

## Putting on a Shadow Show

Puppets were popular toys in the Victorian era and one of the simplest types of puppets to make and play with were shadow puppets.

Put on your own performance using only a light and some shadow puppets. You can either use the templates provided or create your own!

### You will need:

For the puppets: thin card (e.g. empty cereal box), pencil, scissors, sellotape, template (optional) and straws, lollipop sticks or old pencils to attach the puppets to.

For the stage: lamp or torch and a blank piece of wall



### Make the puppets:

1. Cut out the paper template and then place it on to a piece of thin card.
2. Draw around the template onto the card.
3. Cut out your card puppet.
4. Stick a straw, lollipop stick or old pencil to the back of your puppet. You want the top of your straw/stick/pencil roughly in the middle of the puppet, to give it stability and to leave you enough to hold on to.
5. If you design you own puppet, draw it straight onto the card and remember you only need an outline.
6. Make as many puppets as you like!

### Make the stage:

1. Find a blank piece of wall and hold your puppet up in front of it.
2. Shine a torch or lamp onto your puppet, its shadow should appear on the wall behind it.



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