



HOW TO...MAKE A SHADOW SHOW FOR YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Suitable for ages 7 to 99

You will need:

- Thin cardboard (a cereal box works well)
- A pencil
- Split pins
- Greaseproof paper
- A hole punch
- Scissors
- Bamboo skewers
- Tape
- Paper
- Glue (Pritt stick type)
- A torch



Would you like to share a lovely memory? Or a well-loved tale? Shadow puppetry is forgiving, easy & fun ! Make a show with or for your family. You can build your own theatre following instructions on our "Build your shadow theatre" activity (<https://littleangeltheatre.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Make-a-shadow-puppet-theatre.pdf>)

Instructions:

Step1: your character

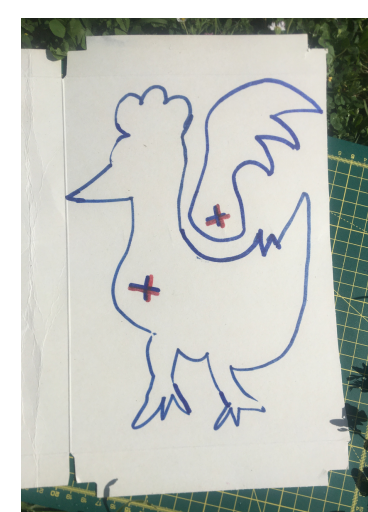
Draw the outline of your character onto some "cereal box" cardboard.

You only need to bother with the outline because behind the screen, that is all your audience will see. Make sure that its parts are at least as thick as a pencil as you want your puppet to last more than one show!



Step 2:

Think about the parts of your character you would like to see moving: its arms? Its tail? Here you can see Little Red Hen will move its wing. Draw that part next to your character. You can see from the picture that the moving part will overlap your character's body. Cut out the pieces.



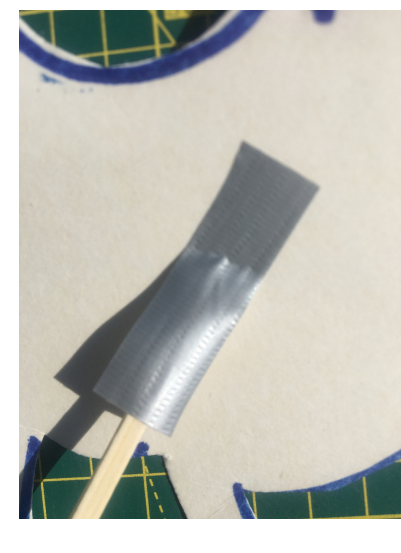
Step 3:

Draw a cross where you think the two pieces will overlap.
Punch a hole with a hole puncher or just a pencil.
Join them together by pushing a split pin through and opening it flat.

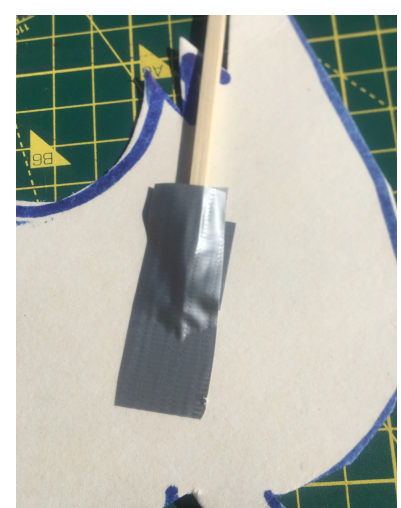
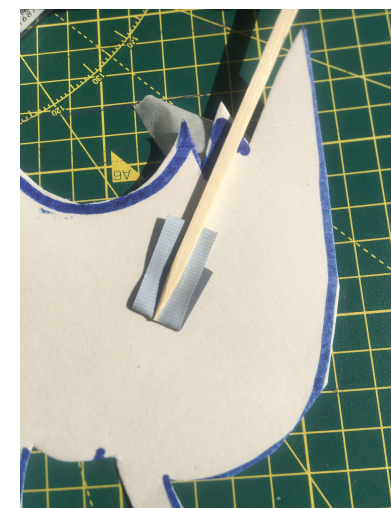


Step 4: holding your puppet

You need to be able to manipulate your puppet without being seen.
Here is the magic trick: using a kebab stick, tear 2 pieces of tape.
Put the kebab stick flat onto your puppet.
Stick half of the tape onto the kebab stick and half on the cardboard.

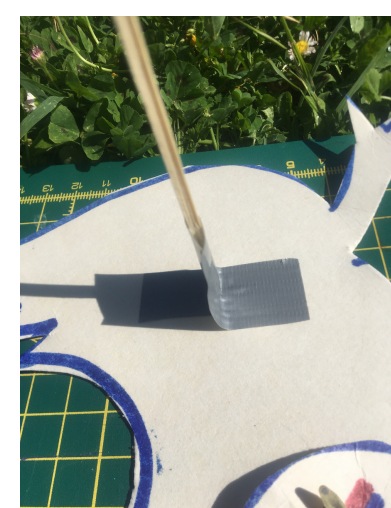


Repeat the same action on the other side of the kebab stick.



Now you see how you can hold your puppet from afar!
Repeat this task onto the moving part.

Your puppet is now moving.



Step 5: expression & details

Look at your puppet and think about adding eyes, hair or other design: cut out shapes you think will make your character looking fabulous.

For hair or fur , you could tape some wool: it will move & add life to your puppet.



Step 7: scenery or background.

Look around your house with new fresh eyes: what could become a tree, the moon, the sun, flowers, a monster? A glass container, some forgotten translucent object might just do the trick. You can also draw and cut your own design. Or go for a walk and find twigs and grasses that will just do the trick. Here you can see I have taped some grasses to some cardboard to make a tree.



You are now ready for your performance!
Good luck and enjoy!