

# SHADOW PUPPET STORIES

## WITH NICKY HAEUSLER

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- White bed sheet
- Kebab sticks
- Hula hoop
- Sticky tape
- Clothes pegs
- Desk lamp
- Empty cereal boxes
- Two chairs
- Scissors



### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

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#### BUILD YOUR SHADOW SCREEN.

Lay a hula hoop on the ground and place one of the corners of the bed sheet on top of it, completely cover the hula hoop. Starting with the corner of the sheet, wrap it around the hula hoop, pinch the overlapping fabric together, and peg it in place. Repeat around the whole hula hoop and place excess fabric aside.

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#### CREATE YOUR SHADOW PUPPETS.

Decide on what puppets you'll need to tell your story and draw their outlines on the cardboard from a cereal box. Cut them out and tape kebab sticks to the back.



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### SET UP YOUR LIGHT.

Clear the floor of your working area. Lean your shadow screen upright between two chairs and position your desk lamp behind it so the light is facing the screen. Make sure your desk lamp is safely plugged into an outlet and turn it on. Make the room as dark as possible by turning off lights or closing curtains.

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### PLAY WITH YOUR STORY.

Hold your shadow puppets between the desk lamp and the back of your shadow screen by their kebab sticks and see what kind of shadows they make on the front of the screen. Experiment with how you can make them move and interact with each other. Play with where you can position them and what stories you can create!