

# Bring It Home: Create Your Own Shadow Puppets

*Extend the culture and traditions of Greece to your home with shadow puppetry!*

Creating shadow puppets is a fun way for friends and family to engage in a popular Greek form of entertainment. Shadow puppetry is an ancient form of storytelling and entertainment. By creating hand-made paper puppets, you too can become a shadow puppeteer! Simply put your puppet between a light source and a screen and your audience will see it come to life!

## Materials:

heavy paper  
straws or sticks  
white sheet (size may vary)  
scissors  
hole puncher  
brass paper fasteners  
tape or string  
table and desk lamp

## Get Started:

1. Create a story. Maybe an ancient Greek myth or tale!
2. Gather materials.
3. Draw the body of your puppet on paper. Cut out each body part separately.
4. Hole-punch the spot where the body parts connect. Use brass fasteners to link the body parts.
5. Tape the straws or sticks to the hands and feet of your puppet to move the arms and legs.
6. Create your screen by tying or taping your sheet up. Place your table behind the sheet with the desk lamp on top.
7. Now you can put on a show! Stand behind the screen and move your puppets in any way you want. You're a shadow puppeteer!

To learn more about Greek myths and tales check out [www.historyforkids.org](http://www.historyforkids.org). Search Greece!



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