

## Silhouette

A silhouette is a way of capturing someone's portrait without a camera. Named after Etienne de Silhouette who liked to make these items, it is an inexpensive way to create a memento of a loved one and has been popular since the mid- 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### Materials:

- White paper
- Black paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Tape
- Flashlight (or sunshine!)
- glue

### Instructions

1. Tape a white sheet of paper/ poster board to a wall
2. Have a parent/sibling sit down on a chair, in front of the wall/paper, so that they are facing to the right or the left.
3. Shine a light on the person sitting down so that their shadow show on the piece of paper. If their shadow seems a bit too big, have them sit closer to the wall.
4. Take your pencil and draw the outline of their shadow.
5. Use your scissors to cut out the outline
6. Then glue the white outline to the black paper and cut out around the outline again.
7. You have completed your masterpiece! You can paste it onto a larger piece of paper or hang it on a wall (or both!)