

Build your theatre!

This template makes a basic theatre shape, but you can adapt yours to fit with your theatre own design and your story idea.

Materials

Corrugated cardboard (a large packaging box)

PVA Glue

Paint and materials to decorate your theatre

Tools

Ruler

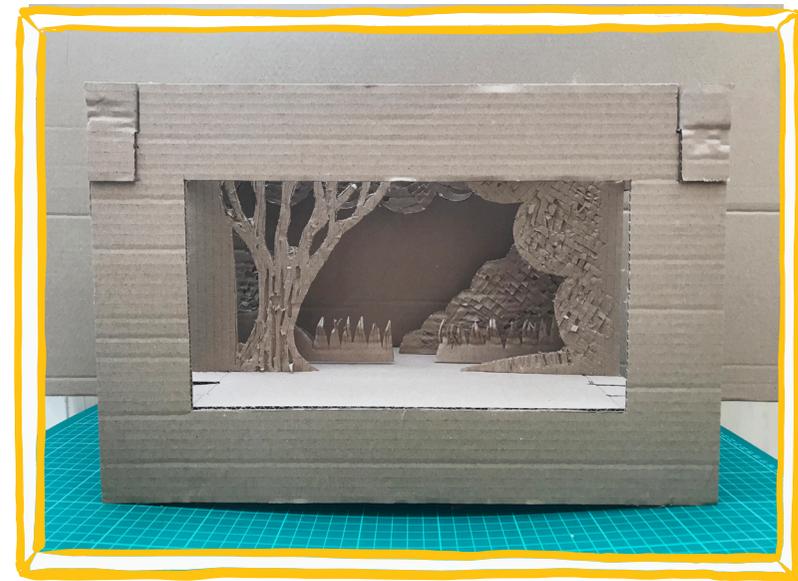
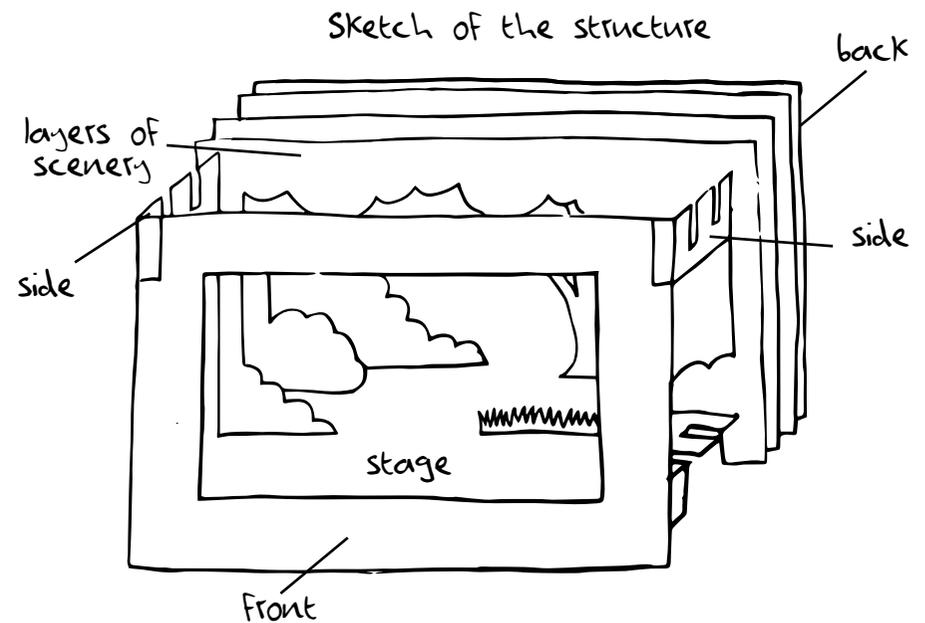
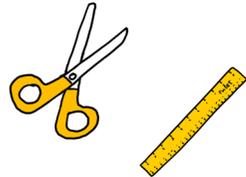
A craft knife or scissors

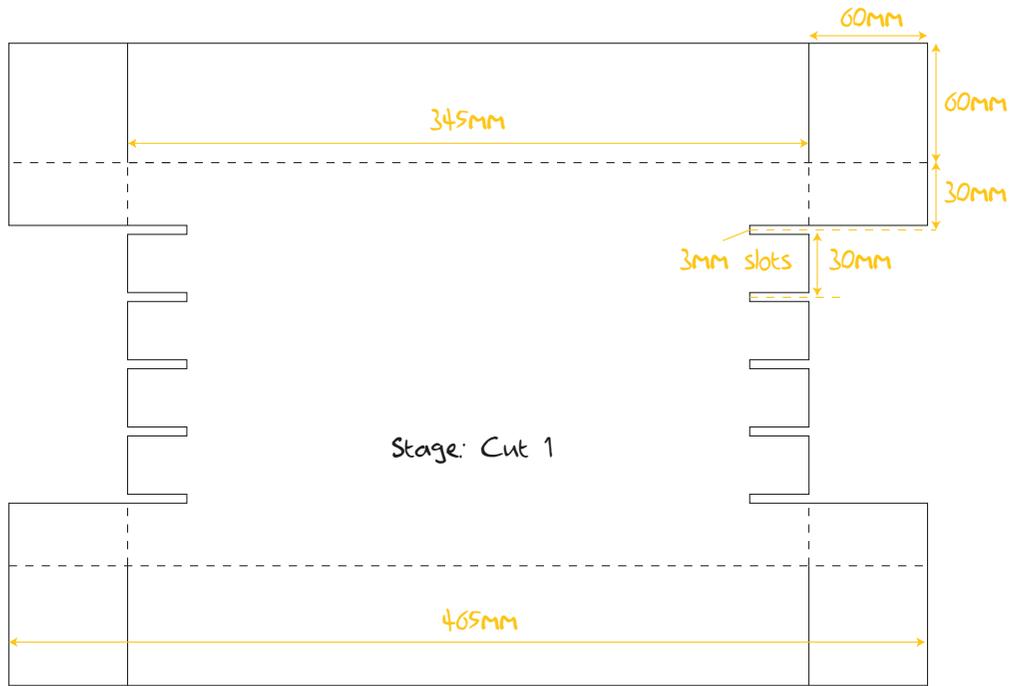
Pencil

Paintbrush or sponge for painting

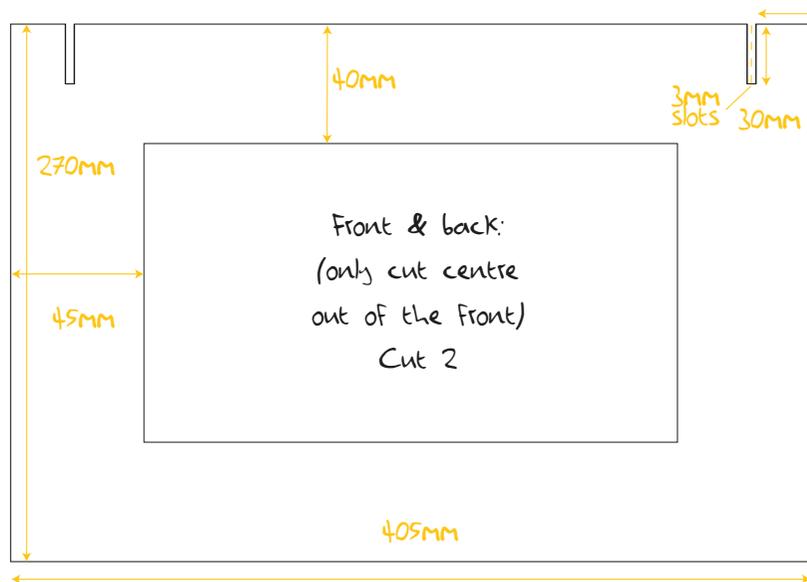
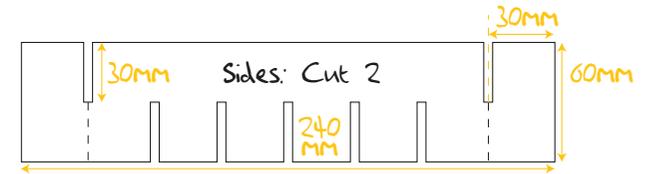
Cutting mat (or spare piece of card)

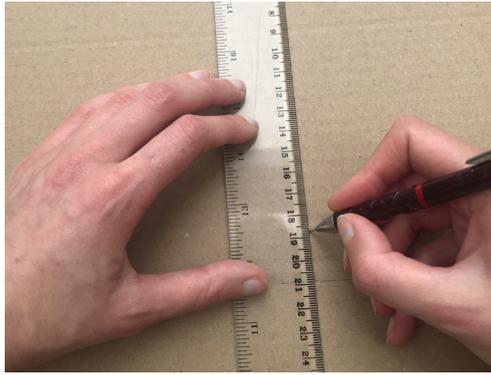
An adult to help!





If you want to be really accurate you can measure out the sizes using this guide to create your pieces or you could print out a copy of the template guide. Make sure all the slots are the right sized gap for your cardboard thickness.

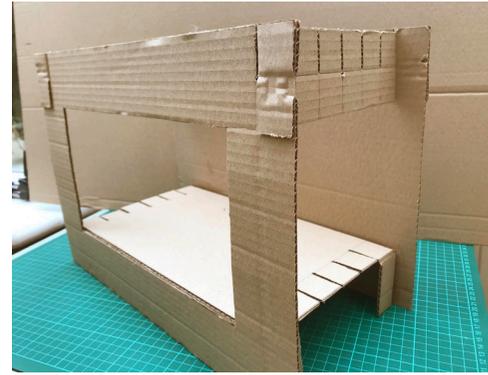




1. Measure out the pieces on your cardboard using a ruler and a pencil, or draw around a printed template.



2. Cut out the pieces using scissors or a craft knife. In the guide, the dashed lines show where the card bends. Gently score the card along these lines with the knife/scissors so it bends more easily. **Ask for help for this step!**



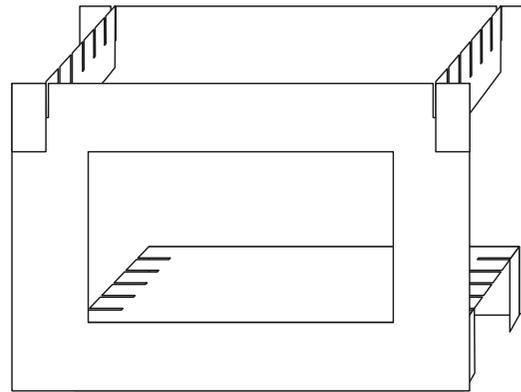
3. Assemble the stage, front, back and side pieces, folding the side pieces back so that they are not sticking out.



4. Glue the front and back to the stage and glue the side flaps to the front and back. Use a clothes peg or clip to keep these in place while they dry.

For this part, you should have:

- The front
- The back
- 2 sides
- Stage



How to assemble the pieces

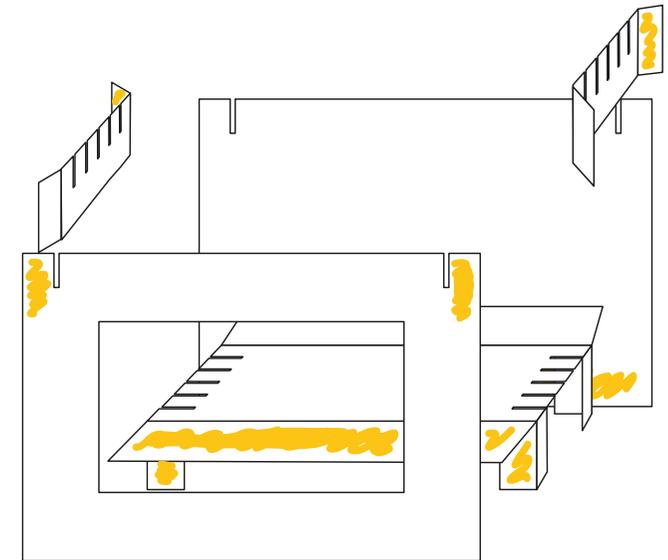
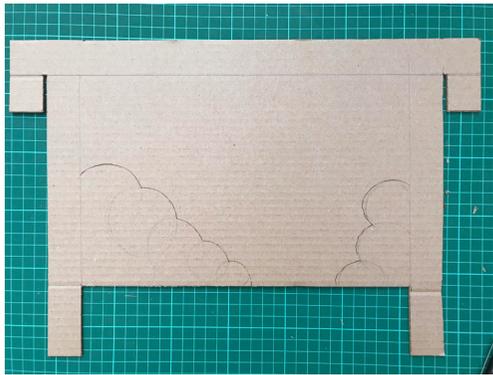
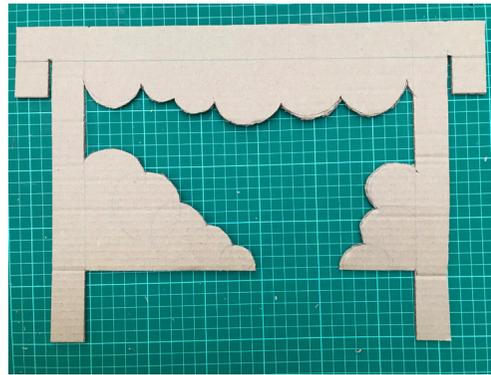


Diagram of where to put the glue



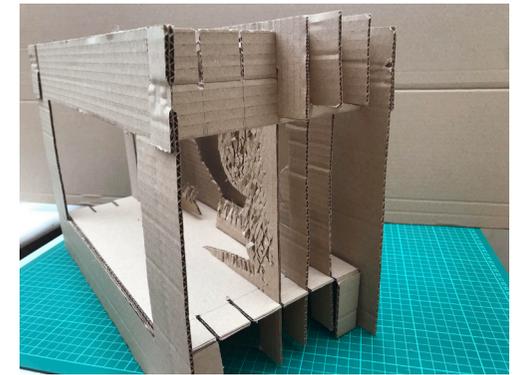
5. Cut out the scenery layers and design the landscape you need for your story. Draw out the shapes on the card. The furthest forward layers should not hide too much of the stage.



6. Cut out the pieces using scissors. Repeat this for all the layers that you want for your theatre set design.



7. You can add textures to the card by peeling off some of the layers and cutting into the surface.



8. Push the scenery pieces into the slots on the sides and stage.



9. Add designs to your theatre that relate to your design from Activity 1. What about adding a roof or gluing on extra decoration?



10. Once you have tried out your scenery pieces, take them back out of the slots so that you can paint them.



11. Decorate and paint the theatre too.



12. Once all the paint is dry, reassemble! Now your theatre is ready to add some characters!