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→ WHAT YOU'LL NEED



Empty cereal box



Baking paper



Wooden skewers



Black marker



Scissors



Tape



Desk lamp

Dim The Lights!

Put on a show with your own cast of shadow puppets.

(Re)Telling Stories

HEY PARENTS! Playing with puppets helps children practise their **speech** and **language skills**. Let them retell and act out their favourite nursery rhymes or fairy tales, or use their **imagination** to make up their own characters and stories.



Follow these steps

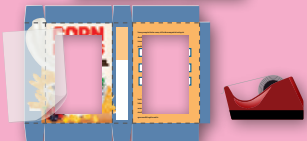
1. Open up the box and lay it flat. Do not tear or remove the flaps as you will be putting the box back together later.



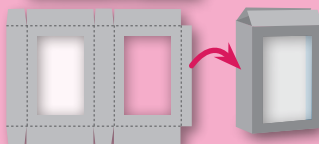
2. Cut out two same-sized rectangles from the front and back of the box.



3. Trim a piece of baking paper so that it is large enough to tape over one of the rectangular openings. This will be the theatre 'screen'.



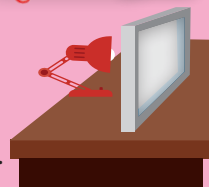
4. Reassemble the box inside out by following the fold lines and taping it back together. The inside of the box should now be on the outside.



5. Draw your puppet characters on the rectangular pieces. Cut out and colour them black. Tape skewers on the backs.



6. Place the box on a table, with the screen facing your audience. Position a lamp on the other side.



7. Darken the room, switch on the lamp, and place the puppets between the screen and the lamp. Let the show begin!



Snap & Show

Send a picture of your child's shadow puppet theatre to beanstalk@mediacorp.com.sg or post it as a public post on your Facebook with the hashtag #BeanstalkCraft. Your child's masterpiece could be featured in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*

