

ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



Shadow Puppets!

For K-5 Students

With Teaching Artist Noah Philpot

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 2: Making Shadow Puppets

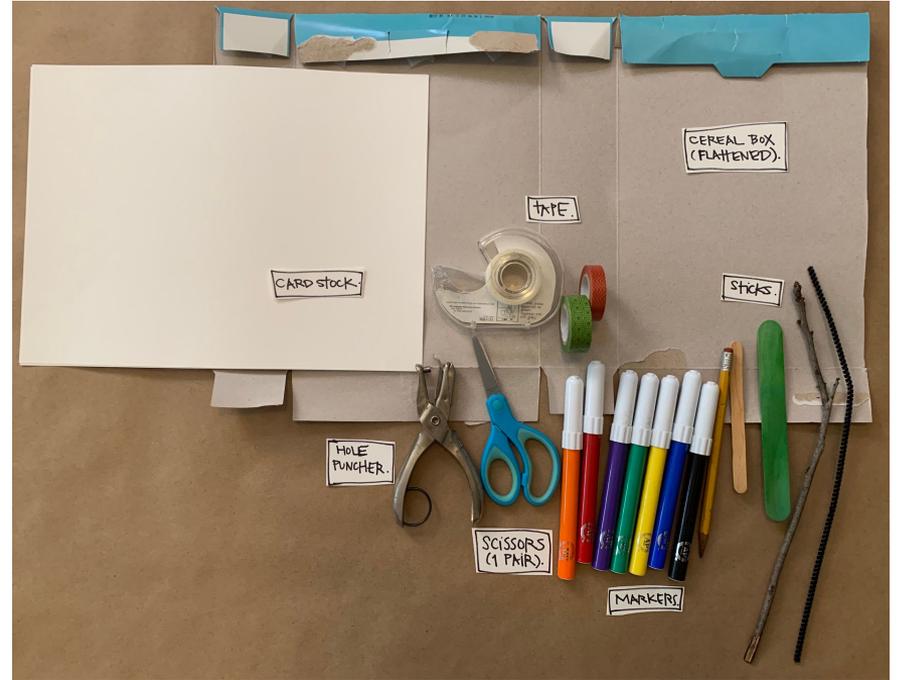
Introduction

- Making your own shadow puppets is fun and easy!
- You can create anything from your imagination or from a movie, game, or sport.
- Shadow shapes are called silhouettes.
- The outline of the silhouette is the most important part.



Materials

- Single led Flashlight or directional lamp. Multi-led lights do not work well for this project.
- Scissors
- Cereal boxes, cardstock, or other thin recycled cardboard
- Pencils or markers for drawing
- Pencils or thin sticks for holding puppets
- Tape
- Hole punch (optional)



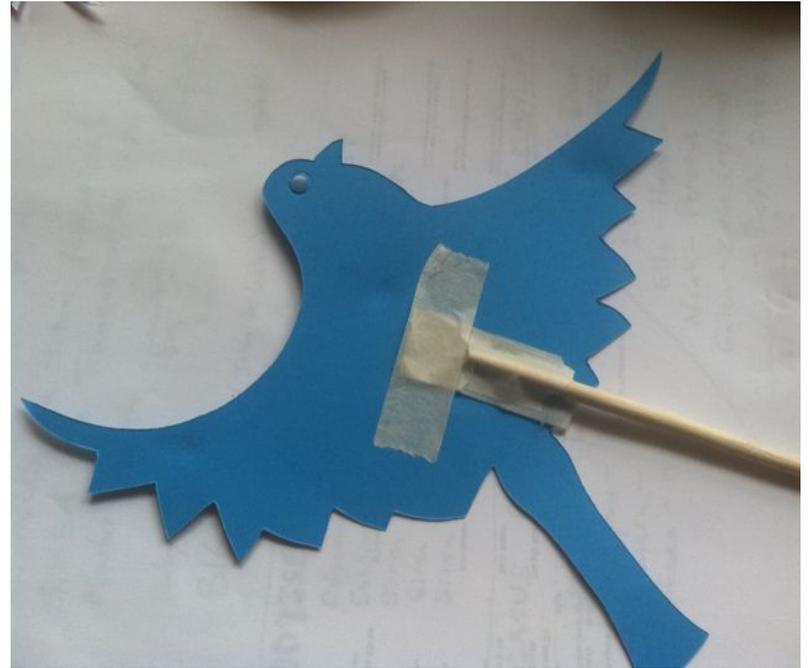
Making Your Silhouettes

- Open up the recycled cereal box and fold it flat.
- Draw your favorite shapes or characters on the inside of the cereal box.
- Focus mainly on the outline of the image.
- Carefully cut out the drawing. Cut slowly, right on the lines. Ask an adult for help if the cardboard is too thick.
- Hold up your cut out. Shine the flashlight onto it. Look at the shadow it makes..
- Create as many as you like.



Sticking To It

- Use tape to attach your silhouettes to a stick, pencil, or straw.
- Thin sticks work best. Bamboo skewers are perfect, but anything will do.
- The stick can come off the bottom, top, or side of the silhouette.
- Two pieces of tape, in a cross or T shape help to hold the stick in place.
- You can also tape accessories onto your puppet like hats, tools, or costumes.



Thank you!

Next time, we will build a
Shadow Puppet Theatre!

- Make enough puppets to tell a story, or create a scene.
- Check out Lane Arts: Art Stream for more great projects!