

# Using Light to Create – Shadow Theatre

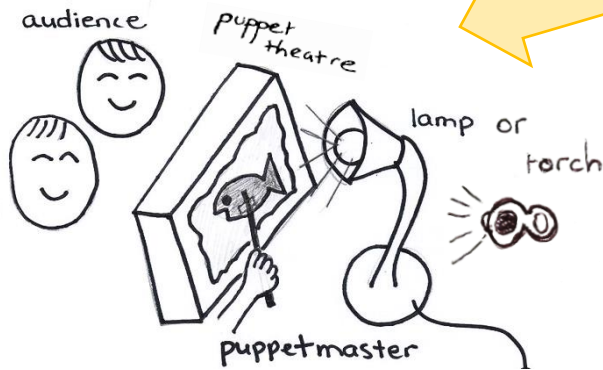
Did you know Heckmondwike had illuminations before Blackpool!

It was so long ago that the original lights were gas powered.

Hecky was known for putting on a great show, and now so can you!

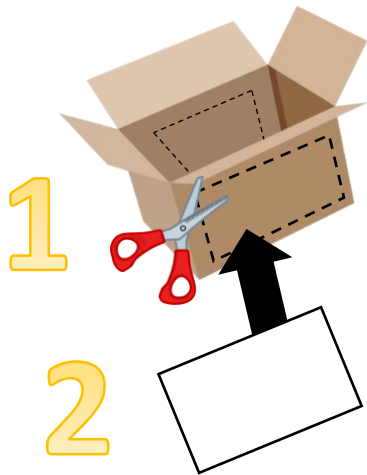


Look at the set up in the diagram. From front to back it is: audience, theatre, puppets, torch or lamp. Remember to keep your body and hands out the way, unless you want them to be part of the show which can be fun too!



Let's make a shadow theatre and puppets using card, paper and a torch or lamp.

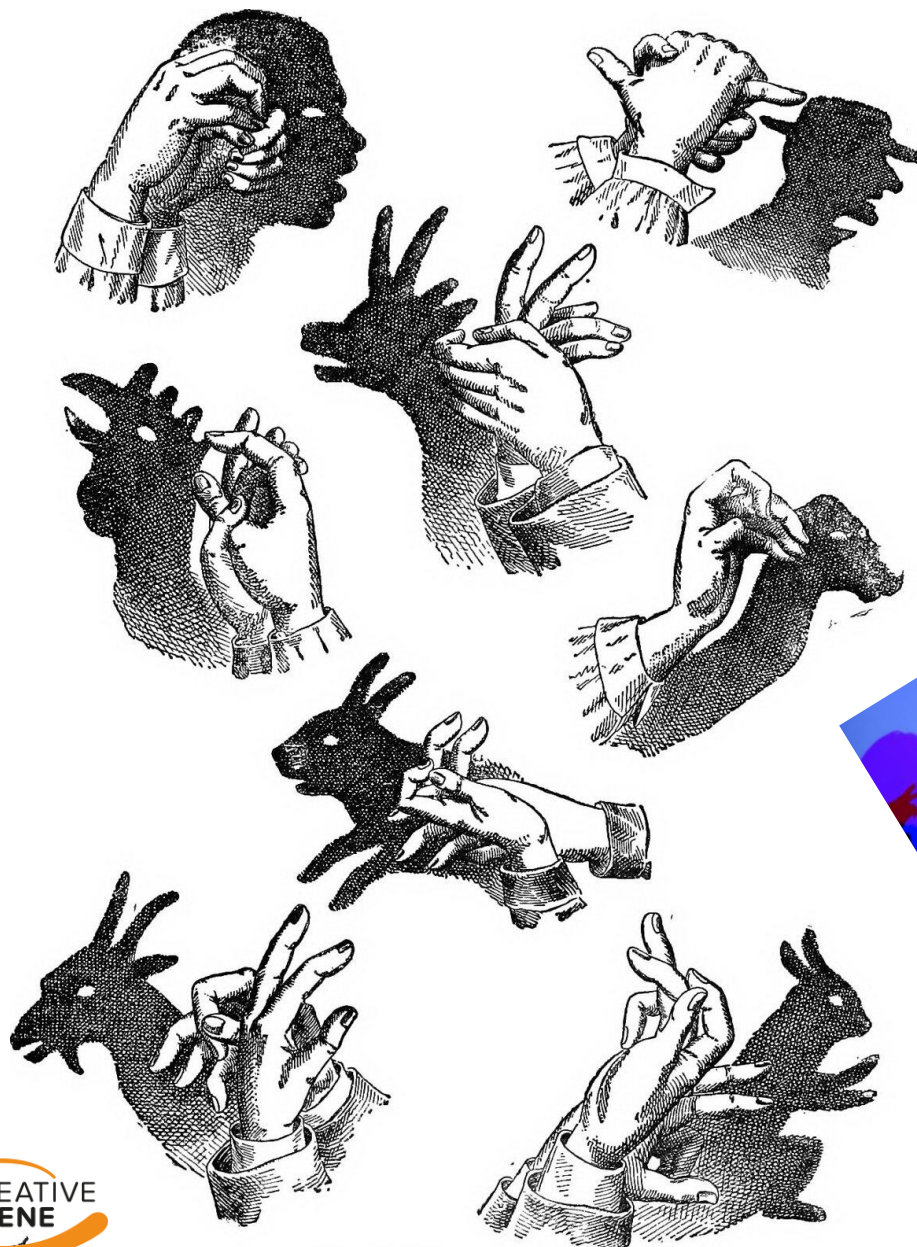
Look at the pictures on the left to see what it will look like. It works best in a dark room.



1. Cut out a big rectangle from two opposite sides of your box so you can see straight through the box – you can ask for help with this.
2. Cover one of the holes up with greaseproof paper and stick it down.
3. Make simple puppets by cutting them out of card – they could be animals, people or scenery like trees, houses and flowers.
4. Don't forget to add handles to your puppets before you cut them out!



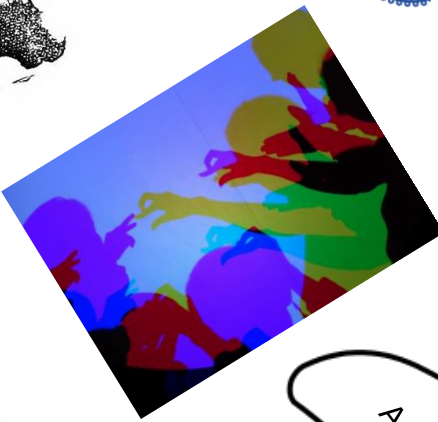
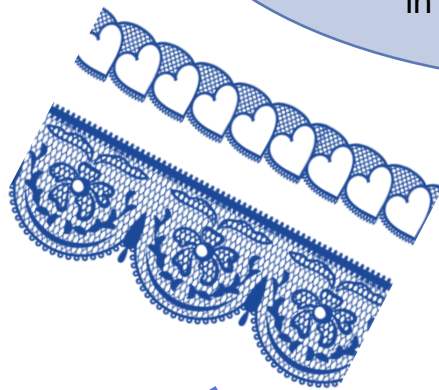
# Hand Shadows



Use your hands and a torch to make puppets on the wall, ceiling or floor.

You can use one or two hands. You can even use your arms and body too!

Can you guess what the puppets are in the pictures on the left?



## What Next?