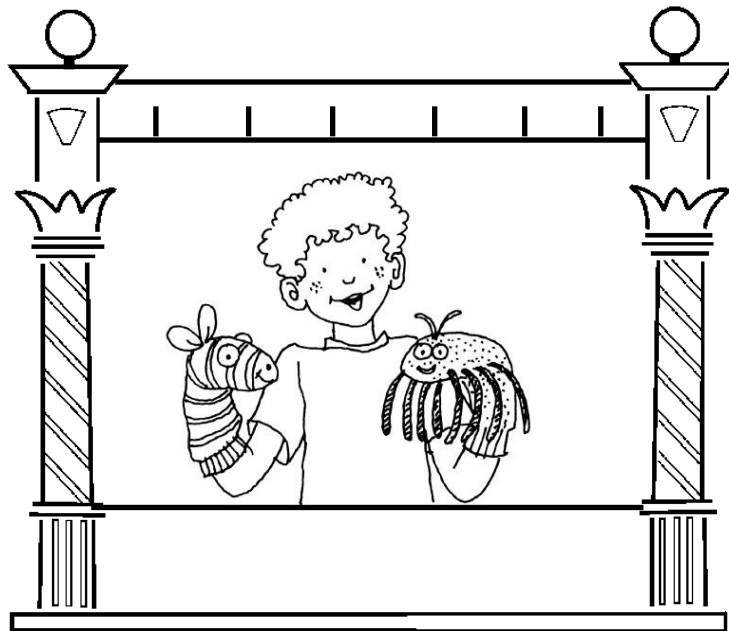


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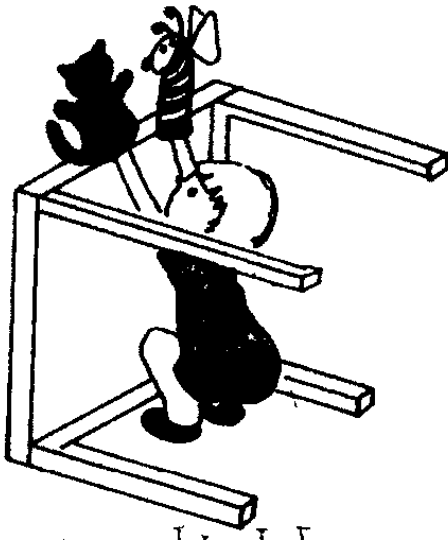


Easy to make Puppet Stages ideas for your pirate shows
in a variety of shapes and sizes to fit every Classroom and Budget

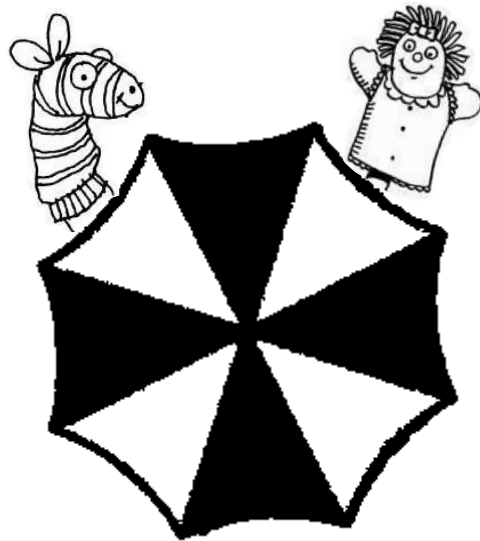
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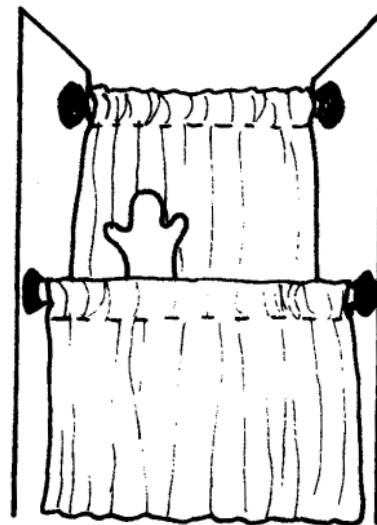
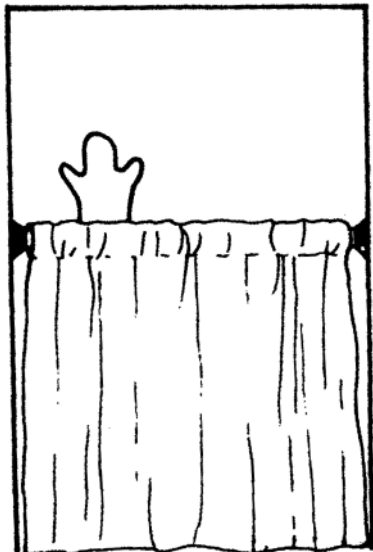
Duck behind a table



Pop open an umbrella



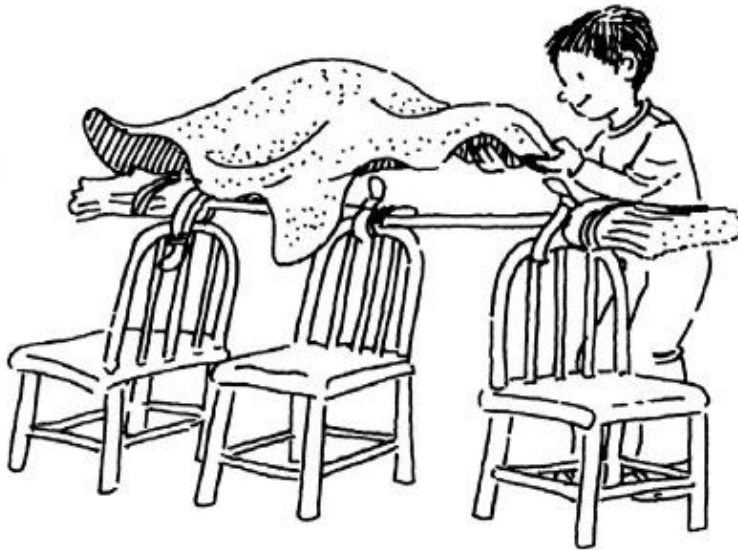
Decorate a doorway with a curtain or a sheet on a spring loaded curtain rod



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A "Chain of Chairs" stage



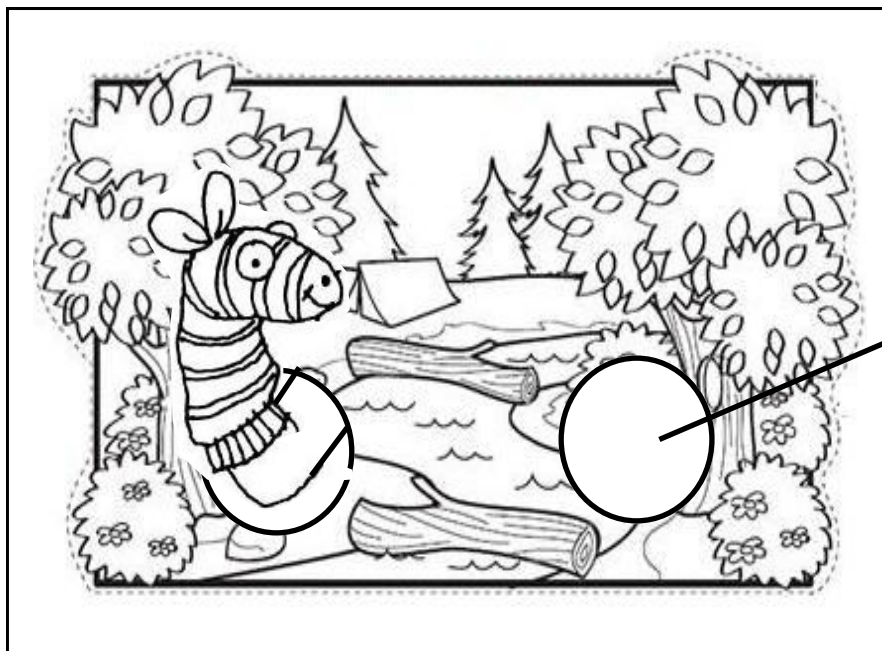
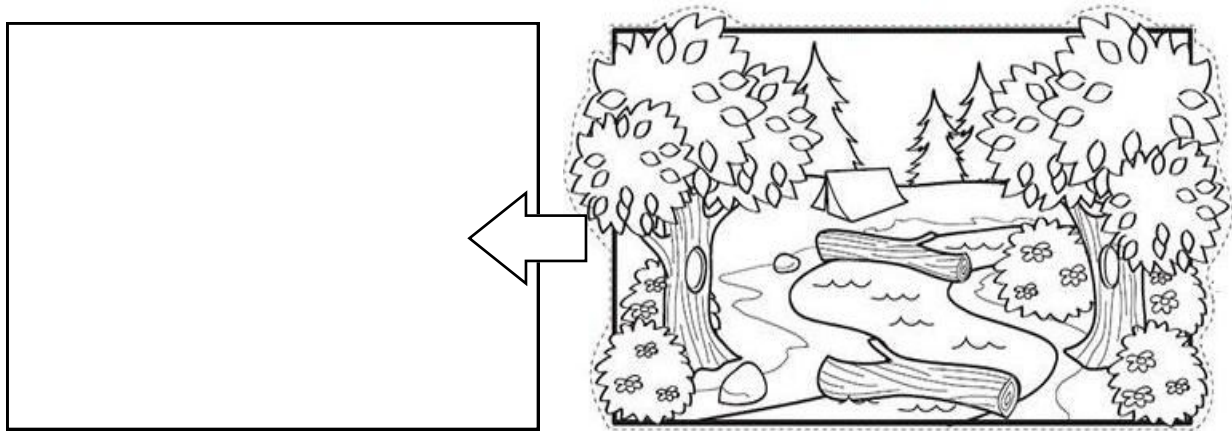
- 2 brooms
- Masking tape
- 3 chairs
- 3 old belts
- Blankets or bedspreads

Tape the two broom handles together. Attached the long broom to the backs of three chairs with the belts. Cover the "stage" with a large solid color sheet, blanket or bedspread.

A “stand up” stage for puppets

Need to keep an eye on your audience? Here’s a simple setting for your puppets that keeps you “face to face” with your class

Start with a large piece of foam core or heavy posterboard. Print out or cut out a setting picture suitable to your puppets. Glue it onto the board.



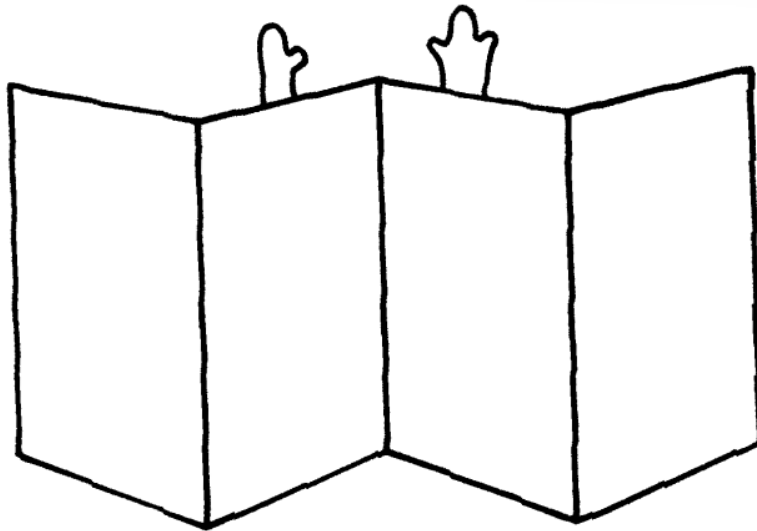
Cut two round “hand holes” large enough for your arms to fit with room to move.

Slide a hand through each hole, add a puppet and presto!. You have a standing puppet theatre that you can “wear”, while keeping an eye on those energetic youngsters.

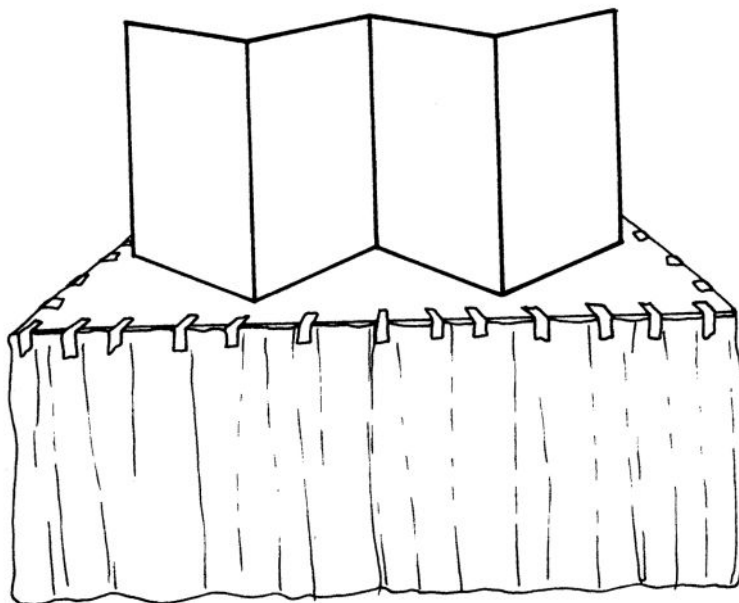
Simple Screen Theaters

Easy to set up and take down, a simple screen puppet theater gives you ultimate flexibility

Corrugated cardboard sheets/panels hinged on the back with duct tape and a painted front give a lightweight easy to transport theater.



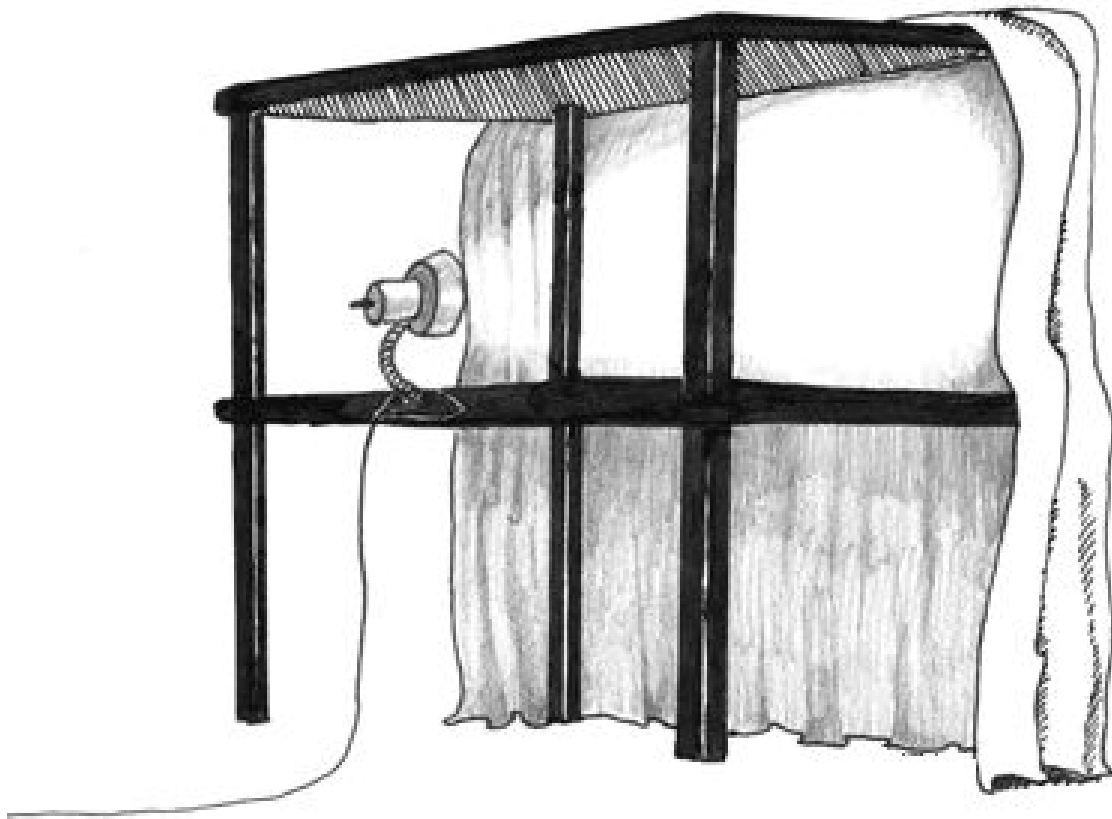
Add a table with a tablecloth for larger rooms



Easy shadow puppet theater

Simple cardboard cut out puppets on sticks can provide a dramatic impact with this easy to assemble shadow theater

A simple shadow puppet stage can be improvised by securely stacking two tables, hanging a sheet over the upper table, and placing a lamp behind it. Shadow puppets operated from beneath the table will be illuminated by the lamp.

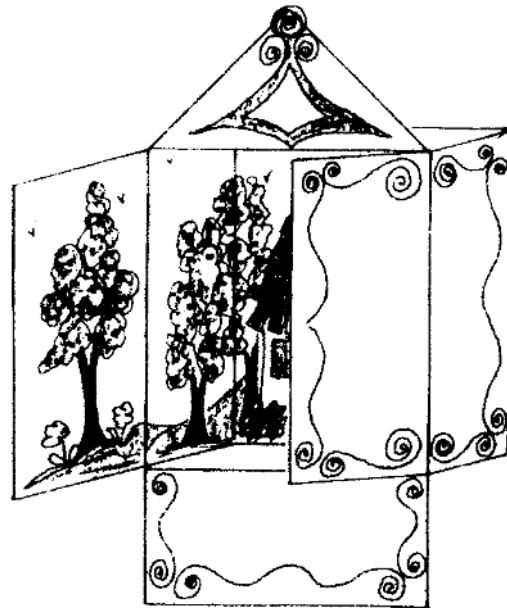
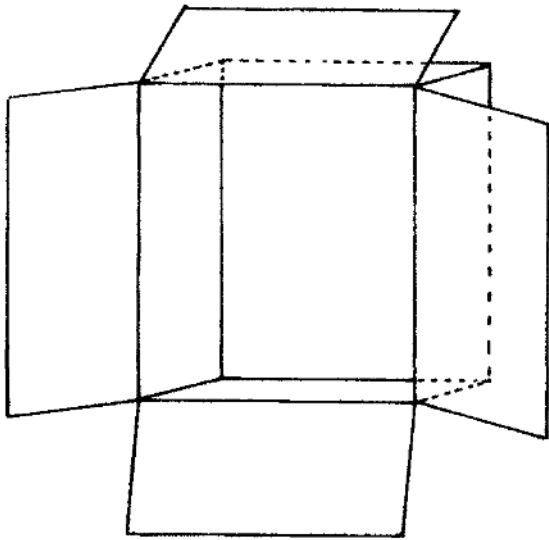


All you need for puppets are “flat shape” shadow puppets. A piece of cardboard or “card stock” paper cut out in character shapes and taped to craft sticks, rulers or dowel rod

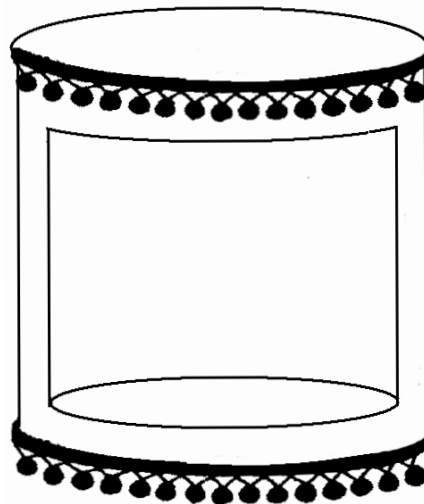
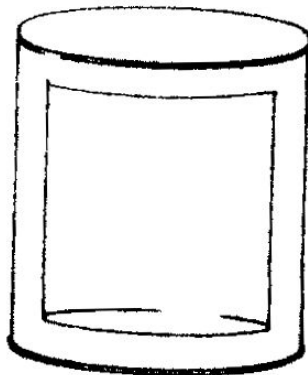
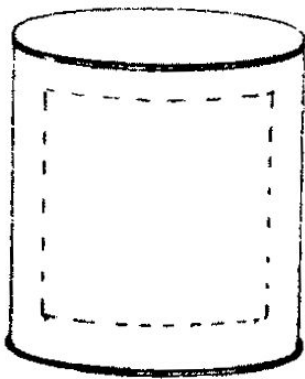
The Best Little Basic Box Theater

Inexpensive and simple to make, a basic box theater can give your Bible Tails puppets an attractive home without breaking your budget.

Start with a basic box. Decorate the inside with a forest setting. Paint the outside as desired. Cut out the bottom and bingo! You've got a stage!

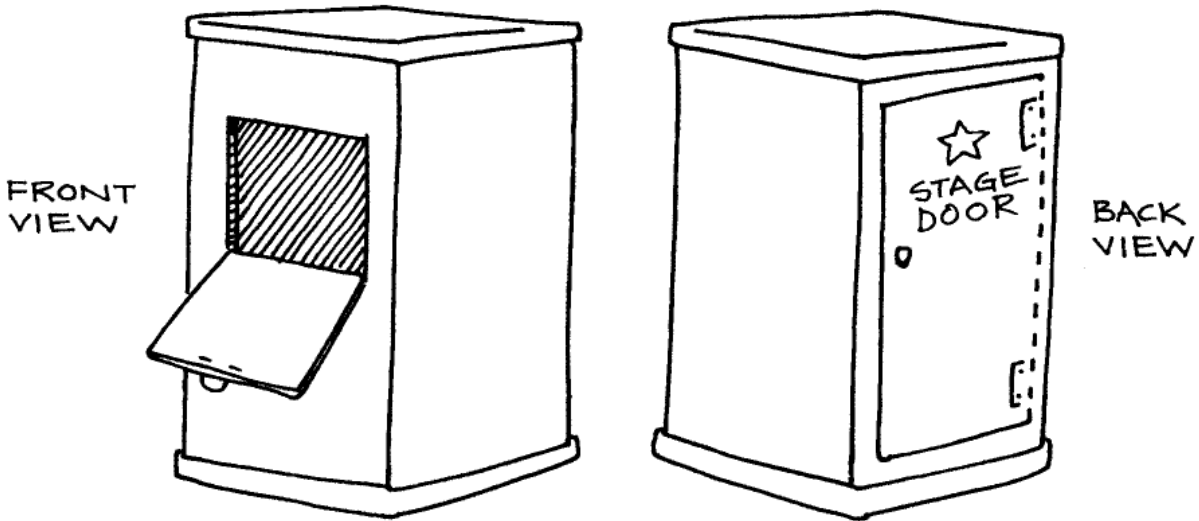


Recycle an old ice cream carton for "theater in the round"



Big Box Theater

This walk in stage is perfect for big puppets,
or a roomy setting for two puppeteers to share



MATERIALS:

Large appliance box
Children's artwork
Yarn
2 large paper fasteners
Paint

CONSTRUCTION:

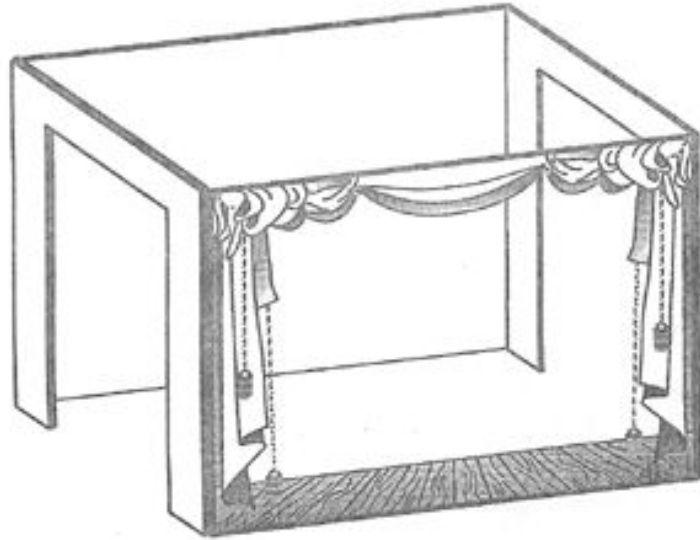
1. Cut the flaps from the box. Cut three sides of a large square on the front of the box as show. Cut a child-size door in the back of the box.
2. Attach the yarn to the flap with a paper fastener. Place the second paper fastener in the top of the box so that the flap can be tied shut.
3. Paint the box with tempera paint, then decorate it with children's artwork. Students may also paint scenery on the box, or add scenery as described in 'City Buildings' on the next page.

USES

1. One or two students can perform inside this puppet stage. The back door allows for easy change of performers between scenes, as needed.
2. If desired, add a curtain to the puppet stage by threading two hemmed squares of fabric on a long piece of elastic. Attach the elastic ends inside the box on either side of the opening with sturdy thumbtacks.

Collapsible Foam-core theater

Durable and easily stored, this craft-based stage is a great puppet theater for home, class or church

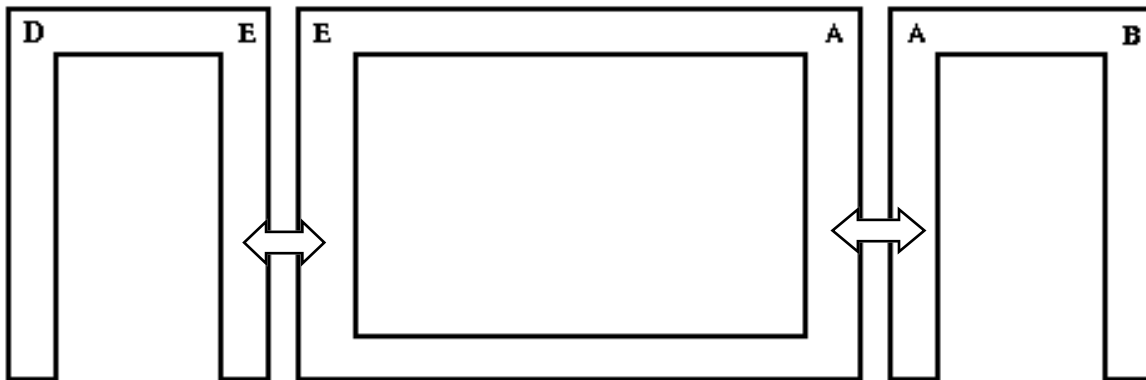


MATERIALS:

X-acto knife
Pencil Ruler
One piece of foam-core
(30' x 40n)
Paint brush
Duct tape Paint
(tempera, acrylic,
watercolor).

CONSTRUCTION:

1. Take one piece of foam-core and make a pencil pattern following the pattern provided on the final page. Copy the letters carefully. The letters will tell you how to connect the pieces of your stage.
2. Cut all the pieces. Set aside the pieces that have an "X" on them. They are leftover pieces.
3. Connect A - A and E - E with hinges of duct tape.

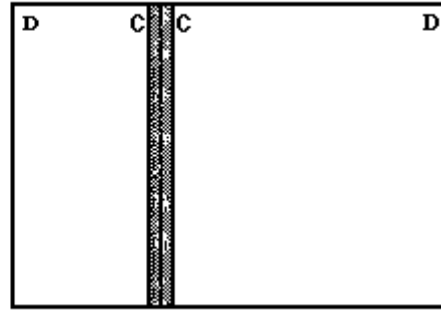
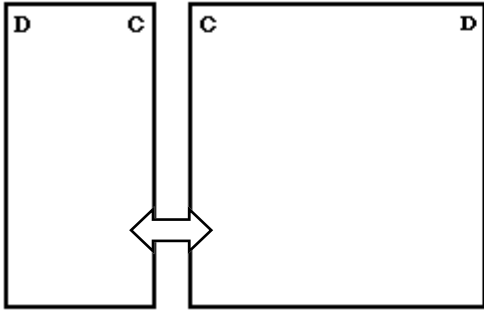


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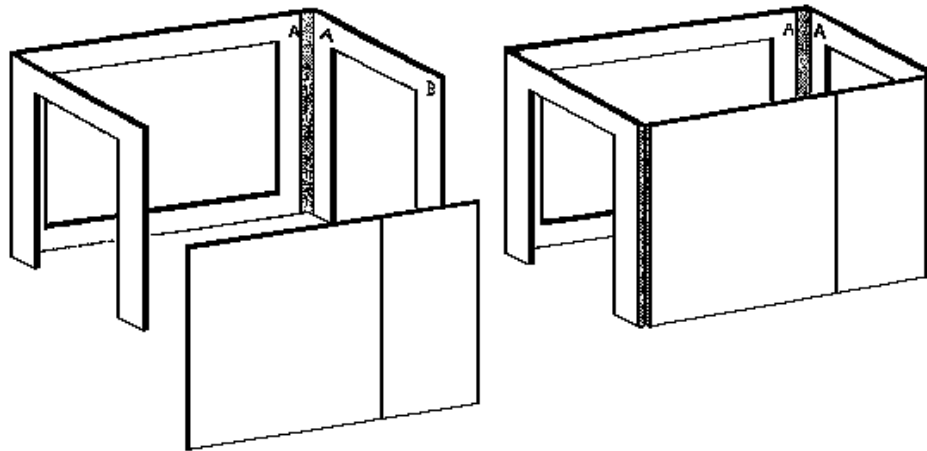
Collapsible Foam-core theater (continued)

CONSTRUCTION (continued):

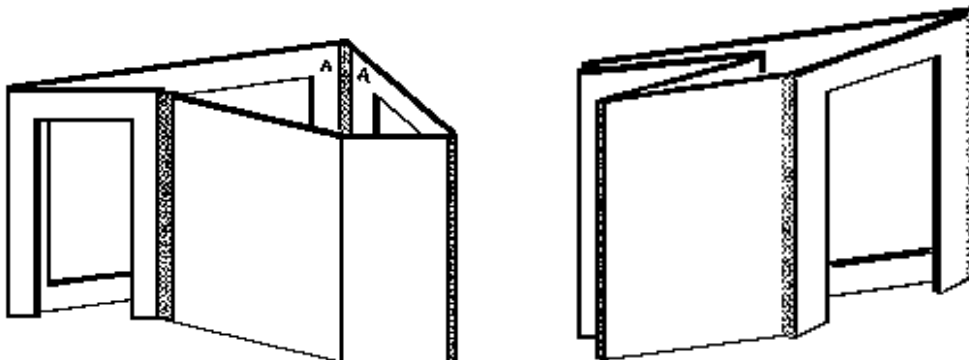
4. Connect C - C and turn over so that duct tape hinge will be inside the theatre



5. Connect B - B and D - D, using duct tape outside the stage.

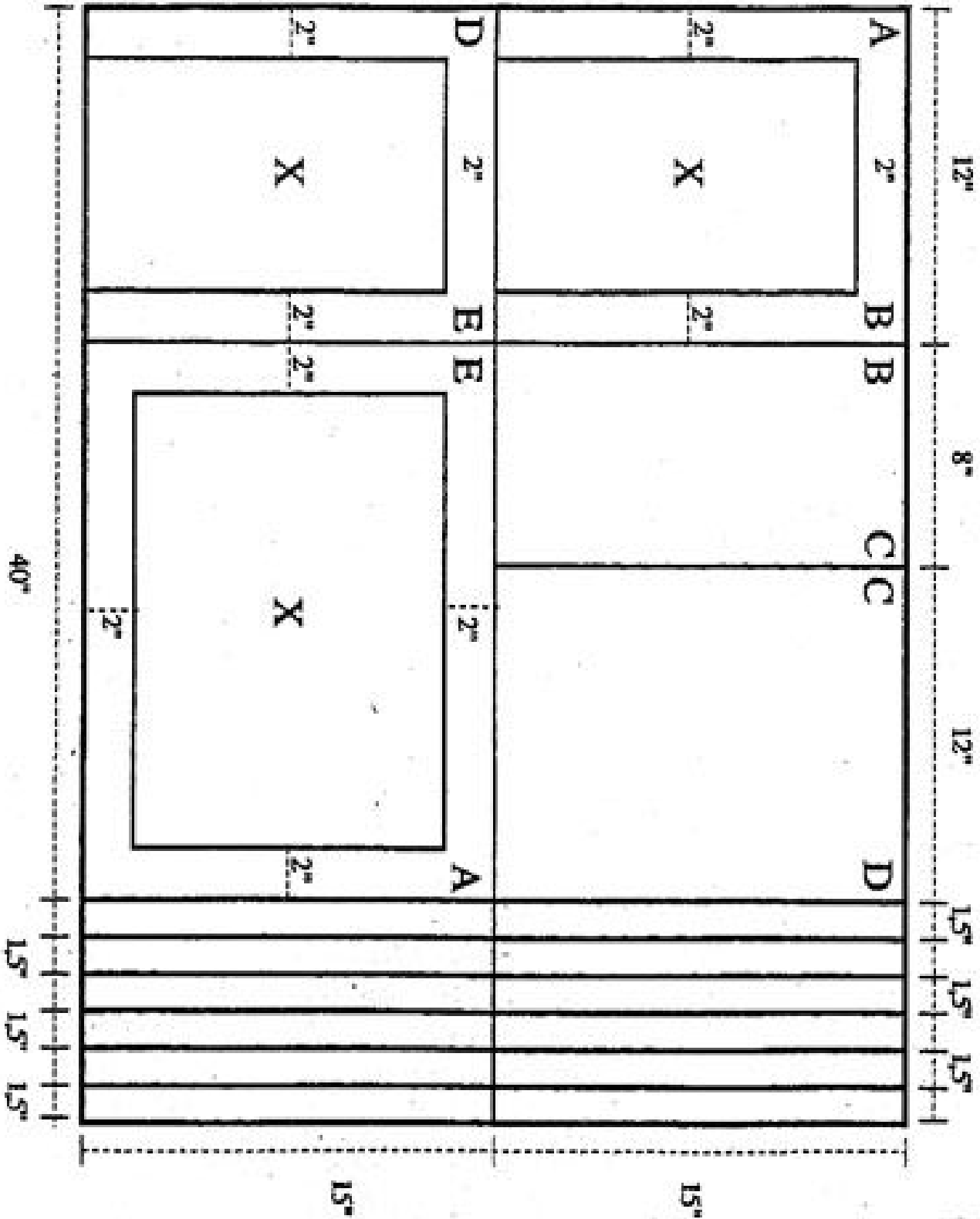


To fold push D to front, then C becomes left edge of folded stage.



Collapsible Foam-core theater pattern

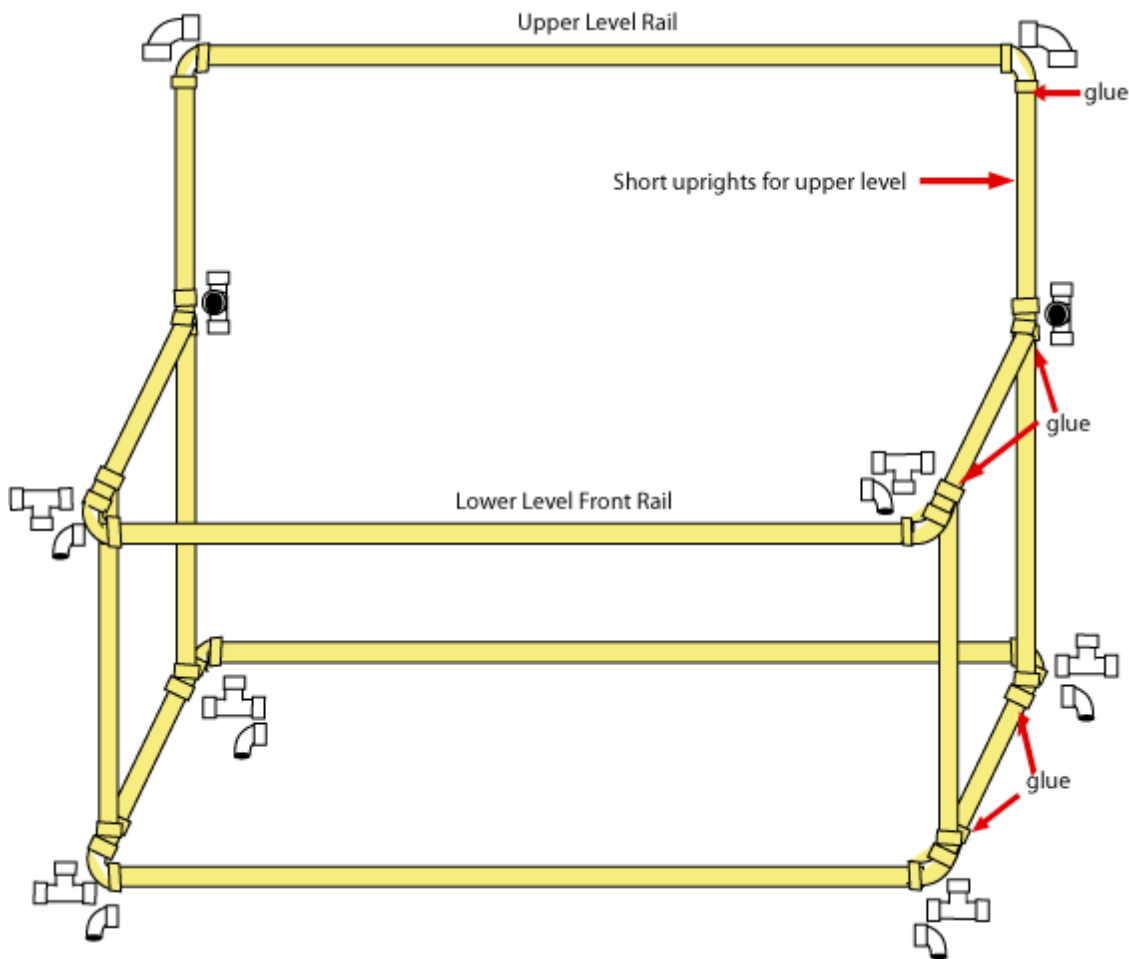
This is not a full size pattern. Provided for measurements only



PVC Pipe DIY Theater

A more professional, yet lightweight transportable theater

For those a bit handier try making your own pvc pipe puppet stage. This type of theatre is relatively inexpensive to build and is easy to disassemble and pack up for storage or travel. Pvc pipe or plumbing pipe is found in most hardware or home building supply stores. No dimensions are given with this diagram, because the size (including height) will depend on the size of the puppeteers and how much space is required for movement inside the theatre. So before purchasing the lengths of pipe, you will need to determine the size of stage you need and then do a little math to figure out how many feet of pipe to buy. The pipe comes in different diameters. The smallest size works well for smaller productions and makes a very light, portable stage, but a medium diameter will give greater stability



Just add curtains and you're ready to go! The easiest way to add curtains is to slide pocket curtains over the front, side and 2nd level pipes. Don't forget to put the curtains on before assembling the top rails.