

@Home Shadow Puppets

Did you know that shadow puppets are an integral artform within China's cultural heritage?

Here are some examples to look at!

Here are two contemporary shadow puppet performances. One is done with some traditional aspects. The other uses simple materials such as wire forms.





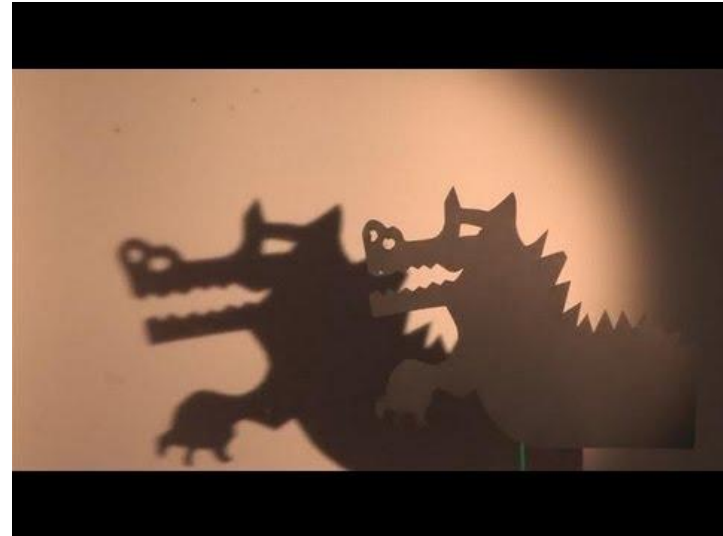
How to make your own shadow puppet theatre

You can also just use a gauzy hanging curtain, old sheet or a plain wall- - you could experiment with coloured light from torches or phones (see the next slide)

How to make your own shadow puppets

Any cardboard you have will work - cereal boxes or bits of cardboard box

You could tape them to pencils or ask a parent to borrow some forks and spoons. If you don't have tape - just cut a couple of slits or poke a couple of holes for your 'puppet stick'



How to experiment with coloured shadows - if you don't have torches or other supplies at home a couple of phones from bubble buddies can be used by shining the torch through coloured, transparent objects.



Links for teachers

The Kennedy Centre - [learning objective and resources](#)

Science Hub additional STEM ideas about [light and shadow](#)

Chinese Shadow puppetry [performance](#) - British Museum

Otago Museum - [coloured shadows](#)

UNESCO - [Intangible Cultural Heritage](#)

[Chinese shadow puppetry](#): A tale of light and shadow

