



# Creativity Camps

## Shadow Puppet Theatre



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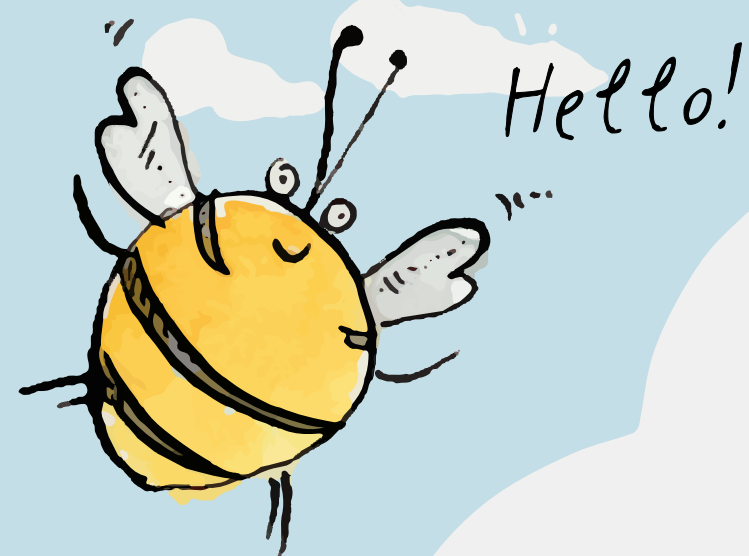
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# Introduction

***Welcome to Creativity Camps ONLINE!***

***There's plenty to keep young people busy this half term, even in lockdown. Learn new skills from our inspiring roster of artists from the fields of experimental music, set design and fine art.***



**Jenny Dee**

Jenny Dee has worked as a production designer and art director for the BBC, Sky, Netflix, Channel 4, YouTube and We Are Social. As standby art director on feature films her credits include: Chris Foggin's *Fisherman's Friends*, Simon Amstell's *Benjamin* and many more.

*this is your chance to get involved!*

*Have fun!*





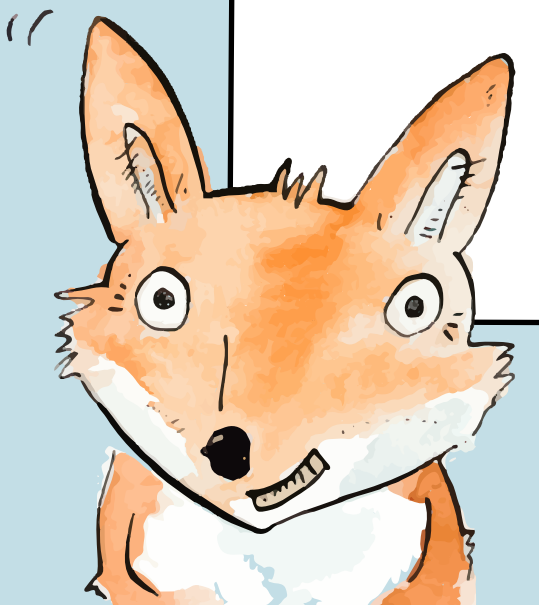


# Step by step

## You will need

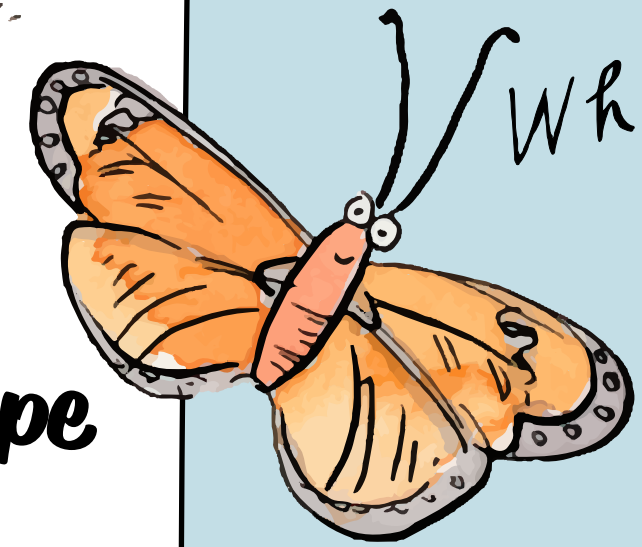
- Cereal or cardboard box
- Tape - double sided & sellotape
- Pens or paint
- Scissors
- Greaseproof paper
- Ruler
- Phone with torch

Got it!

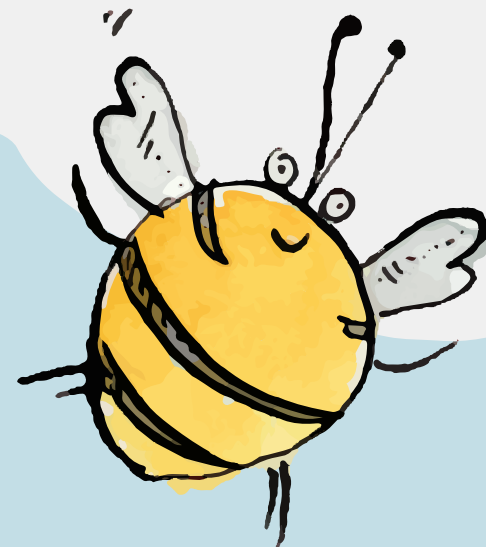
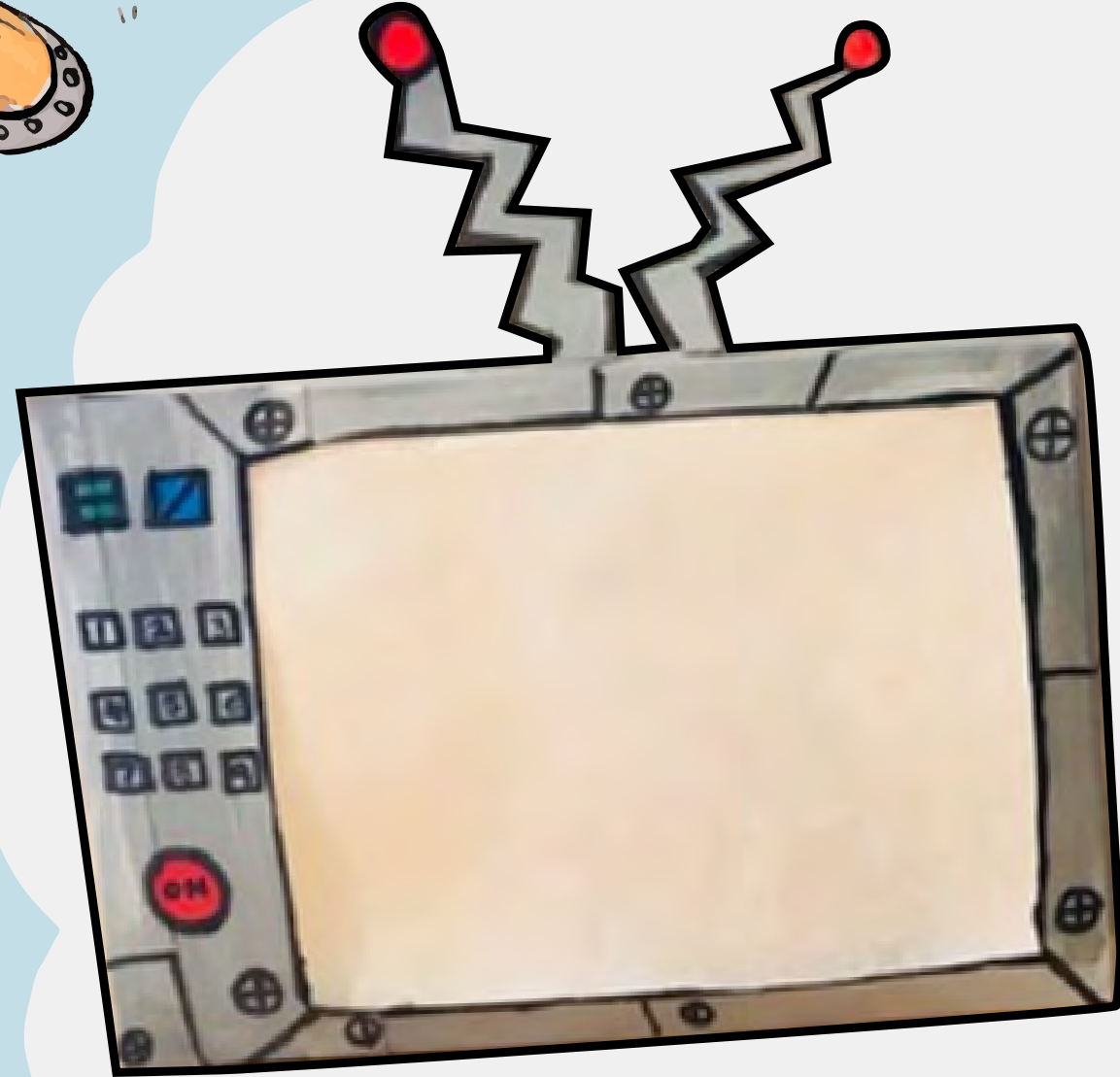


You can design your theatre frame to look anyway you like - it could be a traditional theatre stage, a TV or even a robot!

they look great!



What will you make?



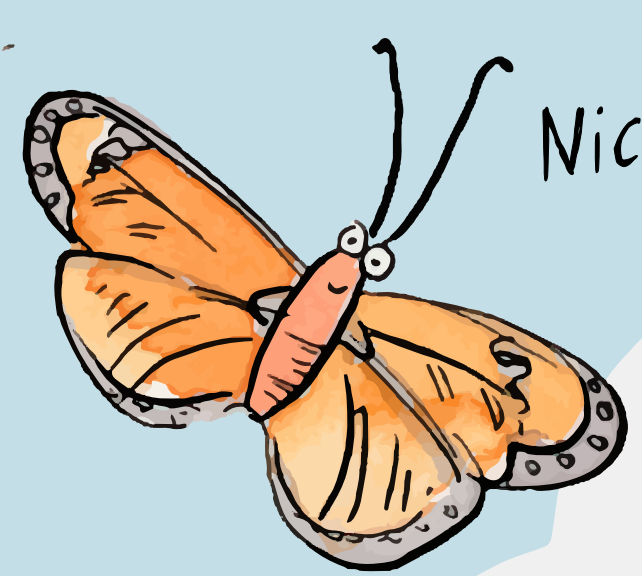
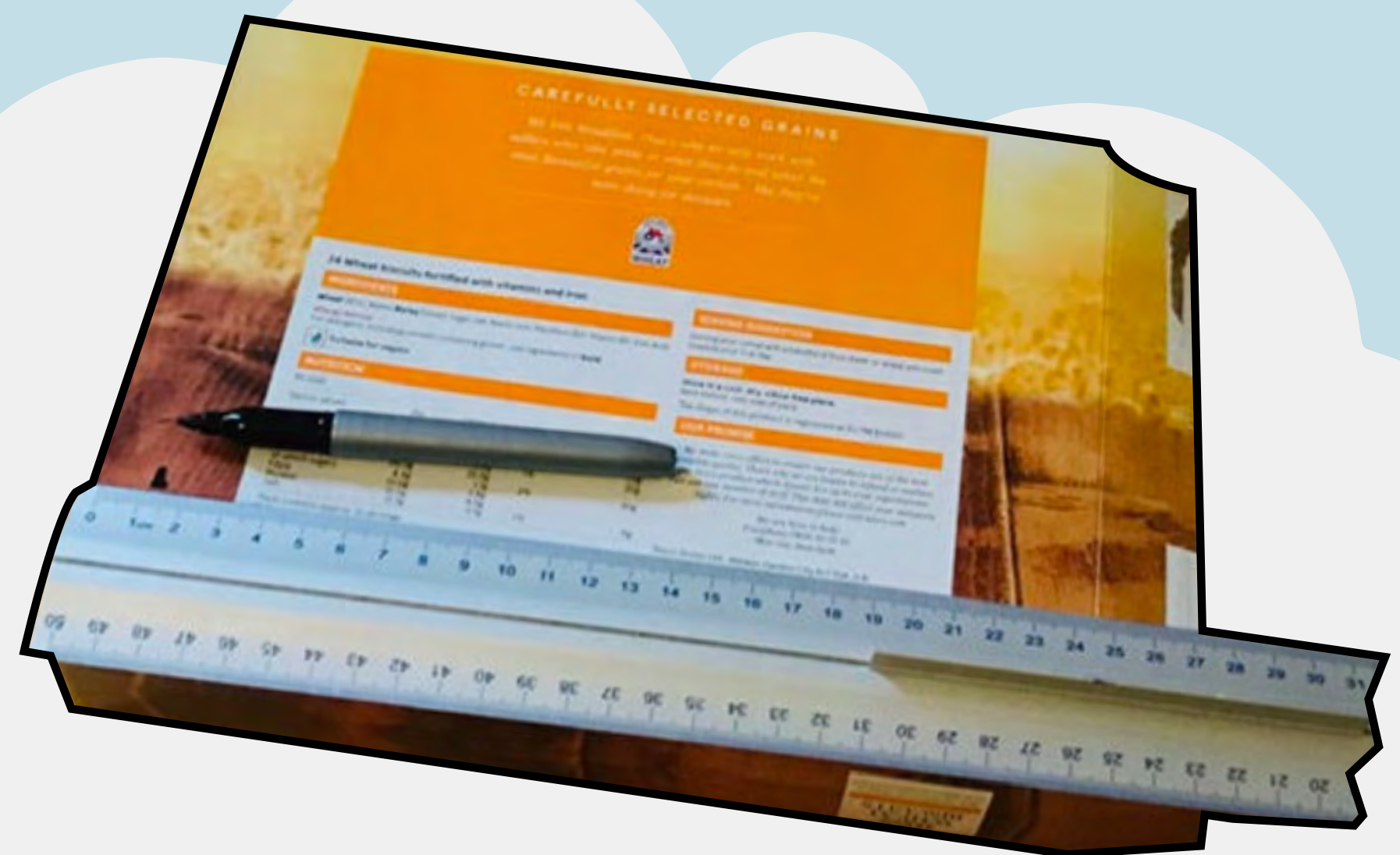
Now let's create your own shadow puppet theatre.





# STEP 1

*Layout the cereal box and measure the frame. Make sure you have enough room for the type of shadow puppets you want to create. In my example I've made a 1cm frame.*



*Nice frame!*

*I see!*



# STEP 2

*Now draw out the lines of your frame so you can see the size of the screen before cutting it.*



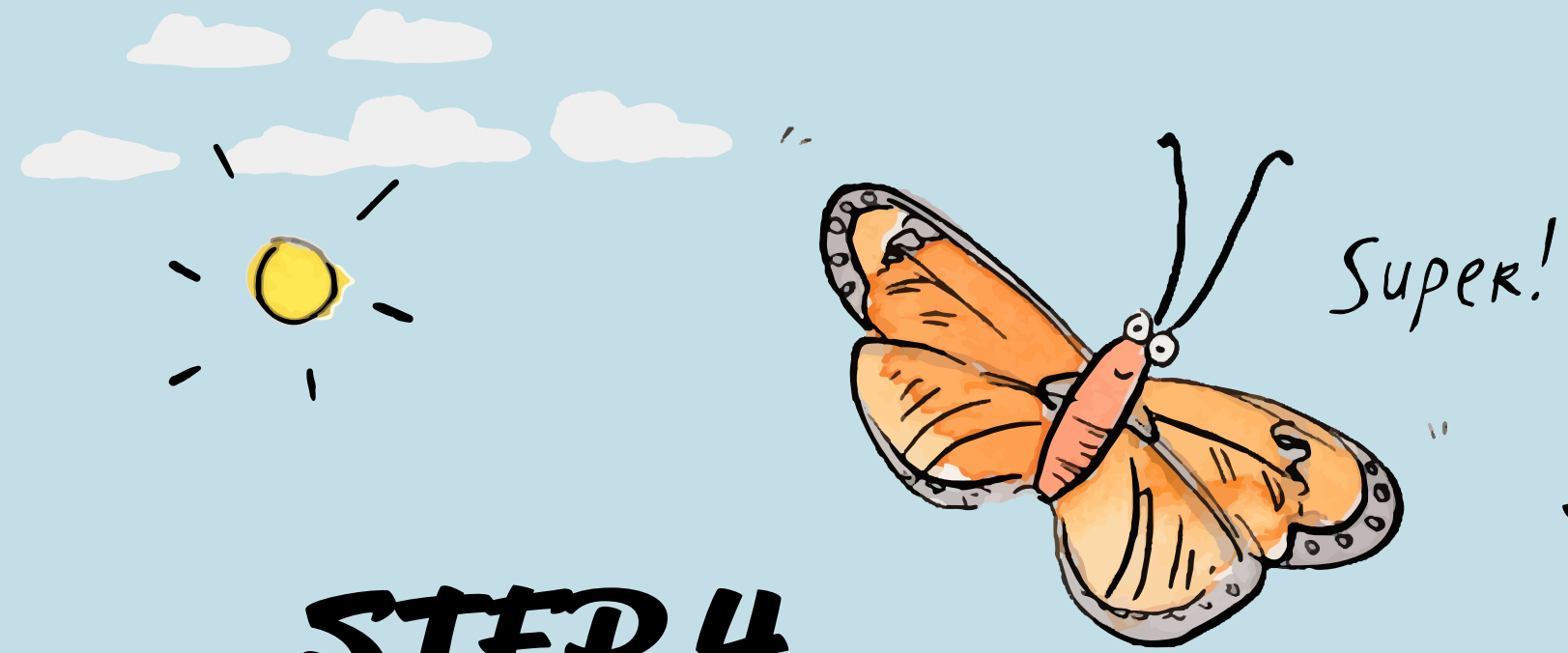


## STEP 3

*Cut out the middle section of the box, leaving just the frame.*

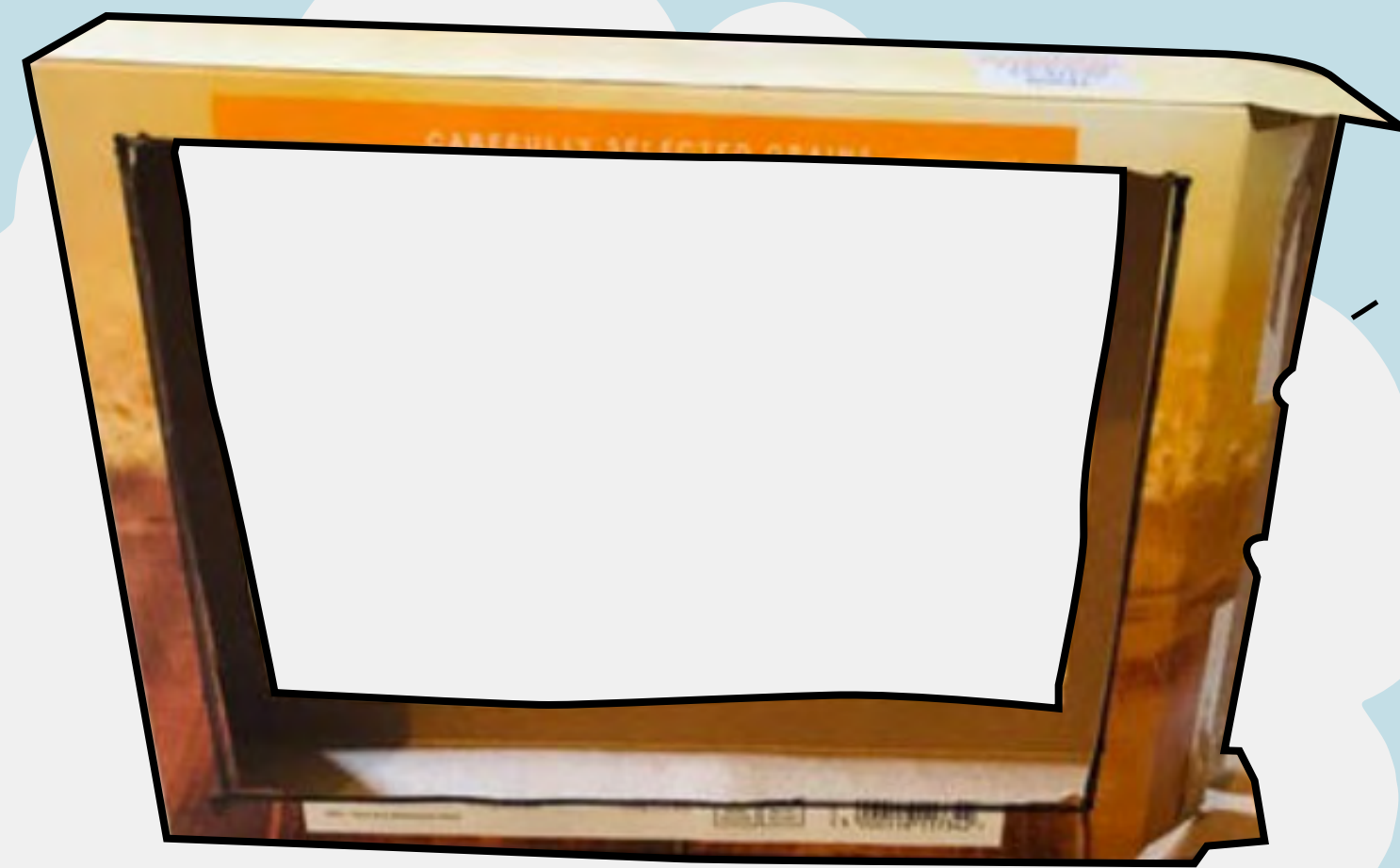


*Be careful cutting!*



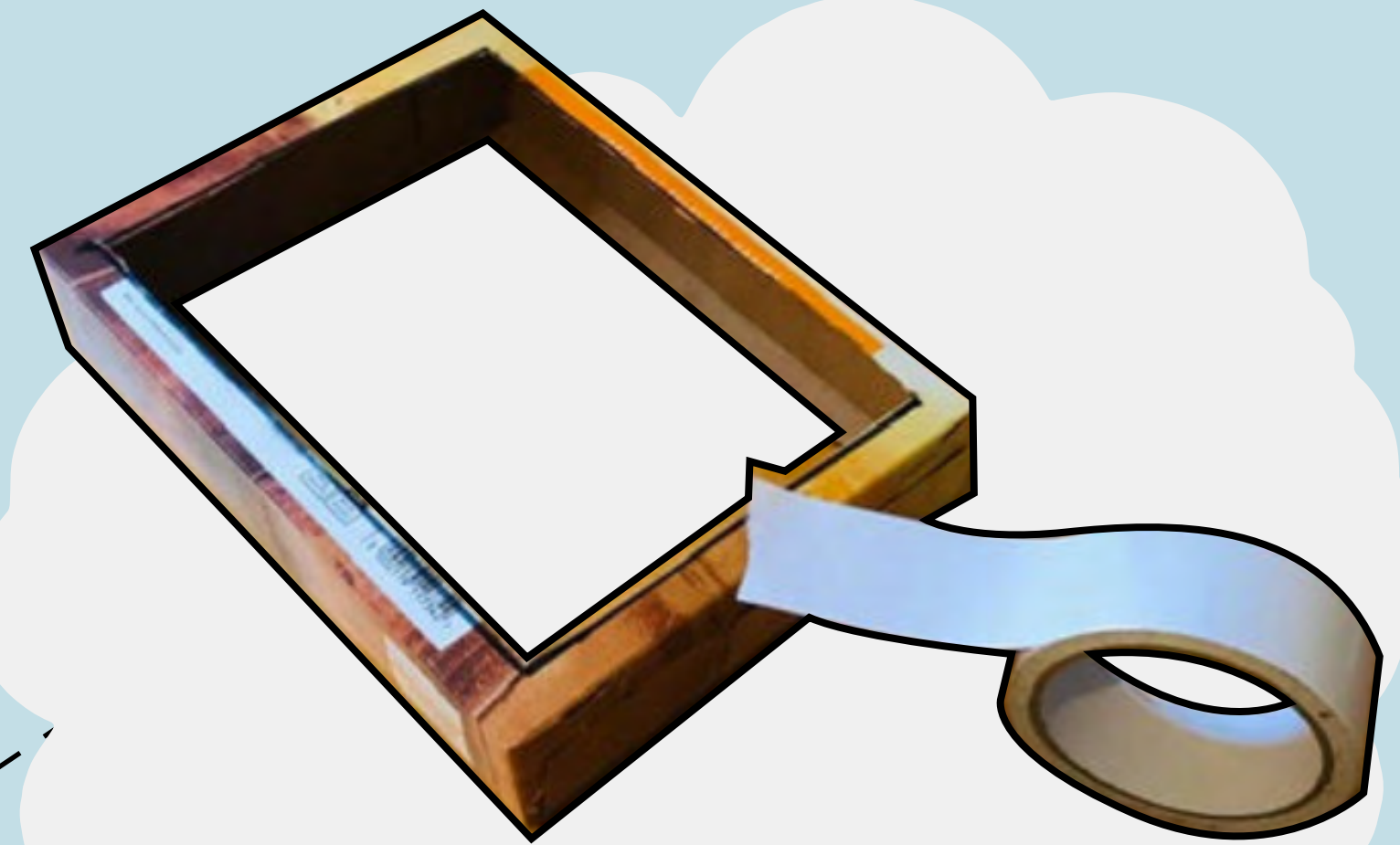
## STEP 4

*Repeat steps 1, 2 & 3 on the back of the box. Now you have your theatre frame.*



## STEP 5

*Tape down the edges of the box to make it stronger.*



*Now you are ready to decorate your theatre with cardboard, paint and pens.*

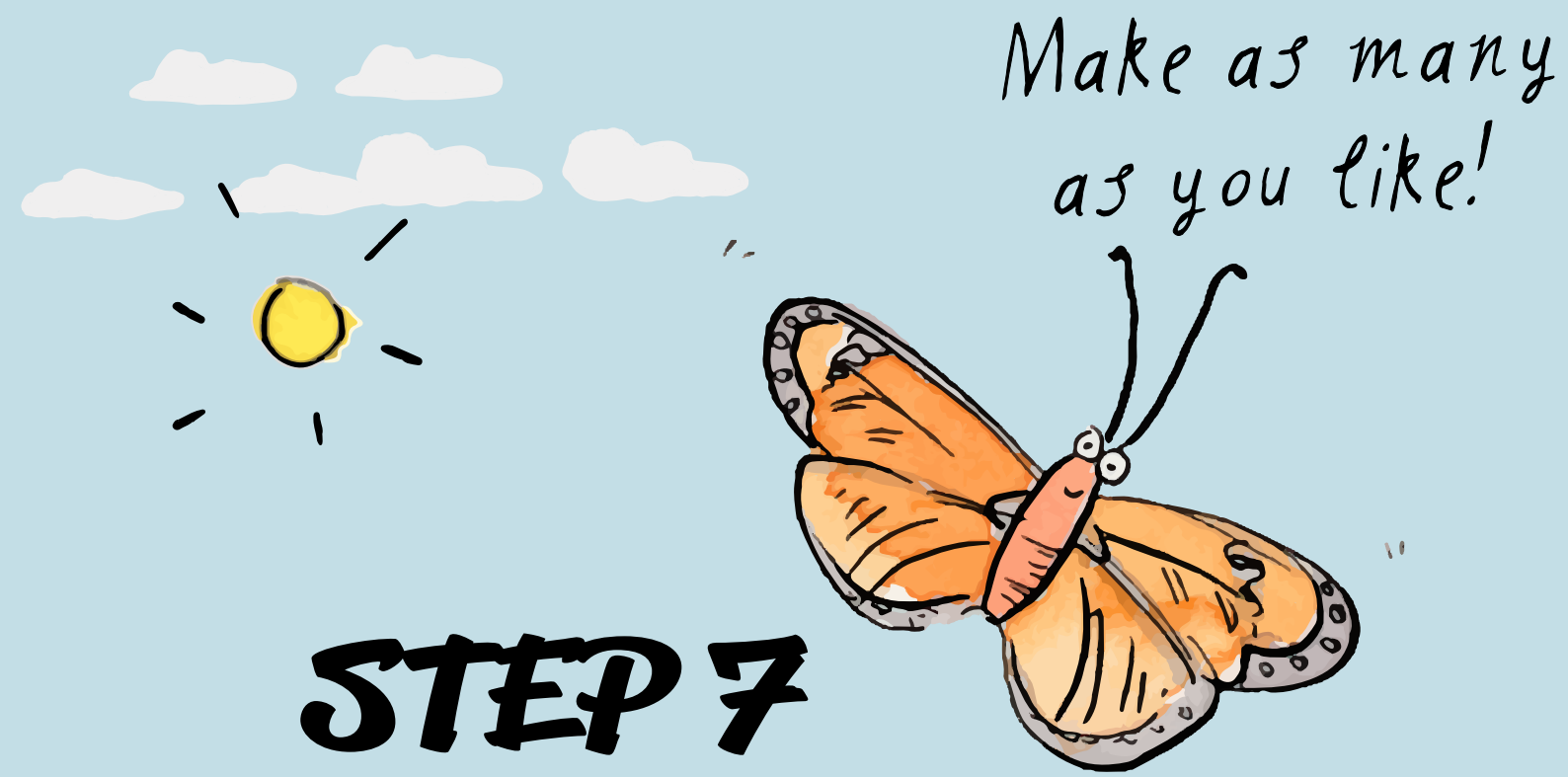


## STEP 6

Paint a base colour on your box  
- make sure you leave plenty of time for this to dry before attaching any other elements.



Now, make your scenery whilst your theatre dries!



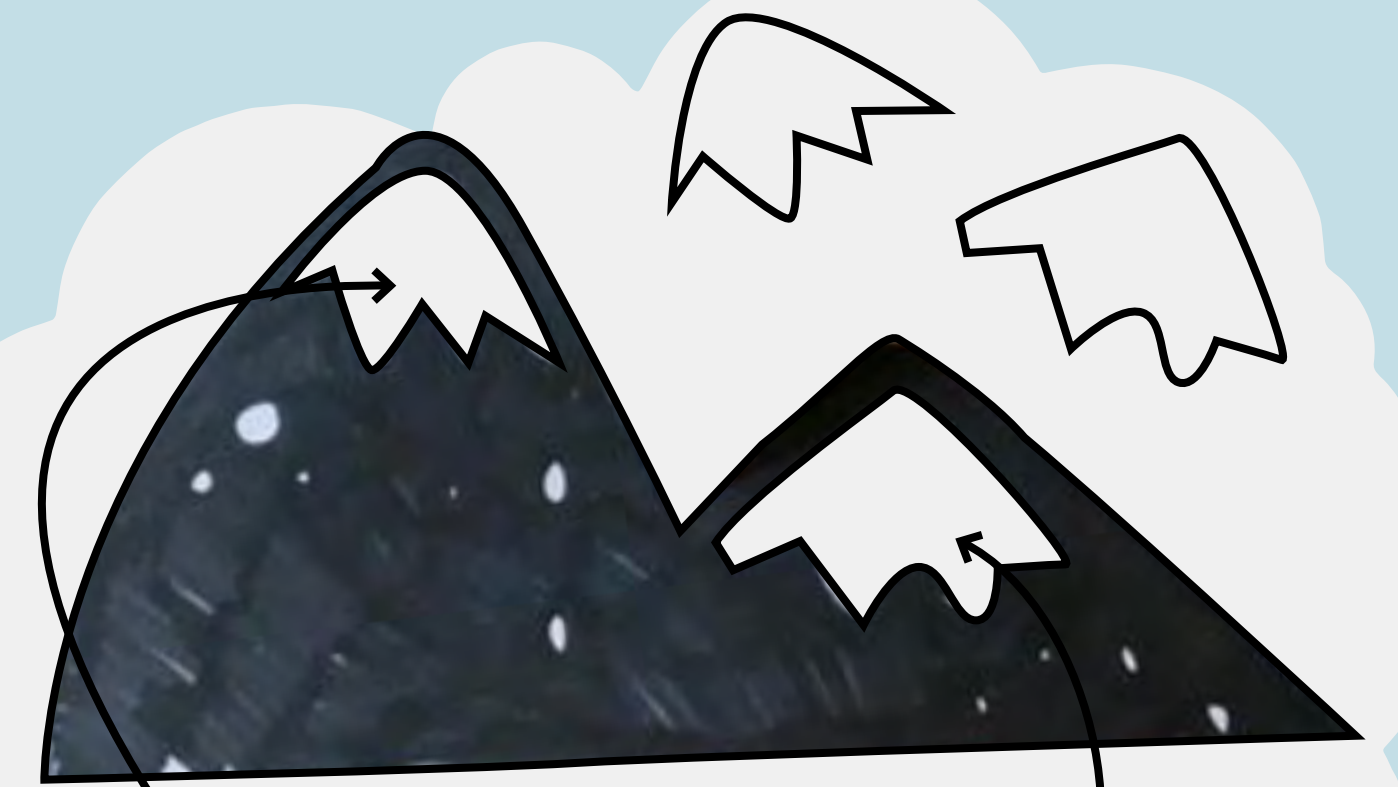
## STEP 7

Draw out the characters and scenery for your shadow puppet theatre.



## STEP 8

Carefully cut out the shapes with your scissors, consider areas you want the light to shine through.



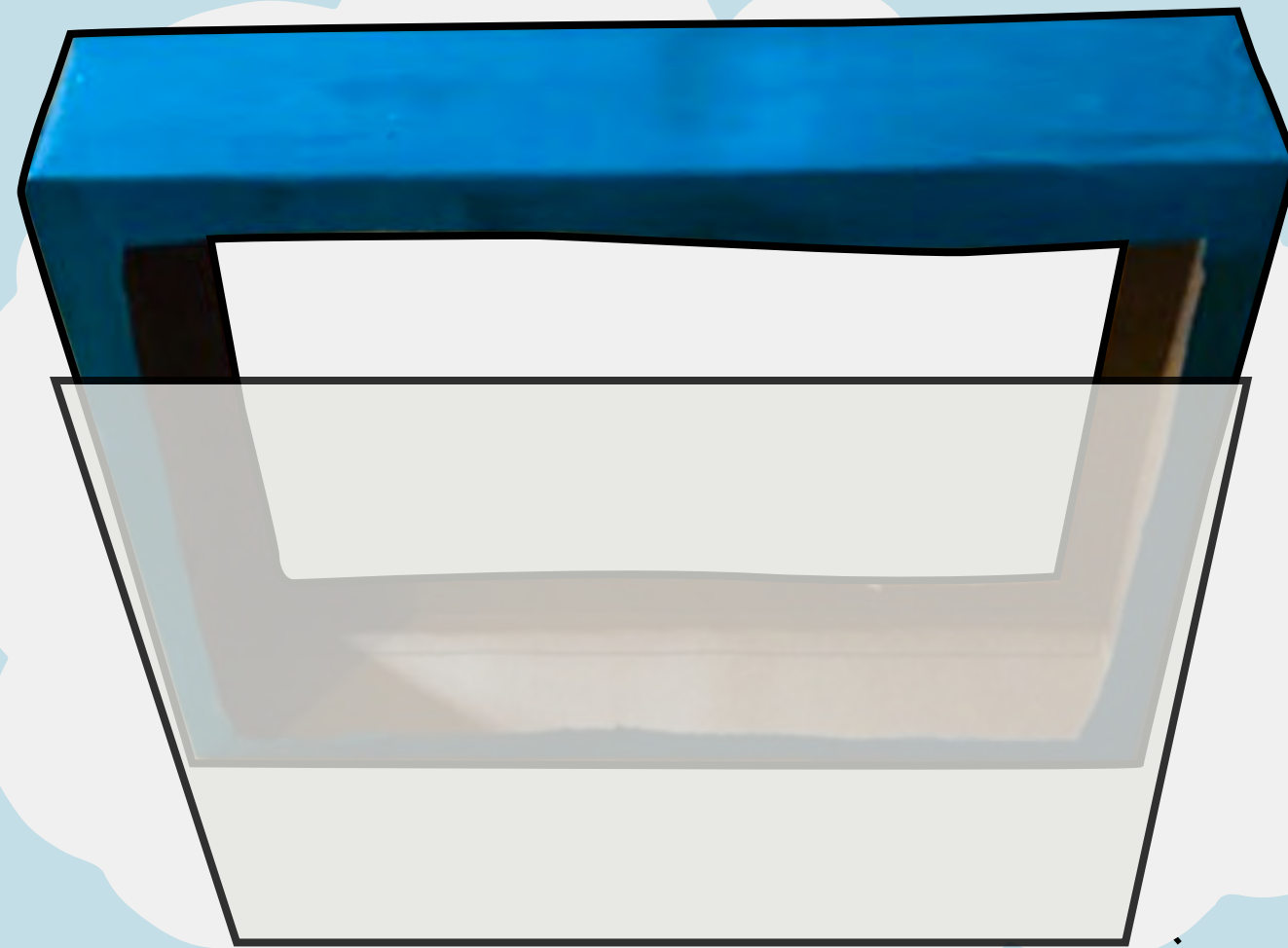
Light will shine through the holes you make in your shapes.

You can create any shadow puppets you want to tell your story, including animals, scenery & objects.



## STEP 9

Measure and cut out the grease proof paper to cover the outside edges of the box.



Measure twice,  
cut once!

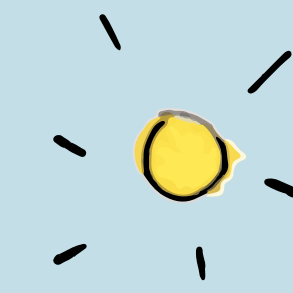


## STEP 10

Attach the grease proof paper to the inside using sticky tape.



Try to make sure the screen is as tight as you can, if it is loose the shadow puppets can appear distorted.

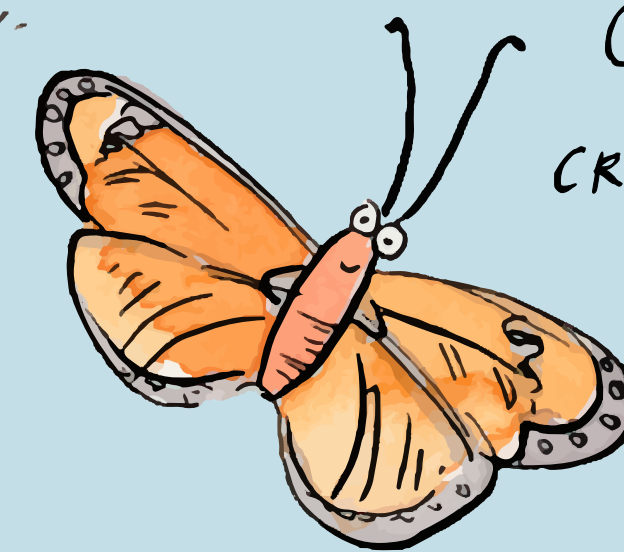


## STEP 11

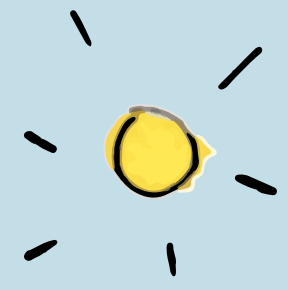
Decorate your theatre with pens and paint making any patterns and shapes you wish.



Get really  
creative here!





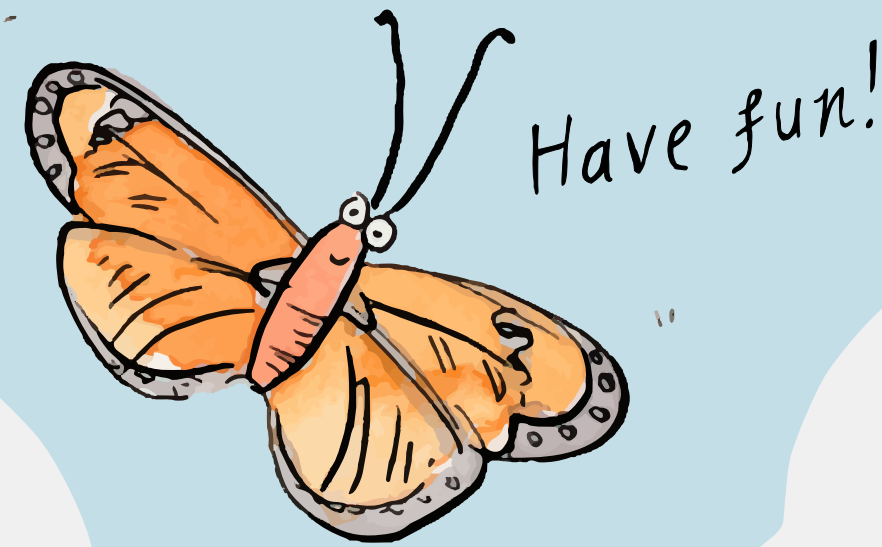


## STEP 12

Create some rods to attach to your shadow puppets, scenery & props. You could use straws, pipe cleaners or even cardboard.



Attach your rods to the puppets by folding at one end and sticking down with tape.



## Dress Rehearsal

Now you are ready to rehearse your show. Position a light behind the shadow puppet theatre, using a torch or your phone.



Beautiful work!



The closer you bring your puppets to the screen the sharper and smaller they will appear. The further away they are the larger and more distorted they become.



# Shadow Puppet Show

Now you are ready to amaze your friends and family with your fantastic shadow puppet performance.



Encore!



Bravo  
Bravo!

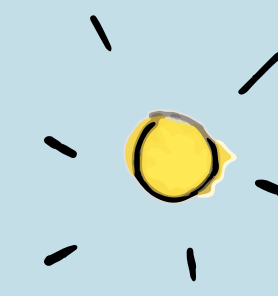


An armchair  
masterpiece!





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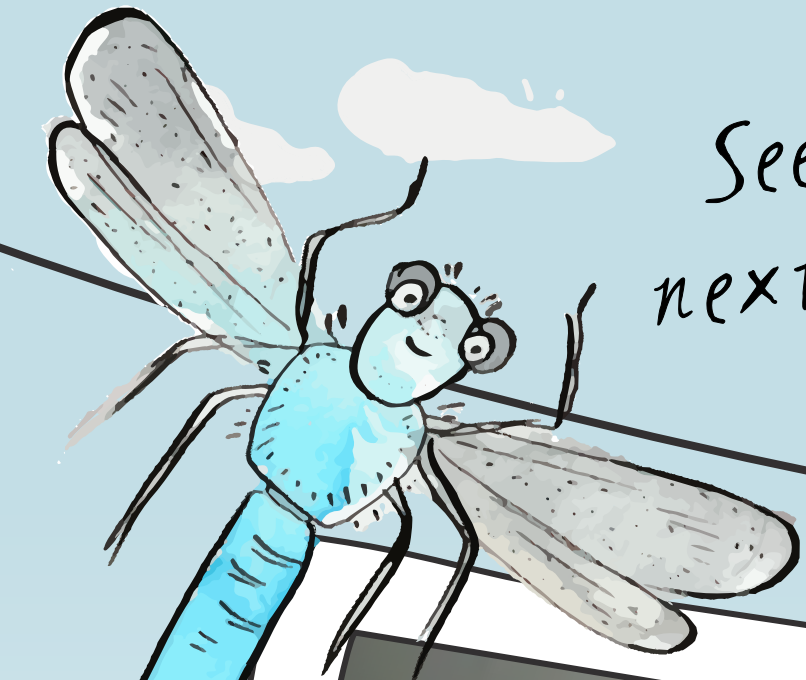


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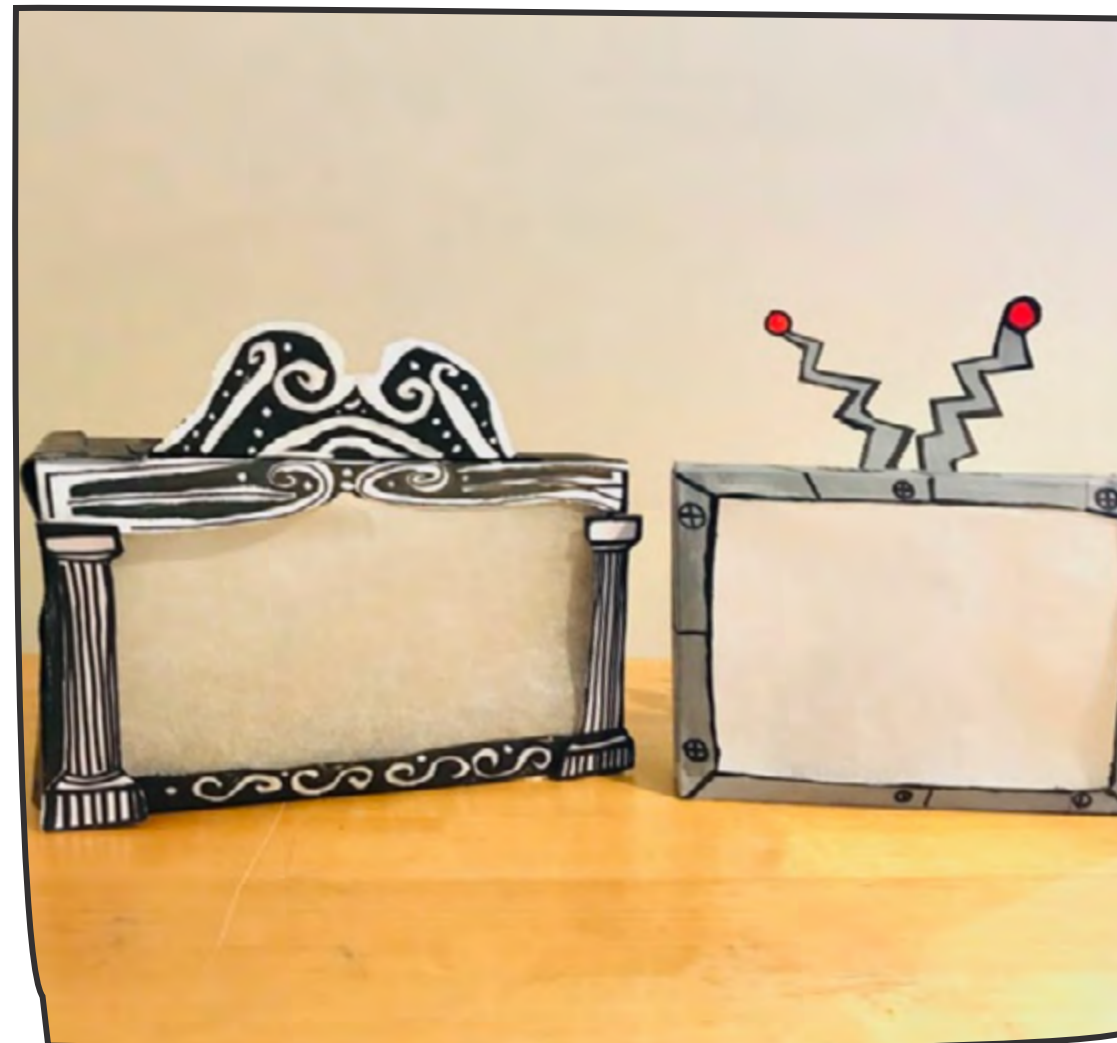
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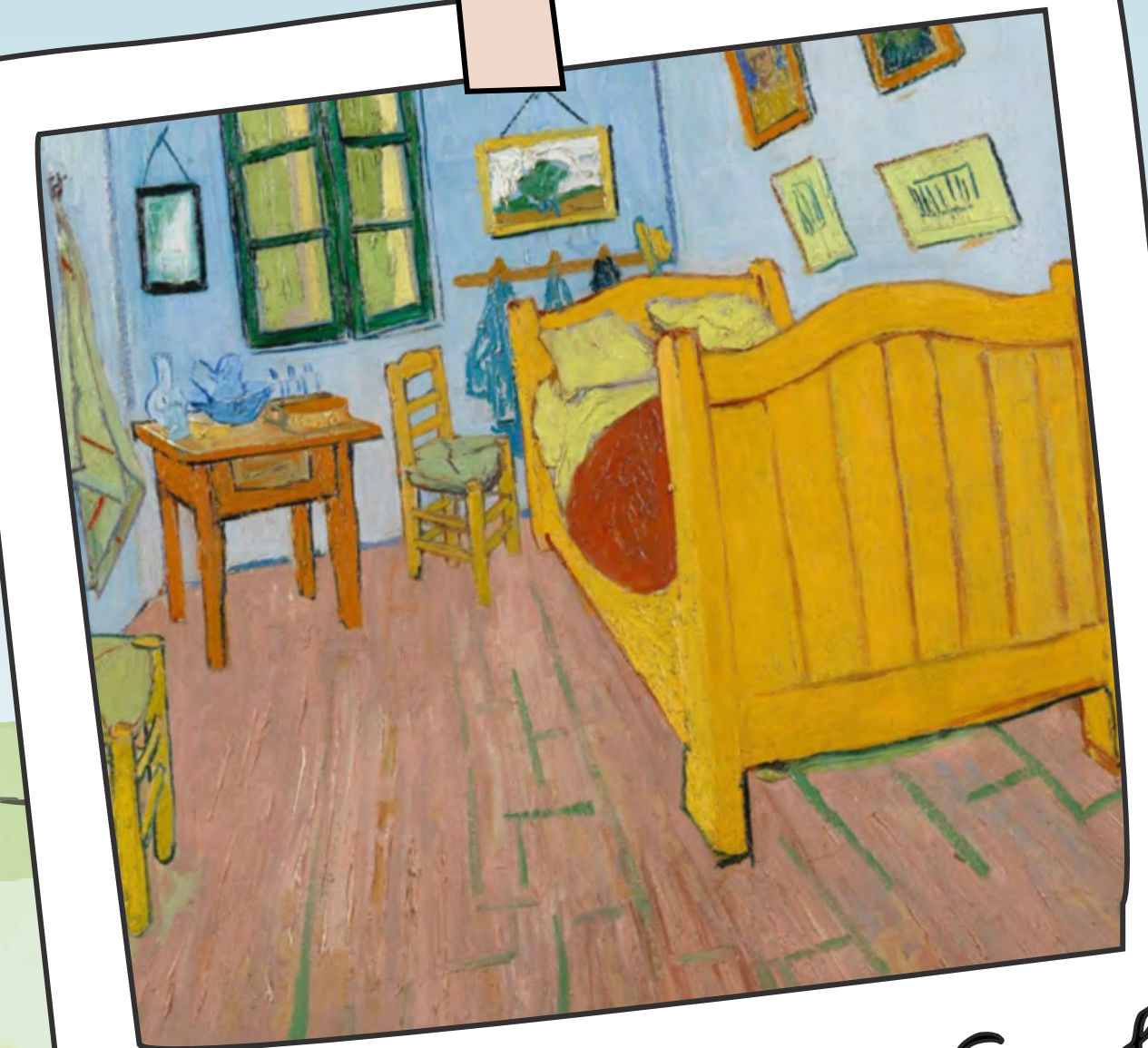
*See you  
next time*



*Record Player*



*Shadow Puppets*



*Drawing like Van Gogh*