

MASH UP SHADOW PUPPETS

INTRODUCTION

Create your own shadow puppet inspired by the puppet characters in The Linda Linda's *Why* music video, which was a part of the *Voice a Wild Dream* exhibition at OXY ARTS.



MATERIALS

- Cardstock, any color
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hole punch - fun shapes encouraged but not required!
- Brads
- Popsicle sticks or skewers

VOCABULARY / CONCEPTS

Positive Space: the main shapes in an artwork. In this example, the puppet is the positive space on our cardstock.

Negative Space: the empty space between and around the main objects. In this example, the space around the puppet and the holes we punch out of the paper are the negative space.

Shadow: a dark area or shape produced by an object or body blocking rays of light and a surface.

STEPS

1

Sketch the parts of your puppet! Your puppet should have at least three distinct sections - we recommend starting with a head, torso and legs. For each section, pick a different animal, fruit, tool, creature, or shape so that your final puppet is a mash up of different parts! You can look at the puppets from The Linda Linda's *Why* music video for inspiration. Keep in mind, for our shadow puppet we can only see the shadow - what is blocking the light. Focus on shapes that have a clearly recognizable outline and not a lot of details.



2

Once you've sketched out your design, sketch it again on your cardstock. Cut out your shape. Use hole punchers or fold your paper in half to cut out interior shapes.

3

Use the hole punch to create holes at the points where the pieces of your puppet line up with each other. Once you've punched the holes, use a brad to attach the two pieces together.

4

Tape the popsicle stick or wooden skewer to the back of your puppet. Turn off the lights, turn on a flashlight, and check out what **shadows** you can make with your puppet!

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