

# Mondays at the Museum

(at home!)



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This week's object is a "**Magic Lantern**"

Below is a picture of a magic lantern from our current exhibition *Inherit: old and new histories*.

*Inherit* is Orange Regional Museum's new long-term exhibition where we can learn about both familiar and less well-known stories from across the Central West.

Magic lanterns date back to the 1650s, but became very popular from about 1850 when they were used for education and entertainment. The lantern displayed in *Inherit* was made in Germany sometime around 1890 and was used in Millthorpe. It is complete with several slides showing a circus, marching band and exotic landscapes.



Credit: Laterna Magica "Solid" magic lantern and slides, c 1890s. Manufactured by Ernst Plank, Nuremburg, Germany. Loan courtesy of Millthorpe & District Historical Society. ©Orange Regional Museum



# A Magic Lantern

This week we are going to make a simple magic lantern

What you'll need:	Substitute
A paper cup.	Toilet roll or rolled up piece of cardboard
Wide clear adhesive tape e.g. packing tape.	
Permanent marker pens e.g. sharpies	
Scissors	
Small Torch	Torch on your smart phone

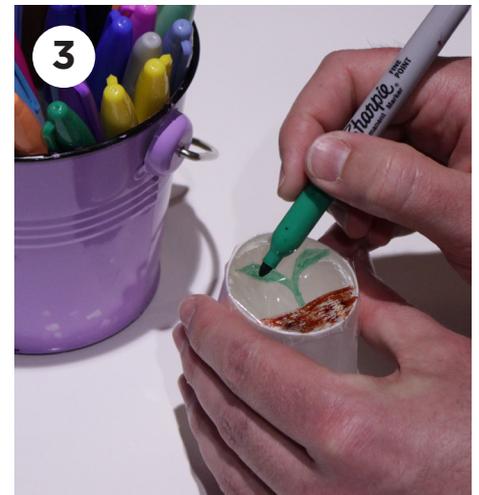
## Instructions



With the help of an adult, cut out the base of the cup with scissors.



Take a length of adhesive tape (wide enough to fit over the base of the cup) and stick over the base.



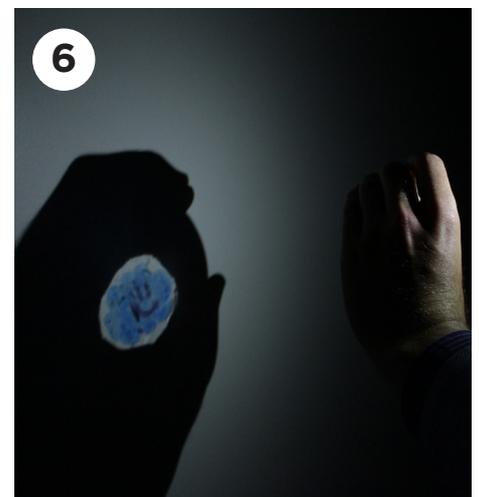
Use the markers to draw a simple picture on the tape. You could draw animals, plants, landscapes or people.



In a dark room, shine the torch into the cup and project the image onto a wall.



Use the same process to make more images.



Tell a story with your pictures and put on a show for your friends and family.



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**Extra Time:**

1. Ask yourself: What do we have nowadays instead of magic lanterns? What else does this technology do that magic lanterns cannot?
2. Put on a show with your friends and family. Make more cups with them.
3. Visit *Inherit* at Orange Regional Museum and see what other children's toys from the past we have on display.