

Make a Moving Octopus Shadow Puppet

Instructions

Follow the simple instructions below and watch along with the video to learn how to make your very own moving octopus shadow puppet!

A note for grown-ups:

- This activity is recommended for ages 5+
- Please note that the method involves piercing a hole through the card.

To make your shadow puppet, you'll need:

- An A4 printed copy of the Octopus Template
- A pencil
- Black card (A4 size)
- A pair of scissors
- 1 split pin / paper fastener
- Sticky tape
- 2 wooden skewers

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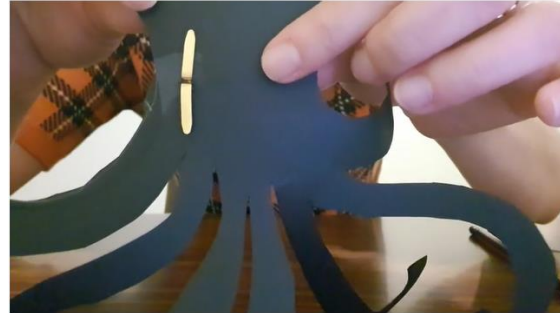
1. Cut out the octopus shape, and the moving tentacle shape from your printed copy of the Octopus Template.
2. Place both shapes on the black card.
3. Trace the outlines of the template shapes onto the card.
4. Cut out the octopus shape and the tentacle shape from the card.



5. Place the tentacle shape on top of the octopus shape so that the tentacle is in the gap, and hold the 2 pieces of card together



6. Very carefully, make a hole through both pieces of card.



7. Put the split pin / paper fastener through the holes in both pieces of card and separate the metal tabs so that the fastener lies flat on the back of the octopus.

8. Lay your octopus flat and place one of skewers in the middle of the body.



9. Use a piece of sticky tape to secure the wooden skewer to the octopus.
Now you've got a handle to hold your octopus upright.

10. To make the handle for the moving tentacle, take a longer piece of sticky tape and lay it flat with the stick side facing up.



11. Place the other skewer at the bottom of the sticky tape so that there's plenty of tape still above the tip.

12. Fold over the top of the sticky tape leaving a small space above the tip of the skewer, to make a little tab.

13. To fix the handle to the tentacle, lay the octopus flat. Place the sticky tape tab at the top of the skewer you've juts made onto the end of the moving tentacle.



14. Use a small piece of sticky tape to stick the tab to the tentacle.

And now your moving Octopus Shadow Puppet is ready!

