

ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



Shadow Puppets!

For K-5 Students

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Introduction

- Shadow puppetry is an ancient art that originated in Asia. Traditional forms of shadow puppetry are still practiced in India, China, Bali, and Malaysia.
- Shadow puppetry was a major influence on early filmmaking, and is often recreated in modern movies using computer graphics or animation.
- Shadow Puppets are fun and easy to make!



Lesson 1: Shadow Play

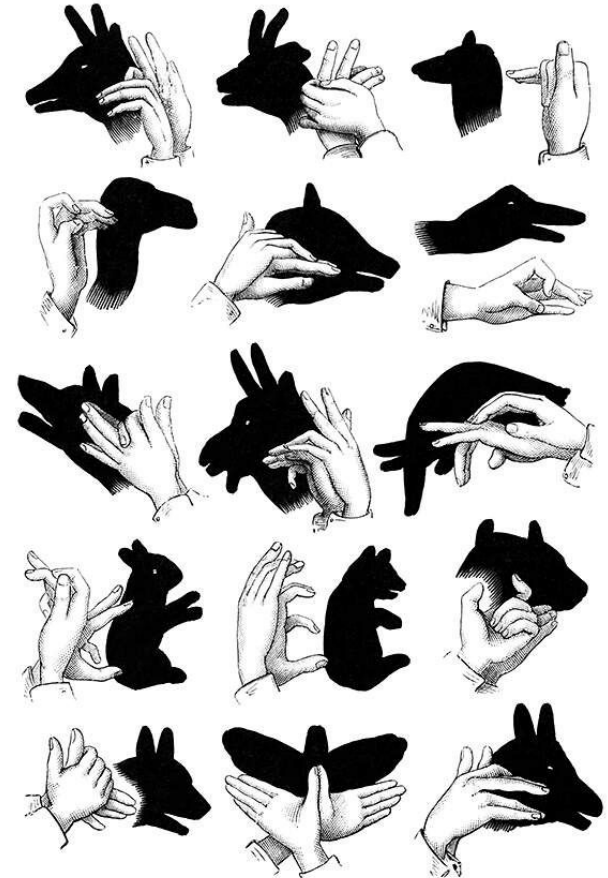
Dancing Shadows

- Find a blank wall, or hang a sheet for a shadow screen. Ask an adult to help.
- Turn on a flashlight or directional lamp and point it at the screen
- Turn off the overhead lights
- Stand between the flashlight and the screen, notice how distance changes the size of shadows.
- Find toys and other objects that make interesting shadows
- Play!



Changing Shapes

- By wearing costumes or overlapping shadows you can change what your shadow looks like.
- Try these fun hand shapes to make different animal shadows.
- Combine different toys' shadows to make new shapes.
- Get another person to help. By standing in a line, you can make 4 armed shadows or other cool special effects.



Thank you!

Keep playing to find more great ideas!

- Shadows are a fun way to play, no matter where you are, and what you have.
- Check out Lane Arts: Art Stream for more great projects!