

‘Even with primitive materials, one can work small wonders.’

Lotte Reiniger,
shadow animator

Hi, we hope you enjoy being creative and exploring art and nature with us. We are both working artists here in Cambridge - art is so important to us, especially during this period of isolation. We are looking forward to sharing our practice with you, and seeing your artwork too.

Remember you can be creative, whether you think you are an artist or not. Take your time, experiment, and enjoy the process.

Hilary and Sally

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‘The Adventures of Prince Achmed’ is an animated film using paper cutouts by artist Lotte Reiniger - Find her work on YouTube for ideas and inspiration.

INVITATION TO CREATE

Look at the movement of

SUNLIGHT AND SHADOWS

outside -

CAST SHAPES AND SHADOWS

with your body.

Play with a torch to cast shadows of different objects you find.

Look at how the shadows

CHANGE SHAPE,

FLICKER and MOVE.

Use this play of light as inspiration. Try moving the object a fraction, taking a photograph of each movement to create a simple animation.

Design and make your own paper cut out figure with separate parts.

Draw a series of backgrounds based on forms and shadows in nature and the objects and shadows in your home.



Use collage and colour. It can look as natural or as abstract as you like.

Take a sequence of photos of your cut-out character, against the backgrounds, changing the character's position with each photo.

You could add words, symbols, speech bubbles etc. to the scenes.

You may want to sketch out ideas as a visual storyboard first.

Maybe you could develop the story with a friend, sharing photos of your character and scenes to make a collaborative animated film.

Next you could make a

FLIP BOOK

You'll need a small pad of paper - you could also make one with some sheets of paper.

Make a simple

LINE DRAWING

on the bottom page then

TRACE OVER IT

on the next page, slightly changing the position of the image each time.

Then flick the pages to see how it moves.

Lotte Reiniger and Len Lye were both amazing pioneers in film animation. 'Rainbow Dance' is an animated film made by artist Len Lye in 1936 - find his films on YouTube.

There are some great free animation apps to also experiment with.

Google: '5 Free Animation Apps That Are Really Good' on YouTube



Still from 'Rainbow Dance'

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