

# BE THE ARTIST

## Silhouettes



A silhouette is an outline of a person or object, either painted with a solid color or made with a piece of paper cut to the shape you want and then placed over a bright solid color. In the early 1800s, before cameras were invented, artists would make silhouette figures of people. Not everyone could afford a painted portrait, so making silhouettes was a quick and inexpensive way to make a keepsake of a loved one.

### Supplies

- a dark piece of paper
- a light piece of paper
- a pencil
- scissors
- glue
- a small figurine or other object to draw

### Instructions

- Start by drawing an outline of your figurine or object on the darker paper. The shape should be simple but recognizable.
- Carefully cut out along the outline of your shape.
- Flip over the cut-out shape. If necessary, add additional details.
- Glue the silhouette onto the lighter piece of paper.



*Practice makes perfect! The more you practice, the better your silhouettes will be.*

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