



Making a Shadow Puppet Theater at Home

Activity for ages 6+. Adult supervision recommended.

Step 1:

Use **scissors** to cut out the puppets on the next page. **Glue or tape** each one to a **popsicle stick or straw**.



Step 2:

Drape a **thin bedsheet or tablecloth** over the side of a **table** to create a screen.



Step 3:

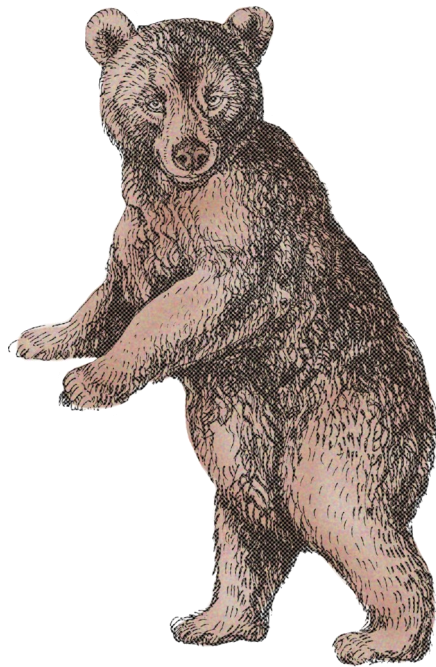
From behind the screen, use a **flashlight** to project the shadows of your puppets onto the screen while you perform your show! (Shadows typically show best the closer the puppets are to the screen.)



Visit <https://toyandminiaturemuseum.org/education/> to watch a performance of *The Princess and the Bear*. Can you use these puppets to retell the story with your shadow puppet theater?



Princess Leela



The Bear

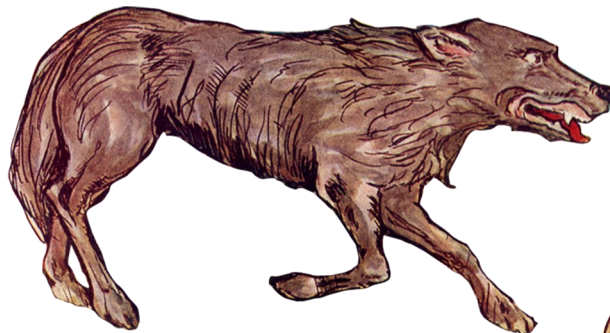


Prince Akeelah

Can you use these puppets to retell the story of *Little Red Riding Hood*?



Little Red Riding Hood



The Wolf



The Wolf in disguise

Get creative! Can you make additional shadow puppets using pictures from magazines or newspapers? Find pictures that will cast a shadow you can easily recognize. Try using items like a music box, toy instruments, crinkly paper, and more to create sound effects!