



Once upon a Christmas

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This very special box contains the things you will need to prepare for and then settle down to listen to a Christmasy story brought to you by Theatr Clwyd and designed by Theatre Designer Jacob Hughes

The story you will hear is part of Theatr Clwyd's Christmas experience this year and is brought to you "exclusively" so that you can take part at home or where ever you are!

Before you tune in, there are a few things you will need to prepare

Contents

Shadow finger puppet making kit

Card with templates to cut out and make

The box lid includes a "shadow theatre"

Peace Lantern making kit

Shiny card, coloured acetate, battery operated tea light

A fleece blanket, fairy lights, leaves

You will need

Scissors, sellotape, a stapler and a torch

Other things you might like to find to join in with the story

Some shiny spoons

A favourite hat !!



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How to Make a Peace Lantern

Fold the shiny paper in half longways and make cuts all the way along

Staple or tape the acetate on the plain side of the card

Create a cylindrical shape and staple or tape together

Add a handle

use sellotape across the bottom to make a base for the tea light

Put the tea light in the bottom and switch it on when you are ready for the story

follow the link above for how to film



How to make Shadow Puppets

Cut out the templates from the card provided

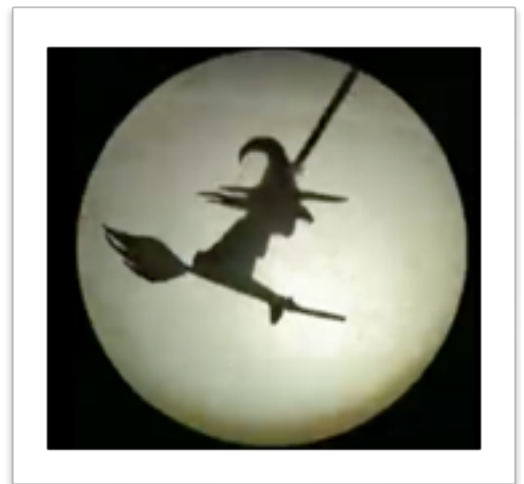
Use sellotape to make a card ring to go around a finger

The 5 puppets are the main characters in the story, dragon, goblin, ogre, fairy and witch

The box has its own shadow puppet theatre in the lid!

Shine the light from your lantern or a torch behind the round window and create a shadow puppet show with the finger puppets and the cut out tree as your stage set.

Follow the link above to see a 'how to' film by Jacob, the designer making the puppets and bringing them to life in the shadow puppet theatre.



You are nearly ready to listen to the story

Use the lantern to create a sense of magic in the room

You may want to dim the lights !

The story takes place in a forest and in Theatre Clwyd the audience listen to the story in a magical space with cushions, rugs and pretty lights

Watch the film of the story telling space designed by Jacob Hughes to inspire your space! Use link above

Don't forget to bring your blanket so that you are cosy when you listen to the story

Don't forget your shiny spoons and a favourite hat

Follow the link above to hear the story which is 15 minutes long

We hope that you enjoy it!