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Paper Theatre



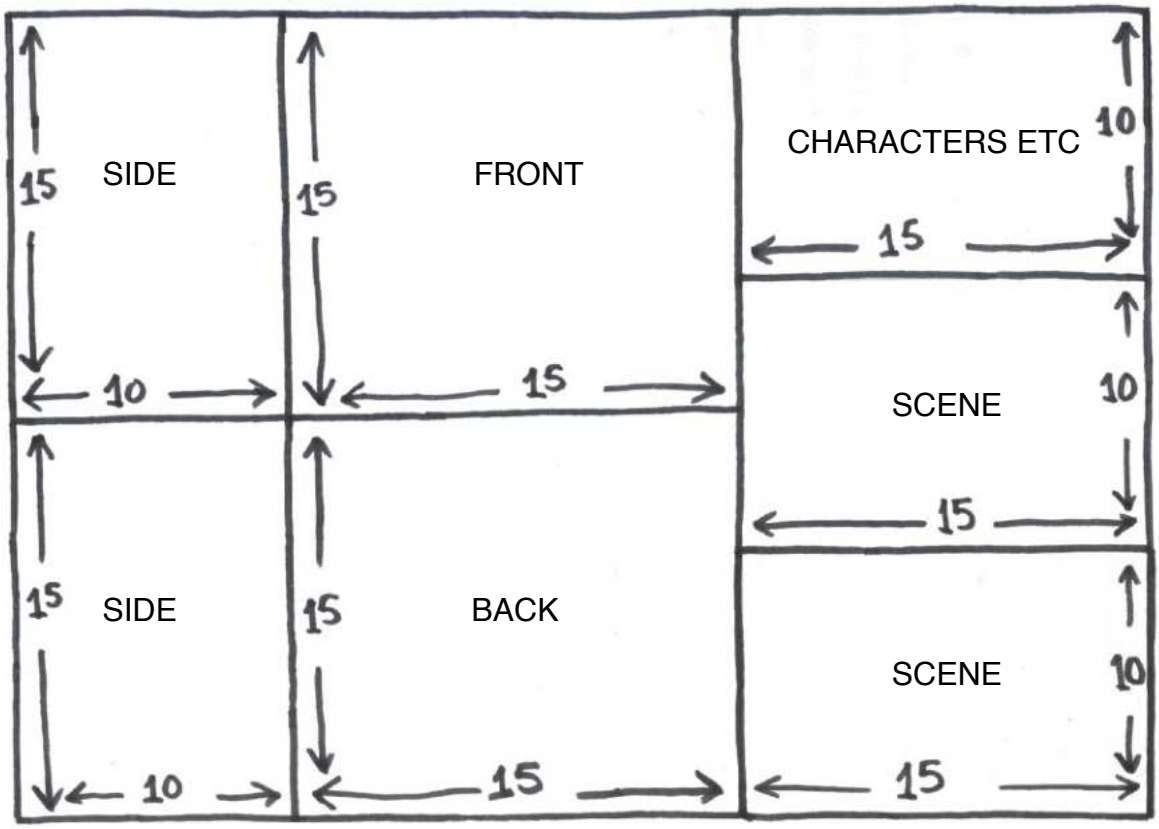
This is a fun way to create your own mini theatre that you can use for storytelling - creating characters for whatever you want to perform! The possibilities are endless!

Tools and Materials:

- Thick A3 Paper
- Pencil
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Paintbrush
- Watercolour
- Water

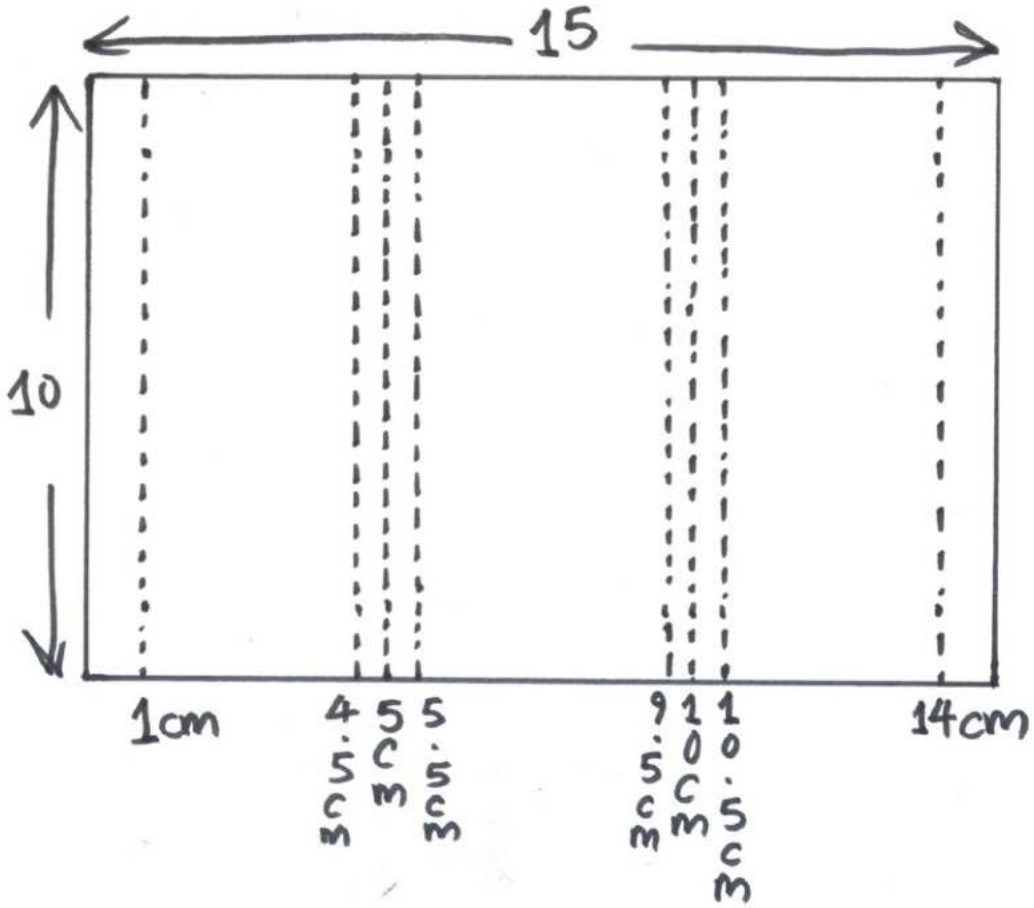


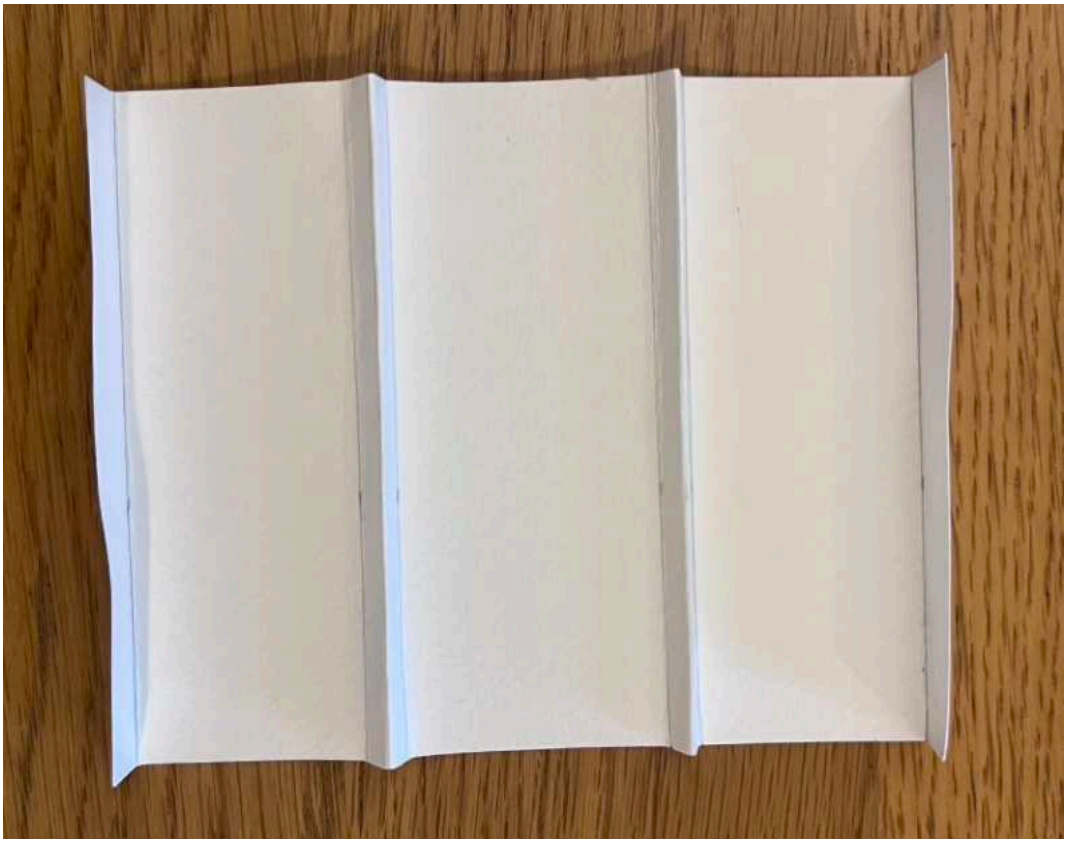
With this teaching pack we have created a template for you to follow - A3 paper is 29.7cm x 42 cm and should work roughly in this format. Draw your lines out as so, the 2 larger squares form the front and back of the theatre, the 2 parts to the left of the squares the sides, and the 3 rectangles to the right are 2 scenes and one leftover to create your characters and props on



Because the paper is 29.7cm you might really be drawing the midpoint at 14.85cm or you can trim it down to be a number you are happier with, the template gives you and idea about all the parts you need and how that works together

Once you have drawn and cut everything up take the 2 sides and measure them like so, you can draw where the lines are and fold on the dots to create this

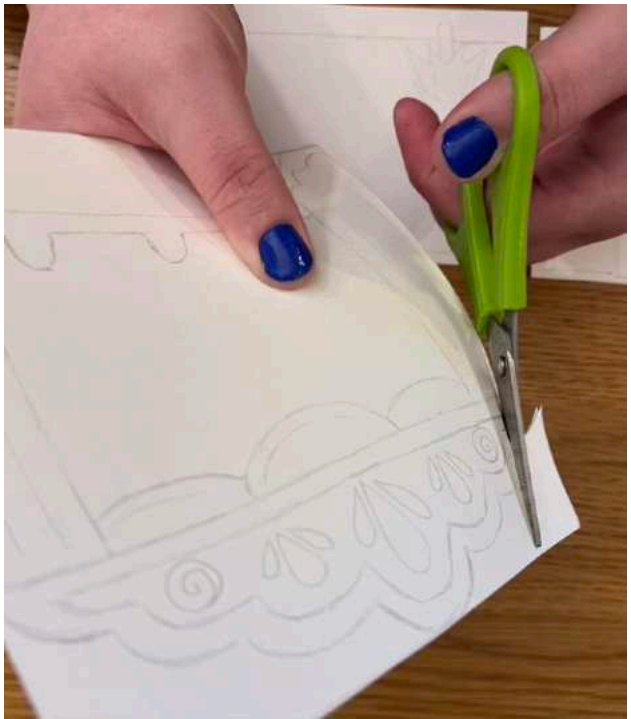


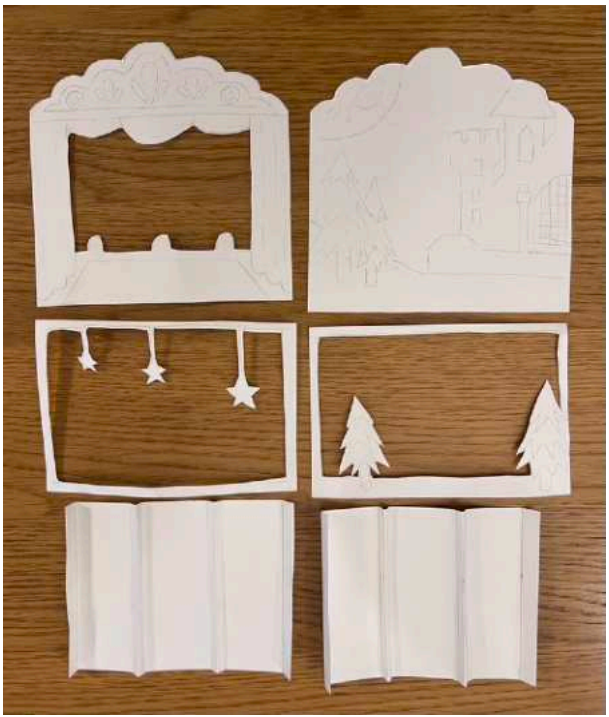


With your other panels for the theatre - front, back and 2 scenes think about your story and start sketching it out, the scenes are like frames with pop up bits so think about how it works and how they stay attached to the frame



We put our back panel behind the front panel to cut the scalloped edges more easily, then cut out the hollows in scenes and front panel like so





Then start painting the different elements - we left the sides unpainted so they don’t bend because of the watercolour, then panels will bend slightly but the sides pull them back out so don’t worry



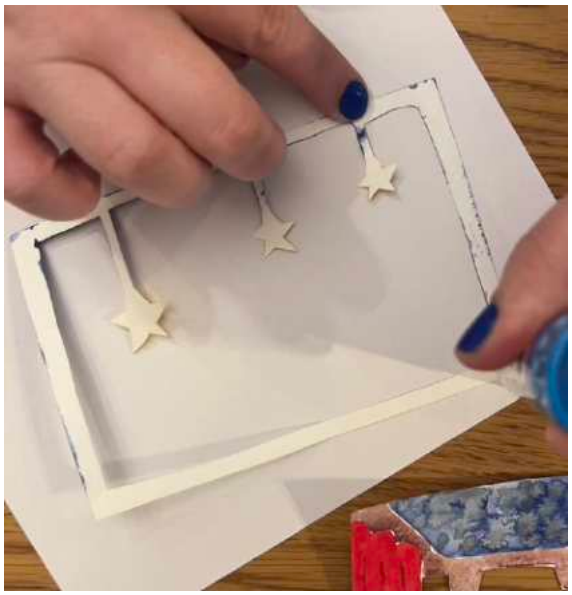


Now to start gluing them all together, start with the back panel first attaching the folded part of the sides behind the back panel like so. Wait for it to dry a bit and then add the scenes and eventually the front panel





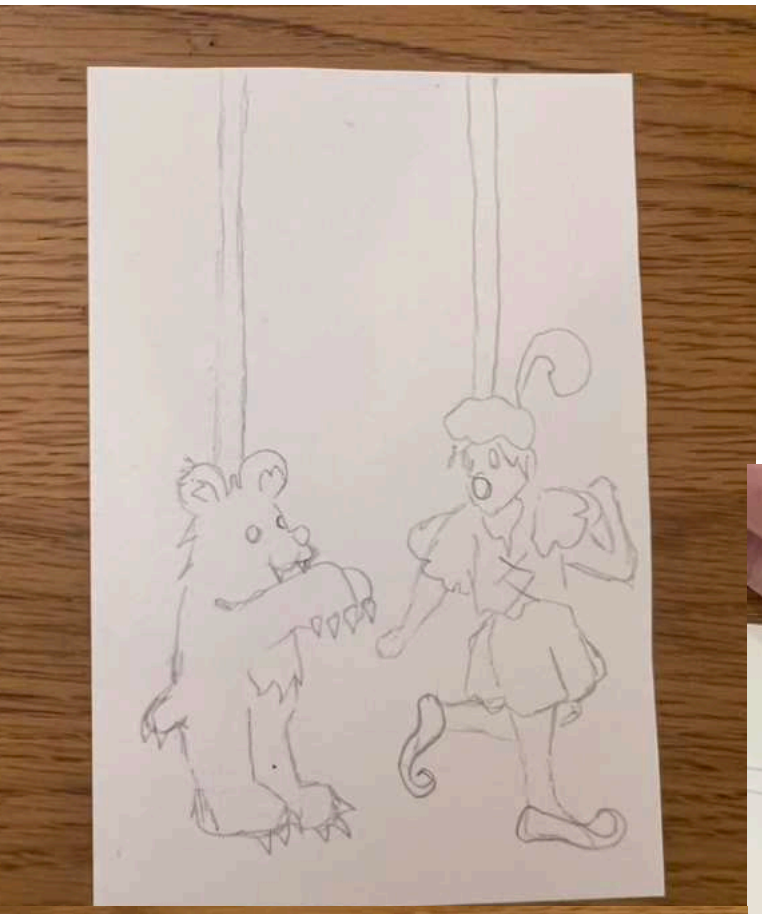


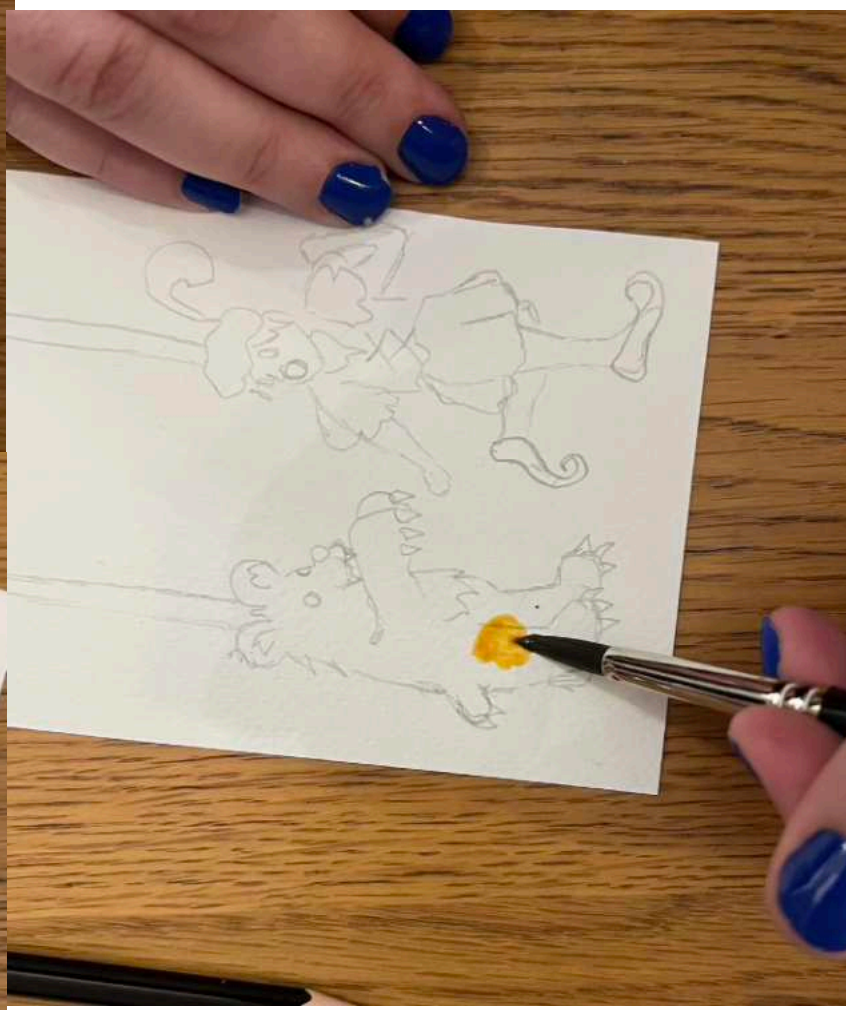




This part can be tricky but bear with it! You might get someone to help you hold it in place so it can set

Once that is all done take your last piece of paper to create your characters and props if you want them - sketch them out, cut them out making sure you leave a long tab to be able to move them about with, then paint and let dry!







There you have it your very own “Paper Theatre”!



Here is another we made to inspire you!

