

MAKE A SHADOW THEATRE

Follow these simple steps to make a shadow theatre from a cardboard box. You will create two frames to add an extra effect to your show. You can use your imagination to decide what they will be. The circle frame could be the moon or the window from a space rocket. You can create a country scene with leaves for the frame below.

Materials:

- cardboard box
- 2 sheets of white paper
- paper plate
- star stickers and pens to decorate the outside
- fabric to make small curtains
- 1 envelope

1. Cut and remove a rectangle shape from the lid of the box to create a frame.
2. Apply glue stick to the edges of a sheet of A4 white paper and stick to the frame from the inside of the box.
3. Remove the side flaps of the box but keep on one side a small strip that will support the frame. Fix to the front with sellotape.
4. Cut out 2 curved triangle shapes from cardboard. A template has been made to use as a guide to trace out the shapes first.
5. Stick these shapes to the top of the frame as shown.
6. Put the paper plate on some white paper and draw around it. Then cut out the circle.
7. Carefully cut out the inner circle of the paper plate to create frame 2. Apply glue to the inside of the frame and stick the circle of white paper over it. Apply glue to the bottom of the plate and stick on to the top of the rectangle frame.
8. Cut a wavy line along the length of the black paper. Stick the dried leaves to create a landscape.
9. The landscape can be held at the back of the screen with the envelope corners. Cut two and position as shown.
10. The theatre can be decorated at the front with star stickers and blue fabric curtains. A circle of card was used to partly cover the circle screen and create a crescent moon. The moons shape can change as the circle is moved across.

