

# PRESENTLY PUPPETS

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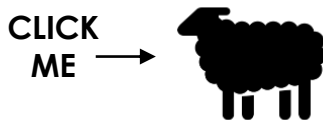


## STILT WALKING

*Happy Monday!*

The earliest evidence of humans walking on stilts can be seen on Ancient Greek pottery from as far back as the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Stilt walking traditions have developed around the world for a wide variety of applications.

From French shepherds who used the extra height to keep a better eye on their flocks:



To Belgium where stilt fights have been held every year since 1411, and they have their very own Royal Stilt Walkers:



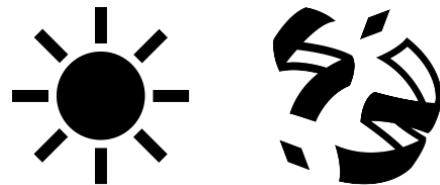
And the small town of Anguiano, Spain where the town's young men gather every year to dance down the street for 'Danza de los Zancos':



Then there are the Moko Jumbies.

In Trinidad/Tobago the traditional Moko Jumbies were colourful, masked stilt walkers that watched over a village and kept an eye out for danger and evil. They are believed to come from a similar tradition in West Africa, Moko Jumbie roughly translating to 'Healer Spirit.'

Nowadays the tradition has been adapted and practiced as part of the raucous Caribbean Carnival, with a codified set of moves that stilt walkers train to perform:



The training sure does pay off, check out some of their moves!



Now that's some inspiration.  
*See you next week!*