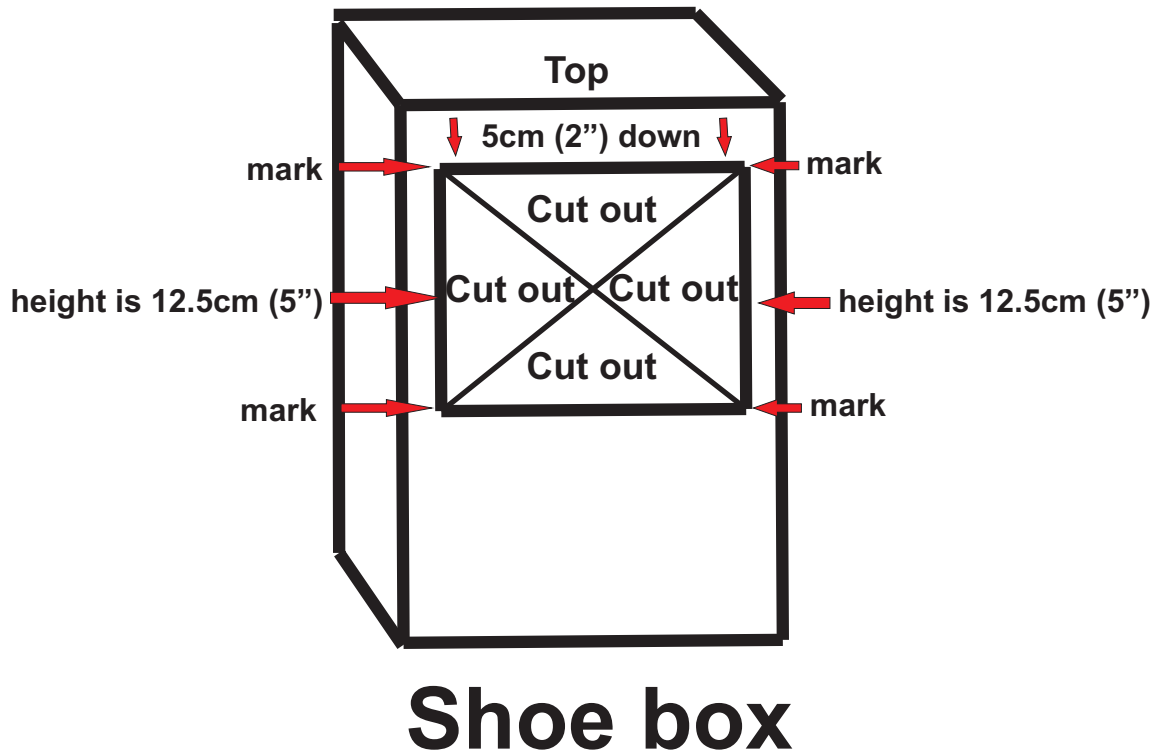


Shoe Box Theatre



You'll need:

- a shoe box preferably a larger box which had contained adult shoes
- paints, crayons or coloured pencils
- scissors
- ruler

Instructions:

1. Measure down 5cm (2") from the top of the rectangle shaped shoe box and mark. Measure and make another mark the same distance down from the top but further along. Rule a line across. **(see diagram above)**
2. Measure down another 12.5cm (5") from the line and mark. Rule a line across.
3. Measure in 1.2cm (½") from both sides of the box along your lines and mark. Rule lines to form a rectangle shape. This will be your stage frame.
4. In the stage frame, draw diagonal lines to the corners of the frame. These are the cutting lines to make it easier for you to cut out the stage frame.
5. If the shoe box is light in colour you could paint or colour it in avoiding the stage frame.
6. Cut out the stage frame by first poking a little hole in the centre of the diagonal lines with a pair of scissors. Then cut along the diagonal lines and then along the stage frame lines.

Now that your shoe box theatre is finished, you can put on a play using your finger puppets that you have downloaded from the activities page. Have fun!