, but a piece of light coloured fabric would also work.



Ask an adult to help you cut out a hole in the front of the box, slightly smaller than your paper, leaving a frame around the edge to keep the box nice and strong. Tape the paper screen inside the box to cover the hole. The back of the box will need to be open for the puppeteer!



You can leave your theatre plain or decorate it using paints, pens or scrap papers – make it your own!

Use your torch or other bright light in the same way as before to bring your characters to life!

- What happens if you move the light closer or further from the screen?
- Try using different objects to create shadows.
- What happens if you use coloured tissue paper or see-through sweetie wrappers to make a shadow?



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