

# FANTASTIC JOURNEYS

Myth, Magic, and Mysterious Monsters

## MYTHICAL DRAGON PUPPET by Moira MacDonald

Create your own mythical dragon puppet inspired by the story *Minka and Misho*.

### Materials

- Primary: scissors, straws (paper or plastic), a thumbtack, a brass brad, masking tape, paper, ruler, pencil, and a flashlight (or cell phone light).
- Optional: Use the downloadable template of the dragon puppet provided.
- Alternative: cardstock, cereal box or other lightweight cardboard.

### Tips for Starting

- Gather all materials. If you don't have the exact materials, improvise!
- No brass brad? You can substitute a paperclip for both the brass brad and the thumbtack!

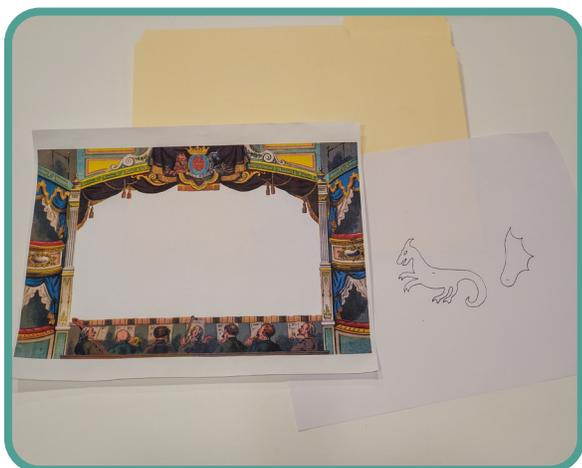
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Completed dragon and shadow puppet theater



Materials for dragon and theater

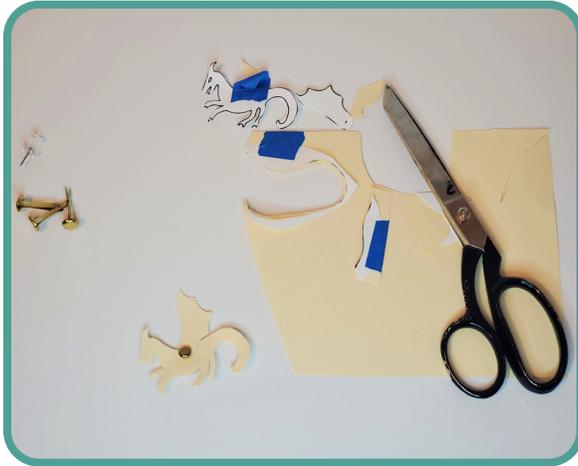


Dragon and puppet theater template

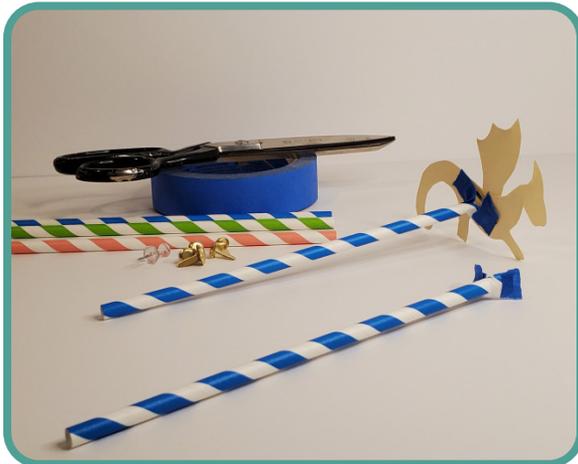
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### *Dragon Shadow Puppet Instructions:*



Connecting the dragon and the wing



Straw rods taped onto dragon puppet



Completed dragon and shadow puppet theater with light

1. Print out the dragon puppet template or draw your own dragon! (Remember to draw the dragon's body and wing separately.)
2. Cut loosely around the image of the dragon shadow puppet & wing.
3. Tape the paper cut-out to the leftover rectangle you saved from the manila folder.
4. Cut out the dragon and wing.
5. Take the manila folder cut-out dragon and the wing and attach them using the thumbtack to create a hole in the body of the dragon, then in the wing.
6. Line up the two holes (hold them up to a light to make sure they line up) and push the brass brad through both holes. Fold the back two pieces of the brass brad flat.
7. Now create the straw rods used to move your puppet. Cut two small slits on one end of the straw and flatten the edges.
8. Tape the dragon to the flatten edges of the straw to hold and move behind the shadow puppet theater. Don't forget to use a light source behind the theater to cast a shadow!
9. Remember, if you hold the shadow puppet close to the screen the dragon will appear smaller. If you hold the shadow puppet closer to the light it will look bigger.