

THEATRICAL PROP-BUILDING: MAKING MAGIC FROM HOME

Supply List:

November 1 – Exploring Shadow Puppetry

- Two to three sheets of black cardstock or Bristol board
- A roll of clear packing tape
- 10 to 40 split-pin paper fasteners
- A black Sharpie marker
- Several bamboo skewers or sticks
- A sheet of white fabric (to hang for a screen)
- A single light source (such as a lamp or flashlight)
- A pair of scissors
- Optional: a hole punch, an X-Acto (or similar) utility knife

November 8 – Fun with Fake Food

- A caulking gun
- One tube of brown paintable acrylic caulking
- A small piece (about one foot) of blue or pink insulation foam
- One square foot of 1"-thick upholstery foam
- A small amount of rough sandpaper or a couple of nail files
- A handful of toothpicks
- A few bamboo skewers
- Some parchment paper and aluminum foil
- A few acrylic paints (raw sienna, burnt umber)
- A couple of small paintbrushes (½" and ¼")
- A few mini aluminium pie tins
- A piece of beige felt
- A piece of red or fruit-coloured fabric (one square foot)
- A glue gun and a few glue sticks
- An old pen or small stick
- Several disposable cups
- A roll of masking tape
- An Olfa (or similar) knife
- Optional: sawdust or wood shavings, sparkles, plates

November 15 – The Distressing Art of Furniture Breakdown

- A small piece of furniture (e.g., a stool or a chair with upholstered seat and/or arms) that you don't mind distressing
- A small amount of sandpaper (¼ sheet each of 100 grit and 180 to 220 grit)
- A couple of small paintbrushes (½" and ¼")
- A few acrylic paints (raw umber, black, burnt umber and raw sienna, ochre or white)
- A few yogurt-sized containers and lids to hold water and mix paint
- A few handfuls of fiberfill or cotton batting or kapok
- A needle (2" to 3", strong and sharp, curved if possible) and thread, ideally matched to the upholstery colour of your project
- A small pair of sharp scissors, a craft knife or a seam-ripper

November 22 – Sculpting Picture Frames

- A small portion of clay
- A small hand-held mirror
- A sculpting tool set
- A small bowl with water
- A clean rag

November 29 – Creating Sculptures from Toys

- A small toy (animals, figurines, ornaments or fantastical beasts no smaller than three to five inches)
- Some cellophane
- A roll of masking tape
- Some fabric (up to three metres; depending on how large you want to make your final sculpture, you may need more)
- A black Sharpie marker
- A handful of pins
- A sewing machine
- A computer program that will allow you to scale up a drawing
- A printer