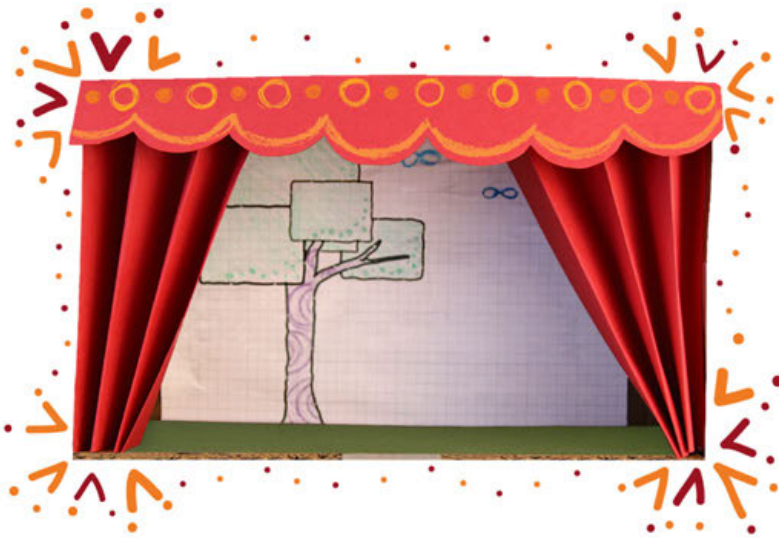


shoe box theater



Every actor needs a stage!

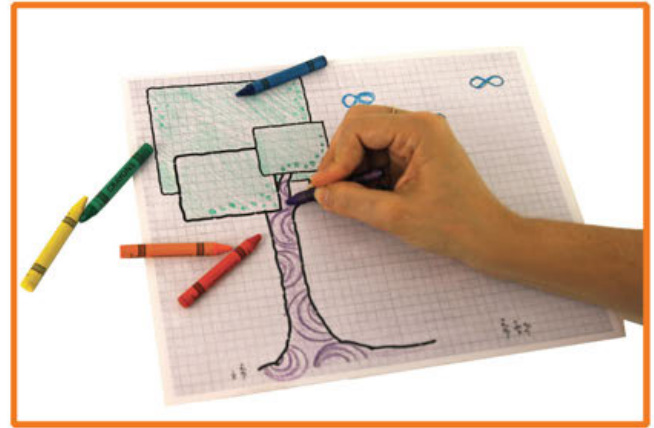
Let's make a stage that's just the right size for your stick puppet characters. So they can star in a stick puppet play!

MATERIALS

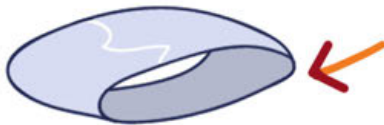
- 3-4 sheets of red construction paper
- glue stick or liquid glue
- scissors
- shoebox
- crayons or colored pencils

(If you don't have a shoebox, any box of about that size will do. If you don't have construction paper, you can use graph paper or notebook paper.)

- 1 Download and print the PEG + CAT backgrounds and curtain template, and gather your materials.

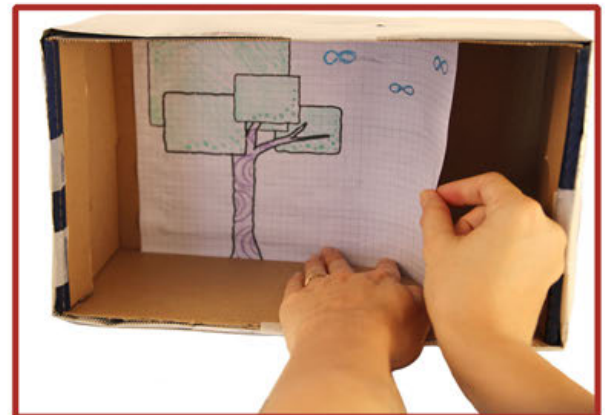


- 2 Pick a background and color it in. Then use double-sided tape to attach it to the inside of your stage.



Or make a loop
out of
regular tape!

You may need to cut the background to make it fit in the box.



- 3 Wrap the box with tissue paper, wrapping paper, or construction paper. If you've used construction paper, you can make your theater extra fancy by drawing colorful stripes or dots in a pattern.





- 4** To make the side curtains, fold up 2 pieces of construction paper like accordions. (The diagram below and photo on the side show how to do that.) Each fold should be about the same size.



- 5** To make the top curtain, use the curvy template to trace a row of curves as long as the top of your box. Then cut this shape out of red construction paper, and crayon a design like the pattern of circles and dots Cat drew below.

If you need to make the top curtain longer to fit the box, add more curves with the extension piece.



- 6** Fold the top curtain in half length-wise and glue the straight side to the ceiling of the box.

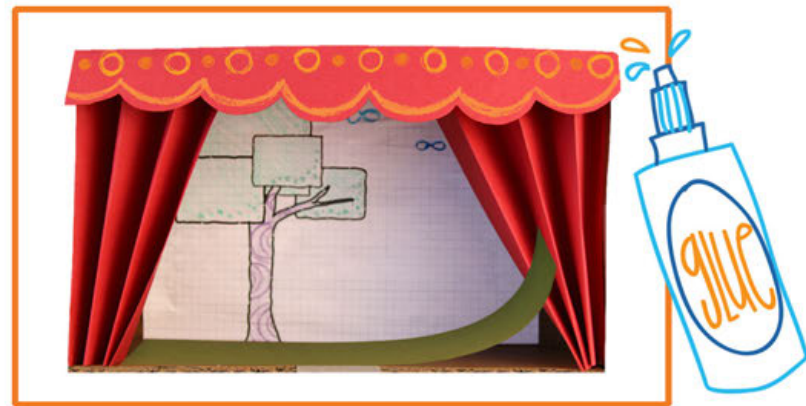


- 7** If your side curtains are too tall for the shoebox, trim them so they fit. Then glue one to each side of the box, behind the top curtain. Glue only the end fold of each curtain to the wall, so you can stretch these curtains to cover the stage.



- 8** Cut out a piece of construction paper the size of the bottom of the box. Glue it in place so your stage has a floor!

*Perfect
For
Dancing!*



9 Now on with the totally awesome show!

Hit The Lights!

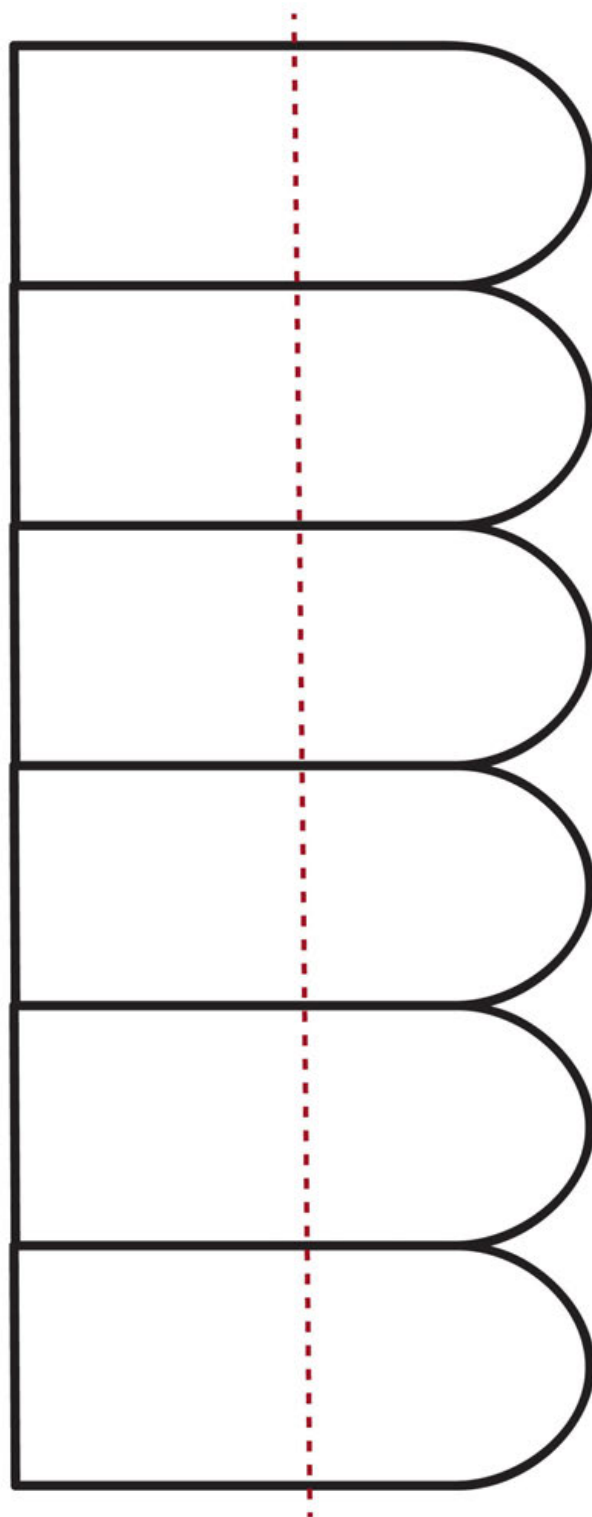




top curtain template

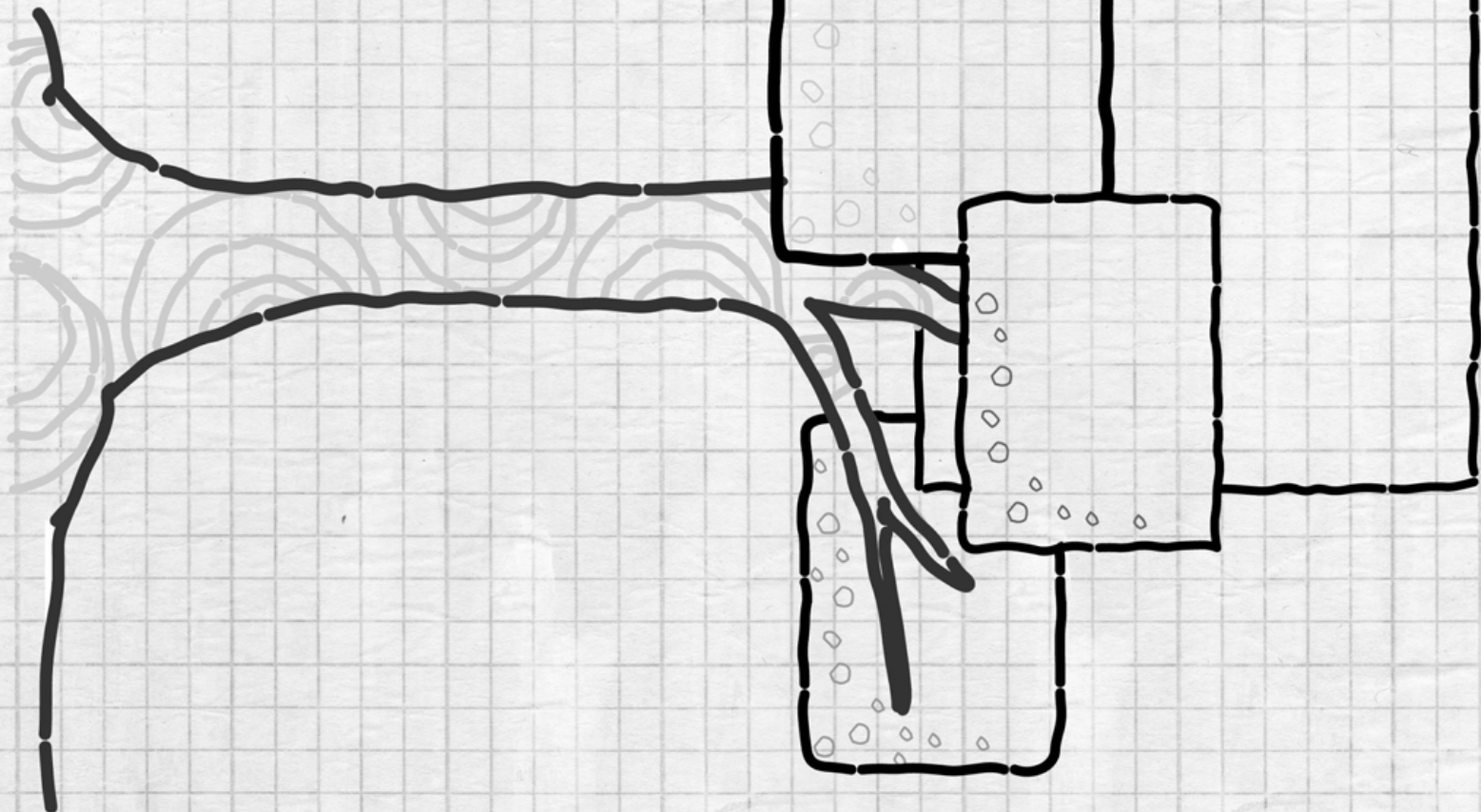


If you need to extend the top curtain longer,
use this extension piece.





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