

# PRESENTLY PUPPETS

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## SHADOW PUPPETRY

*Happy Monday!*

This week we're talking about shadow puppets! Shadow puppetry is a traditional art form in many different cultures, typically passed down from master to apprentice. You've probably seen it here at Shadowland! It's one of our favourite forms of puppetry:



Traditional shadow puppetry can be found around the world. These puppets are usually made from raw cow hide and stitched together with thread before being painted intricately. The stories often have spiritual connotations and are populated by a codified cast of characters.

Like these puppets from China, made by our friend Annie Rollins:



And these ones from Turkey:



Contemporary shadow puppets are commonly made from paper or cardboard, acetate and coloured gels. And you can make them at home too!



Working alone or as a team, shadow puppeteers can create vibrant and complex stories with easily accessible materials, or their own hands! Imbuing their own flair and style, the puppeteer is both storyteller and master craftsman:



Right now, here at Shadowland, we're working on a series of shadow puppet video podcasts for each week in the month of Ramadan, in collaboration with our friends at Mabelle Arts. You can check them out here:



*See you next week!*