

A POCKET THEATRE FOR ONE LIGHT

Pocket Eclipse Menagerie

Turn one sleeping shape into two wall creatures.



INSIDE: 1 ONE-PIECE SHADOW TOY

You provide: an ordinary phone flashlight, a plain wall, and a dim room.

OPEN TO STAGE THE FIRST SHADOW

STAGE THE LIGHT

Find the owl

No app, assembly, or loose pieces.

1 Choose a wall

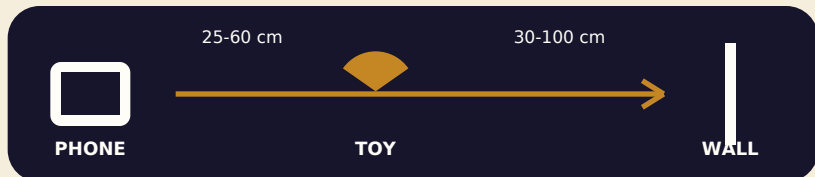
Dim the room. Use a plain, matte wall.
Set the toy 30–100 cm (12–39 in) from it.

2 Stand the menagerie

Keep the flat feet down and the crown up.
Turn one broad face parallel to the wall.

3 Aim the phone light

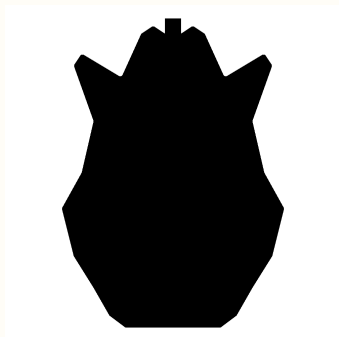
Hold the light 25–60 cm (10–24 in) behind it.
Aim squarely through the toy toward the wall.



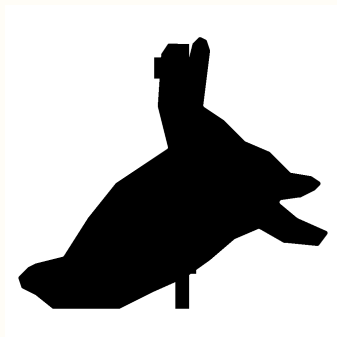
THE REVEAL

Owl. Turn. Rabbit.

The whole object is the hand control.



1 OWL



2 RABBIT

Rotate the toy one quarter-turn (90°).

Keep the feet down, crown up, light still, and wall unchanged.



Aim for these outlines; edge clarity varies with phone, room, and wall. Between them, expect an unnamed shape. Keep turning to the square face.

Sharpen the story

? Blurred or doubled

Move the light farther from the toy; dim nearby lamps.
Try one phone LED position and a plain wall.

A Creature looks stretched

Square a broad face to the wall. Keep the crown vertical.
Move the toy closer to the wall, then re-center the light.

C Care and pack-away

Switch off the flashlight. Store the single piece dry.
Wipe with a soft dry or slightly damp cloth; do not heat.

HANDLE LIKE A SMALL SCULPTURE

Use only a handheld room light—never flame, laser, or hot lamp.
Keep away from very young children if mouthing or throwing is likely.
Shadow performance varies with phone light, room, and wall.