How to make a puppet stage from a cardboard box By Tom Knight tom@tomknight.com

You will need:

Uhaul Grand Wardrobe Box

Utility knife

Measuring tape

Straight edge

Marker

Scrap cardboard

8 clothespins

Scissors

5 ft of clothesline

4 ft x 19" fabric

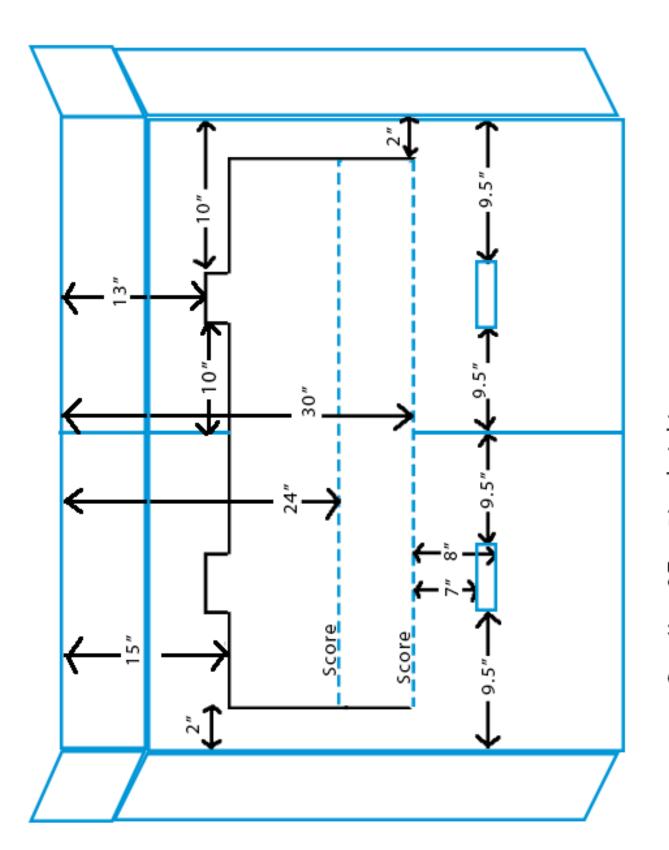
Paint - poster or acrylic

Paintbrush

Watch the video!

https://youtu.be/4q77AUSaRvs

- 1. Cut straps off of box
- 2. Recycle metal curtain rod
- 3. Cut side of box open
- 4. Lay it flat with writing side up
- 5. Put scrap cardboard down to protect the floor
- 6. Cut the bottom flaps off (or reinforce the flaps for taller stage.)
- 7. Mark the window on the writing side of the box
- 8. Mark the tabs
- 9. Mark the folds for the shelf
- 10. Cut out the sides and the top of the window
- 11. Score the folds (the bottom and middle of the window)
- 12. Mark the slots and cut them out
- 13. Put down scrap cardboard to protect the floor for painting
- 14. Paint! Dark color recommended to hide writing
- 15. Cut out a piece of fabric 19" x 4 feet
- 16. Mark a spot 5" from the front at the top fold of the puppet stage
- 17. Use scissors to make a hole
- 18. Cut off end of clothesline
- 19. Thread clothesline through hole
- 20. Tie a knot in the clothesline
- 21. Repeat on the other side so the clothesline stretches across the back of the stage
- 22. Use clothespins to attach fabric to rope. Fold fabric over the rope about 2".
- 23. Fold top flaps over and secure with clothespins
- 24. Attach spare cardboard to top with clothespins to get rid of saggy roof.



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Not to scale!