Shadow Puppet Show

Total Time: 30-45 min.

Materials:

- Shadow Puppet templates
- Paper
- Pen
- Scissors

- Chopsticks
- Cardboard box or shoe box
- White tissue paper
- Tape

• Hot glue gun

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- Glue
- Light/flashlight

Shadow Puppets originated thousands of years ago in China. There was an Emperor who was sad, and his wise advisor had the idea of putting on a show using shadows because they were lifelike and whimsical. The Emperor loved the show and was entertained and happy again.

Shadow Puppet plays are a fun way to use your imagination and tell stories. We have a few templates to get you started, but use your imagination to create some shapes of your own.



Cut out the puppet templates. To create your own templates, draw some simple shapes, and cut them out. For added fun, color in the shapes!



Grab your chopsticks and break them apart. Then break each chopstick into 2 pieces. Glue or tape the chopstick to your shadow shapes so that you can hold them up like puppets.



Cut the bottom out of the cardboard box. Lay the tissue paper over the open side and tape it down. Now that you have your "actors" and your "stage", it's show time! Dim the lights and grab your flashlight.



Shine the flashlight towards the open box side. Put on your puppet show inside the box! The shadows will come to life for your audience on the other side of the box.

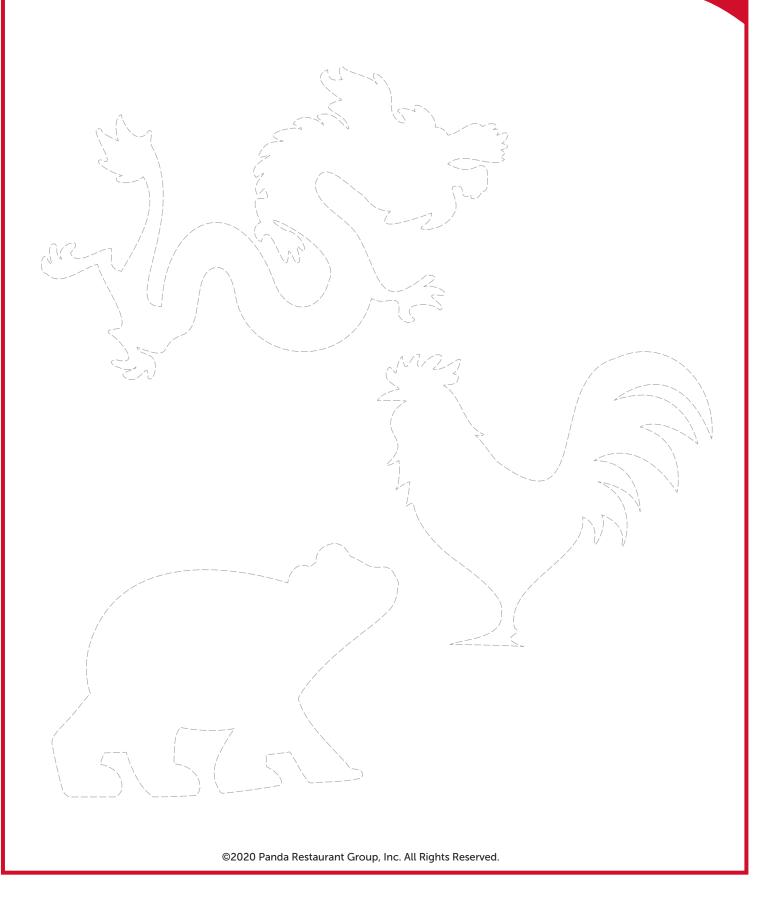
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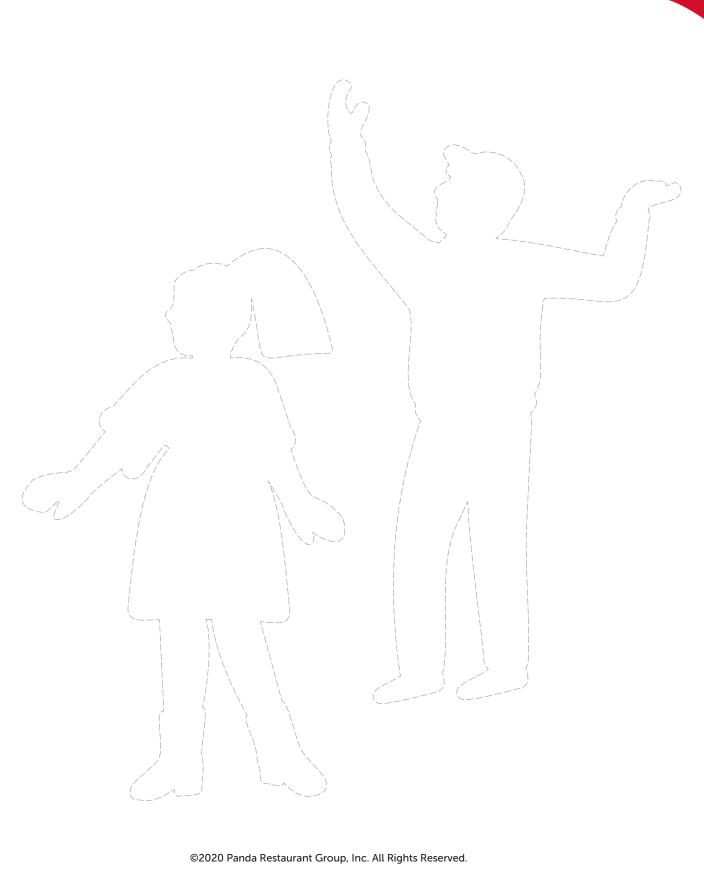
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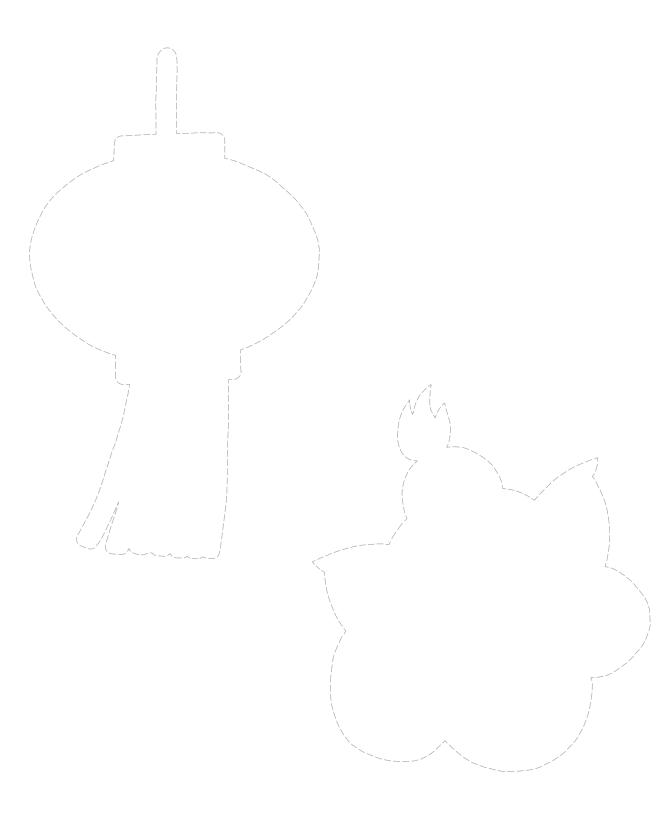
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