

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 3: Shadow Puppet Theatre!

Make a Scene

- Shadow puppetry can be performed anywhere. All you need is a light and a light colored surface.
- A cloth screen can hide the performer from the audience, and make it feel like magic.
- A puppet theatre can make your show feel extra special.
- Here is a way to build a Shadow Puppet Theatre from a recycled cereal box.



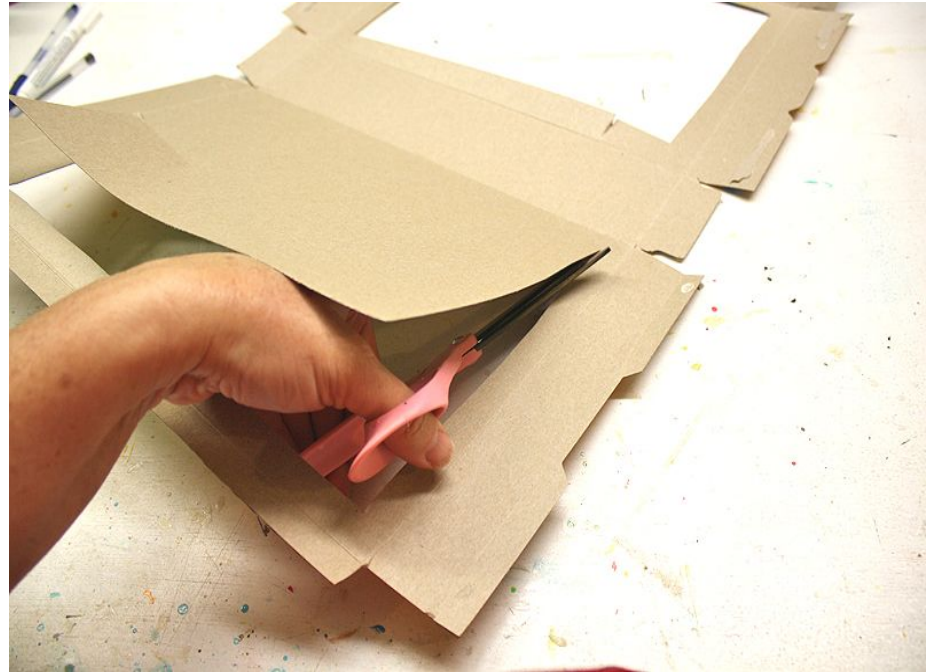
Materials

- Recycled cereal box
- Scissors
- 1 sheet of white paper or wax paper. Thinner translucent paper is better.
- Pencil and Markers
- Glue
- Tape



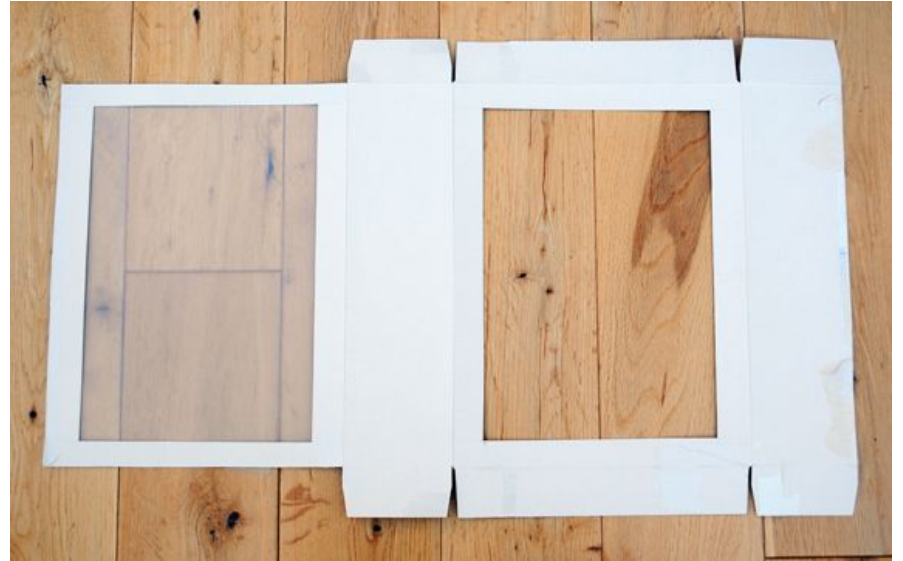
Cereal Box Demolition

- Open up the cereal box by separating the glued seams. Do not cut or tear the box open, as we will be putting it back together.
- Bend each of the folds backwards so the box lays flat.
- Cut a hole in each large flat section of the cereal box. One hole should be slightly smaller than your piece of paper. The other can be larger.



Theatre Construction

- Glue or tape the paper over the smaller hole on the printed side of the cereal box.
- Refold the cereal box inside out, so the printed side is hidden inside the theatre.
- Glue and/or tape the seams along the side, top, and bottom of the box.
- Decorate the outside of your new puppet theatre however you like! Make it fancy!



Thank you!

Choose your favorite shadow puppets, and practice for the big show!

- You can store your shadow puppets inside the theatre to keep them safe.
- Visit Lane Arts: Art Streams to learn from more Amazing Artists!