

Shadow Puppet Stories

ACTIVITY REFERENCE:

[The Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That - My Shadow Goes Where I Go](#) [Creating Live Cinema with Puppets and Shadow](#)

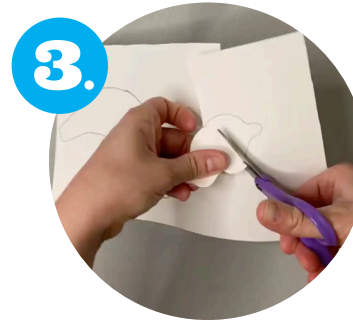
Everything has a shadow, but did you know that shadows have also been used to tell stories for hundreds of years? From China to America, children like you have been told stories using just shadows. Find a book from your local library about shadow puppets and read it together. *Shadow Night* by Kay Chorao is a great book to discover new shapes and ways to explore storytelling with shadows.



1. Choose a storybook and pick out 2-3 characters to make into puppets.



2. Using your pencil and paper draw an outline of each character.



3. Ask an adult to use scissors to cut the outside shape of each character.



4. Once all characters have been cut, tape a popsicle stick on the back of your character's feet.



5. Perform your story! Find a dark area, like a closet, and have someone hold or prop the flashlight to make sure your puppets make a clear shadow on the wall.



6. Try making different shadows using just your hands. Can you make a new character or animal for a new story?

MATERIALS LIST

- Flashlight
- Storybook
- Popsicle Sticks
- Thick Paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Pencil

READ TOGETHER

- *Shadow Night* | (PreK - 1st Grade)
by Kay Chorao
- *Flashlight* | (PreK - 1st Grade)
by Lizi Boyd

MORE ACTIVITIES TO TRY ONLINE

- [Peg + Cat Puppet Theater](#)
- [ArtQuest: Making a Marionette](#)

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