

# Create Silhouettes of your Family and Friends

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*Make like a Victorian  
and get outlined*

Silhouettes made inexpensive keepsakes during the 19th century, before the rise in popularity of photography. Mothers would hang black-and-white cut-outs of their children on the wall or tuck them into the family bible. Really good silhouette artists such as the French-born Auguste Edouarte worked by cutting images directly using scissors. This method is a little easier, quicker and safer!

## YOU WILL NEED

- ✓ Large sheet of white paper
- ✓ A4 sheet of black or coloured paper or thin card
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- ✓ Strong light source such as a lamp, torch, or projector
- ✓ Sticky tape or tack
- ✓ Good scissors
- ✓ Soft pencil
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Stool

## OPTIONAL

- ✓ Frame



1. Tape or tack the large sheet of white paper to a wall.
2. Position your model on the stool.
3. Move the light source around until your model's shadow is thrown sharply onto the white sheet of paper. Their head and a little of their shoulders should be undistorted and small enough to fit a piece of A4 paper. Secure your light source or get someone else to hold it.
4. Ask your model to sit very still. Draw around the shadow's edge using a soft pencil, working as fast as you can.
5. Take down the large piece of paper and cut around the pencil line to create a template.
6. Trace around the template onto the sheet of black paper.
7. Cut around the drawing carefully.
8. Glue the silhouette to the white paper. Frame it and hang it on your wall.