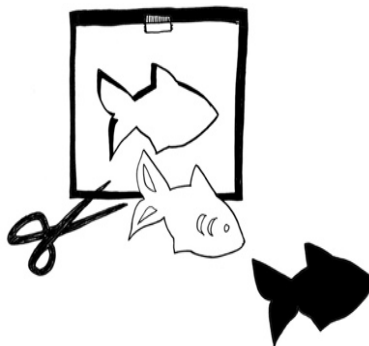


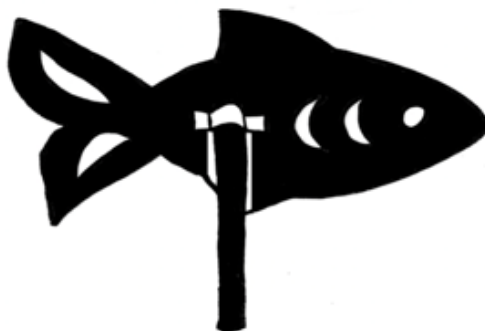
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Puppet-Making Directions

To make shadow puppets, tape each template sheet to a piece of black cardstock. When you then cut the template designs out, you will be cutting the FINAL black shadow puppets at the same time, as illustrated here:



Then, attach rods to your final black puppets using black Gorilla Tape, and you're good to go!



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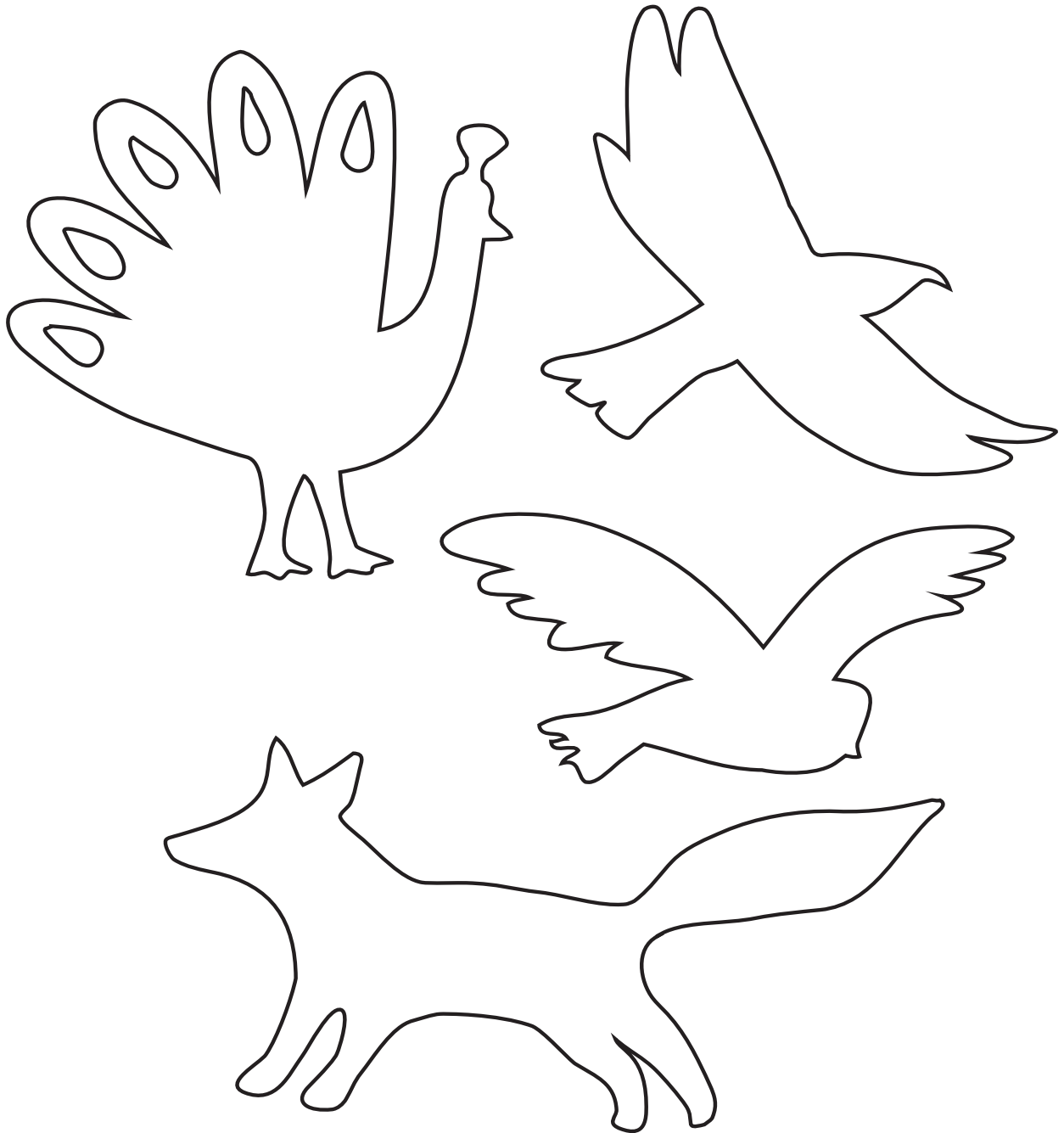
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“The Peacock’s Complaint” Templates

An Aesop’s Fable adapted by Daniel Barash



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The Peacock's Complaint

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Puppets you'll need:



Narrator:

A peacock was very unhappy with his speaking voice and spent most of his days complaining about it. One day, he said to the fox:

Peacock:

I have such a screechy, ugly voice. I can't sing!

Narrator:

The fox said in return:

Fox:

It's true that you can't sing, but look at what an amazing, shimmering tail you have!

Narrator:

To which the peacock moaned:

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Peacock:

Oh, but what good is being beautiful, when my voice is just an unpleasant screech!

Narrator:

The fox replied:

Fox:

Listen. Everyone has a special gift.

Narrator:

Just then, an owl swooped in and said:

Owl:

I am an owl, and I can see in the dark.

Narrator:

And then an eagle flew in and said:

Eagle:

I am an eagle, and I am strong and swift.

Narrator:

Then the fox reminded the peacock:

Fox:

And YOU have a gorgeous tail! Even if you had the most beautiful voice on earth, you'd still find something to complain about. It's very easy to complain about what you don't have, but it's far more difficult to be happy with what makes you special!

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Shadow Puppet Stage Directions

It is very easy to create a simple shadow puppet screen using a tri-fold Project Display Board.

Materials

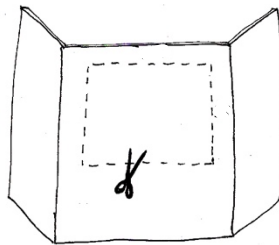
- Tri-fold 14" x 22" Tri-Fold Display Board (available at office supply stores)
- A piece of 8.5" by 11" white paper for the screen
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Clear Tape or Gorilla Tape

Optional

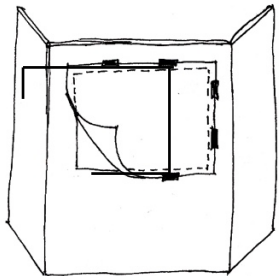
- Cutting Mat
- X-acto blade / utility knife

Procedure

- 1) Measure and cut out a rectangular shape (approximately 8" x 9") from the central panel of the project display board, using either an x-acto knife or a sharp pair of scissors. There should be approximately 1" of framing on either side and from the top of the display board.



- 2) Cut a rectangular piece of paper, cloth, or plastic that measures approximately one-half to one inch longer (on every side) than your rectangular shape. Using thin strips of Gorilla Tape, attach the piece to the back of the project display board. Then draw a thin black outline on the back of the screen to "frame" the staging area that the puppeteers need to work *within* so their puppets can be seen on the other side.



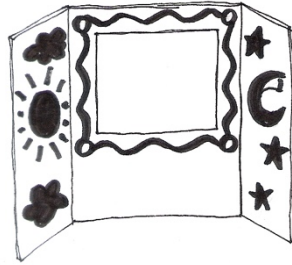
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- 3) If desired, you can decorate the front and side panels of your project display board using cut-out construction paper or paint.



- 4) When you're ready to rehearse and perform, set up your stage using one or two tables. An overhead projector, table lamp, clamp lamp, flashlight or smartphone will work as light sources.

Overhead Projector and Stage

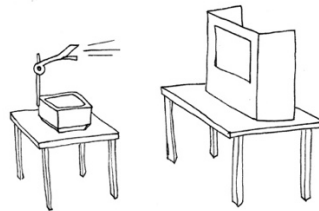


Table Lamp and Stage

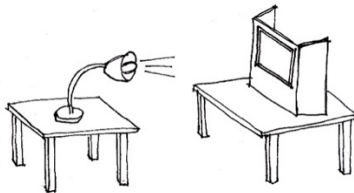
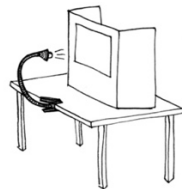


Table Clamp Lamp and Stage



(Comparable to Ikea Navlinge LED clamp spotlight)

Flashlight or Smartphone

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