



ASTRONOMY @ HOME

MAKE ART WITH SHADOWS

You can use shadows to create an original piece of artwork. You can use a flashlight to create your shadows, or the sun on a bright day.

MATERIALS & STEPS

- A bright light source like the sun, a lamp, or flashlight
- Toys or household objects
- A piece of paper
- A pencil, crayons or markers

Set up your objects so that they are blocking your light sources and creating shadows behind them. Place your piece of paper down flat behind the objects so that the shadows are cast right onto it. Using your pencils, crayons, or markers, trace the shadow onto the piece of paper. You can leave them as outlines or color them in as a solid color or even create a pattern.

Share your creation with us using #AtTheMuseums

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

What different objects can you use to create visually interesting shapes? Do you want your artwork to have a theme like animals, teapots, or flowers? Could you use building toys to create something that makes interesting shadows before you start?

FUN FACT

Dr. Seuss published *The Shape of Me and Other Stuff* in 1973. The illustrations in this book are primarily silhouettes, or solid images. Do these remind you of shadows?



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