

Crafts

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SILHOUETTE PORTRAIT

Before cameras were invented, the only way to have family portraits was to draw them or to make silhouettes. The silhouettes were coloured in with paint made from lampblack (the soot from candles).

YOU WILL NEED

- *White paper (10 in. x 12 in.) Newsprint or any other large white paper can be used.
- *Masking tape
- *A flashlight or adjustable desk lamp
- *A sharp pencil
- *Black tempera paint
- *Scissors
- *Black construction paper
- *White paper glue

1. Ask permission to attach the large white paper to a wall with masking tape. Draw the curtains so the room is dark.



2. Have your friend sit on a chair sideways to the paper. You're going to trace the side view, or profile of his or her face.



3. Place the light so that it shines on your friend's profile and casts a shadow on the paper. Move your friend farther from or closer to the wall until the shadow on the paper is the size you want.

4. With the pencil, carefully trace the outline on the paper.

5. This profile can either be painted black or cut out. To cut it out, place black construction paper behind the traced profile. Holding the two sheets of paper together, cut around the profile.



6. Glue the black silhouette onto a sheet of white paper.