

School Artists Free Art Resource

SHADOW PICTURE WORKSHOP

This workshop is flexible and it can be handed out to pupils as it is, or it can be adapted so you can show your pupils how to make it. We advise this activity is undertaken with the assistance and / or supervision of an adult.



YOU WILL NEED

A torch (a darkish room)
2 different colours of paper (no bigger than A3)
A piece of backing paper to attach shadows to
(no bigger than A3)
Pencils
Sellotape
A selection of objects to cast shadows (or use hands /
profile etc)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) You'll need a partner to create this piece of art. Find someone to work with!
- 2) Tape one piece of paper to a table.
- 3) Choose an object to cast a shadow.
- 4) Ask your partner to hold the object in one hand and shine the torch down on the object. A shadow will appear on the paper.
- 5) Draw round the shadow.
- 6) Ask your partner to move the object across the paper and draw round the shadow again.
- 7) Attach the other piece of paper to the table.
- 8) Repeat steps 4 to 6.
- 9) Cut out your 4 shadows.
- 10) Glue a shadow to the backing paper. Using the other coloured shadow, overlap the one you have just glued down. Glue the second shadow down. The third shadow you glue down should be the same colour as the first one. The last shadow you glue down should be the same colour as the second one. Your final picture will be a staggered shadow in two colours. Very eye-catching!
- 11) Experiment with different textures and colours of paper. Black and white is striking as is orange and blue.

TIP - TRY MAKING A SMALLER SHADOW AND REPEAT IT MORE OFTEN IN YOUR DESIGN.

