

How to make... a Cereal Box Shadow Play Theatre!

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Suitable for ages 4-8 with adult supervision.

Who knew you could make your own shadow puppet theatre out of a cereal box?

This fun craft could have you creating lots of different scenes, from mystical forests to charming seascides.

The possibilities are endless.

We cannot wait to see what you have created! Remember to share with us on social media!



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You will need:

- 1 Cereal Box
- Glue
- A Pen
- Tape
- Scissors
- 2 sticks
- Paper
- Other Cardboard recycling (for decoration)
- 1 torch for lighting the box



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Instructions

Step 1:

Get your Cereal Box and cut both sides out (keep the card, you will use this shortly). See picture across (top).

Then cut a slit at the top, this will be for putting the shadow puppets in later. See picture across (below).



Step 2:

Stick a piece of paper into one side of the box, using glue or tape.



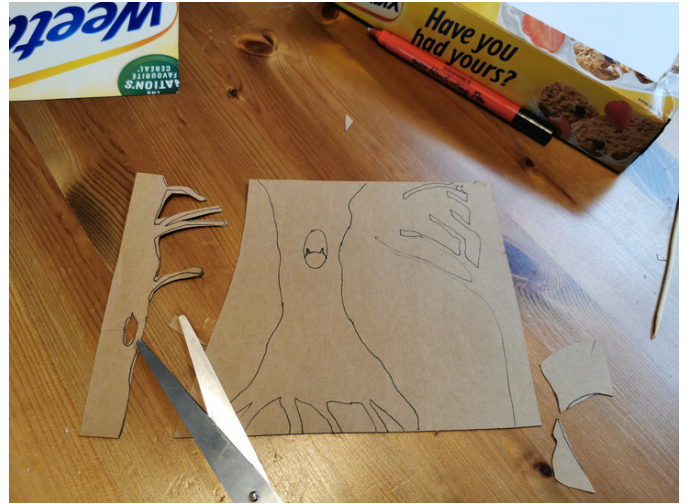
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Step 3:

Next, using the card leftover from the front of the cereal box, draw some trees or whatever you fancy...it could be the seaside or a funfair themed scene.

Then cut them out like in the picture across (top).

Once you have cut them out, stick them to the paper (inside the box).



Step 4:

Next, shine a torch in the back to see how the shadows look. Like in the picture below (left).

Once you are happy, you can draw whatever you like to go in the scene. In this scene, I drew some woodland animals.

Once you have drawn your animals or people, attach the stick to the back with some tape. Like in the picture below (right).



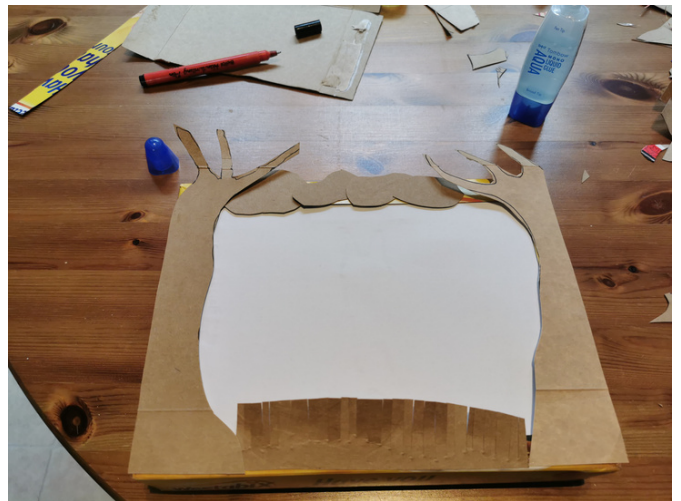
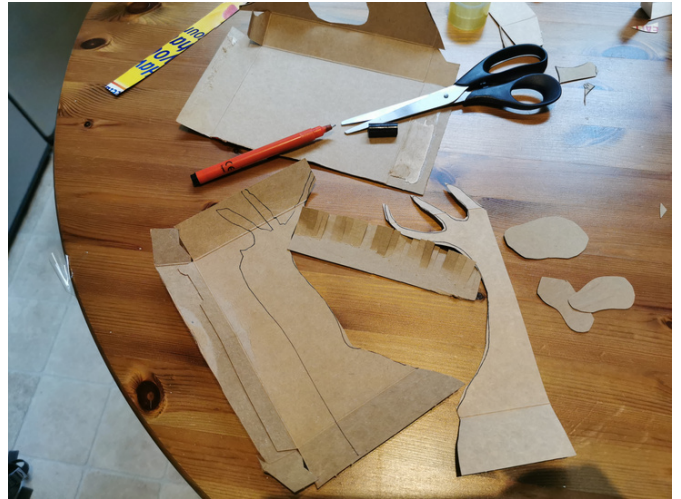
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Step 5:

Now you have your scene and characters its time to decorate the box by using other cardboard or anything left from the cereal box.

Draw and then cut out items that link to your theme.

Then you can stick them on the outside of your box and draw on them, colour them...whatever you like.



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Step 7:

Now you have your scene and characters and your box is decorated.

It's time to shine the light behind and add your characters.

You can add them by holding the sticks and slotting them in the top of the box. You can play with moving them around, making voices for the characters.

You can also play with the light, maybe shine it through a bottle of water to make the light shimmer. You can also play with the colour of the light.

Simply put the torch behind the box like in the picture across and watch the box light up.

Have fun!

