

SHADOW PUPPET THEATRE

What you need:

1 cardboard box

1 sheet of tissue paper (or thin paper)

Scissors or craft knife

Tape

A lamp or torch

Printer and paper or thin card ideally

Marker pen or crafty items

Garden sticks or something similar



Step 1

Begin by printing out the sheet of dinosaur silhouettes provided. If you don't have a printer try drawing freehand some of your own dinosaurs. Then using scissors carefully (or ask an adult) cut around your dinosaur shapes.



Step 2

Place your cut out dinosaurs face down, lay a stick on the reverse then hold in place with a bit of sticky tape. Repeat for all of your dinosaurs. Your puppets are now ready to go.



Step 3

Trim the longest 2 flaps off your box plus one side panel leaving it like shown in the picture. You may need to get an adult to help. Once done flip the box over so it's standing up.



Step 4

Either draw on your stage setting or use coloured card to create some curtains. Once designed cut out the middle section to reveal your stage.



Step 5

Using tape, stick a sheet of tissue paper (or thin paper) in place to act as your screen. Place your torch or lamp in position behind the theatre to light the scene.



Step 6

Experiment with positioning of your light and puppets to create the perfect dinosaur sizes for your theatre production. Once set invite your audience along!

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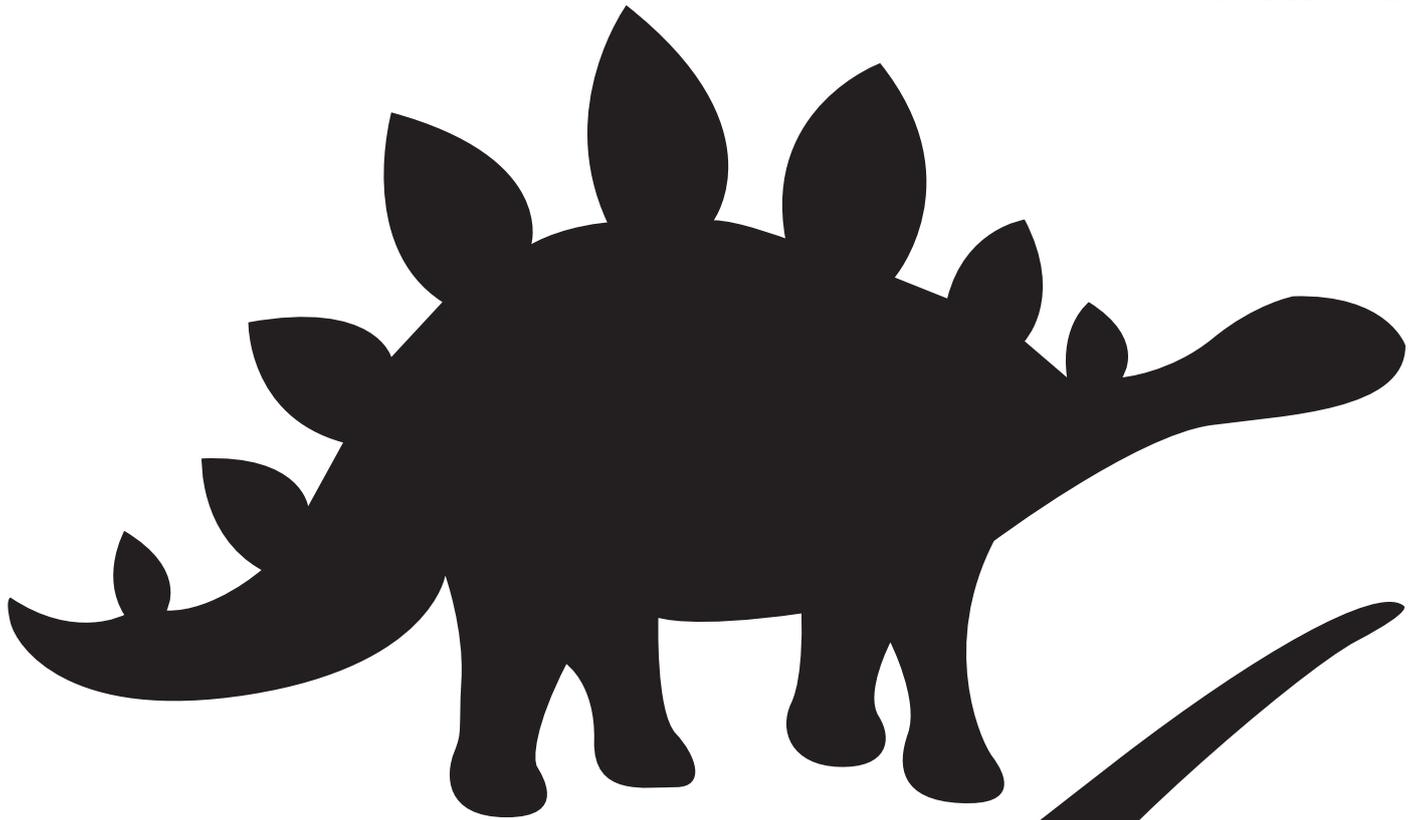


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 Carefully cut out your shadow puppets (ask an adult to help).



TIP! If you have a smaller box and these are too large, try printing these out not at full size to shrink them down.

TIP! Ask an adult to help if it is a bit tricky to cut out.



TIP! Move the light back and forward to create the perfect sized dinosaur within your box.

