



# Tissue Paper Pictures

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# TASK:

*Create a picture using coloured tissue paper and black card. Incorporate silhouette shapes or a black cut out pattern to create a stained glass window effect when hung in the window.*



# Silhouette's...

*A silhouette is the image of a person, animal, object or scene that is represented as a solid shape of a single colour, usually black. Silhouettes appear dark against a lighter background as the light source comes from behind the object/ animal/ person or scene and from the viewpoint they are cast into shadow against the light behind them.*

A traditional cut paper work representing German writer *Goethe* facing a grave monument, 1780



Drawing a silhouette by Swiss artist, writer and entomologist *Johann Rudolph Schellenberg* (1740-1806)

Silhouette on tissue paper  
background examples...



You might like to add some fine detail to your silhouette scene using black texter, paint or permanent marker.



*More silhouette examples...*



## *Other design ideas...*

If you don't want to do a silhouette here are some examples of different designs of tissue paper pictures/ stained glass effects you can create...



You might like to use the black card to frame up sections of your page to colour in with tissue paper.



You could cut out an outline of a shape in black card and fill it in with tissue paper.



You might like to create a window effect by covering your whole page in tissue paper then cutting out some areas of your black card and letting the tissue paper show through.

*More Examples...*



You could cover your page in colourful tissue paper then cut out a Christmas themed silhouette and stick over your background as pictured.



There are many different ways you can create a colourful stained glass art piece using tissue paper and black card.

***You Will Need:***

- Black card
- Coloured tissue paper
- Scissors and/or cutting knife and cutting matt
- Glue stick
- Clear transparency film or thin white paper
- Soft pencil 6B or above







My silhouette  
photo against the  
low lit sky

## ***Step 1:***

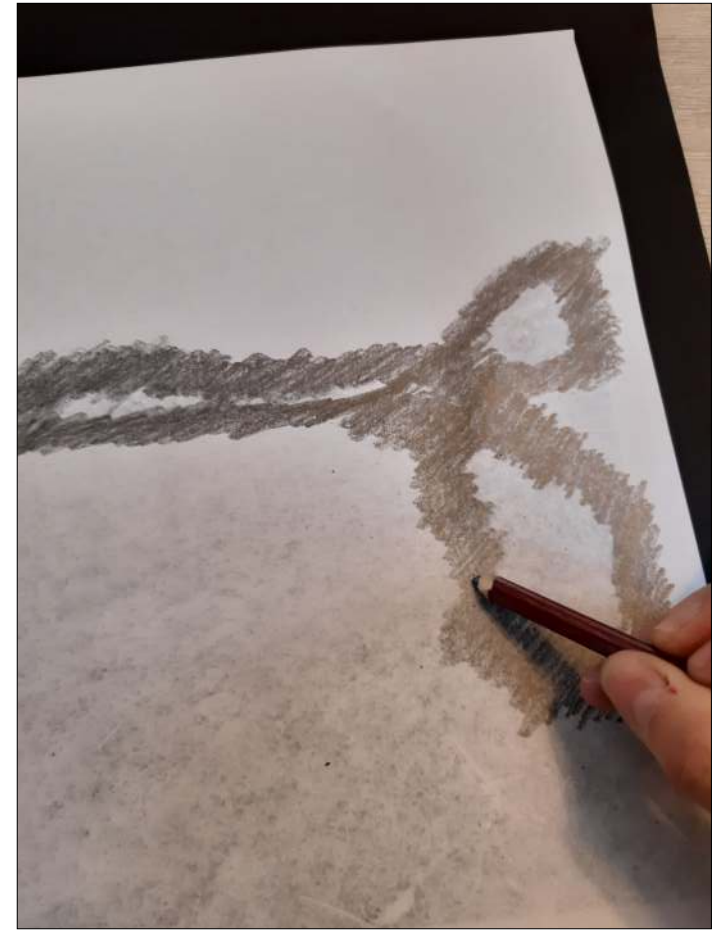
Take a silhouette photograph and print it out. If you don't have a printer at home please email [artgallery@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:artgallery@devonport.tas.gov.au) and we can print it out for you to collect from the gallery. Print it out at A4 size.

### ***How to take a silhouette photo:***

There is a good website [here](#) that gives a detailed explanation on how to capture a silhouette photograph using your smartphone.



On the back of the photo use a soft pencil over the areas you would like to trace



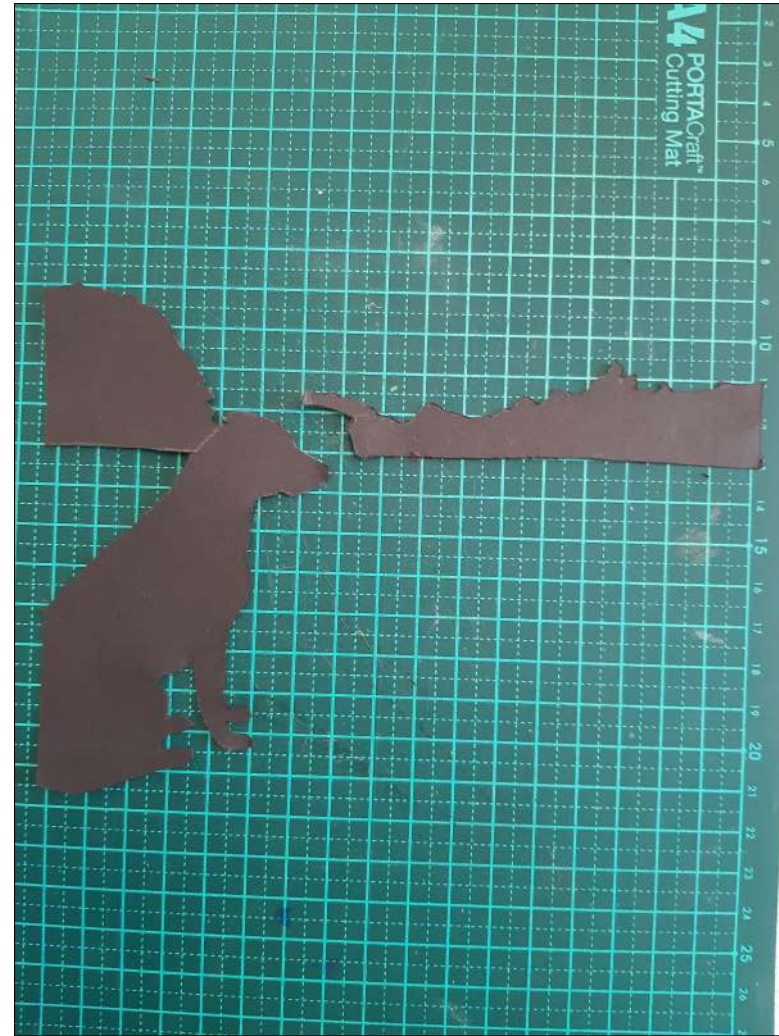
## ***Step 2:***

To trace your silhouette photo onto your black card turn over your photo and using a very soft grey lead pencil 6B or softer (upwards to 9B), scribble over the photo in the areas where the lines are you want to trace.



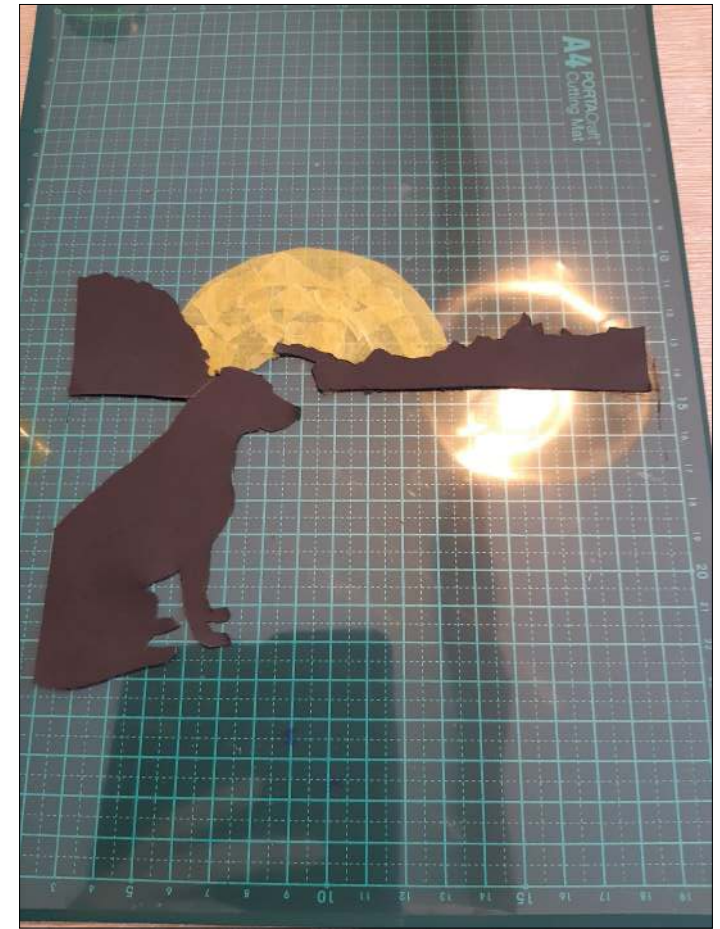
### ***Step 3:***

Turn over your photograph page and line it up on top of your black card. Using a hard pencil trace over the lines you need to create your silhouette shapes. You should be able to see a faint grey lead line of your drawing on your black card underneath when you lift off the photo.



### ***Step4:***

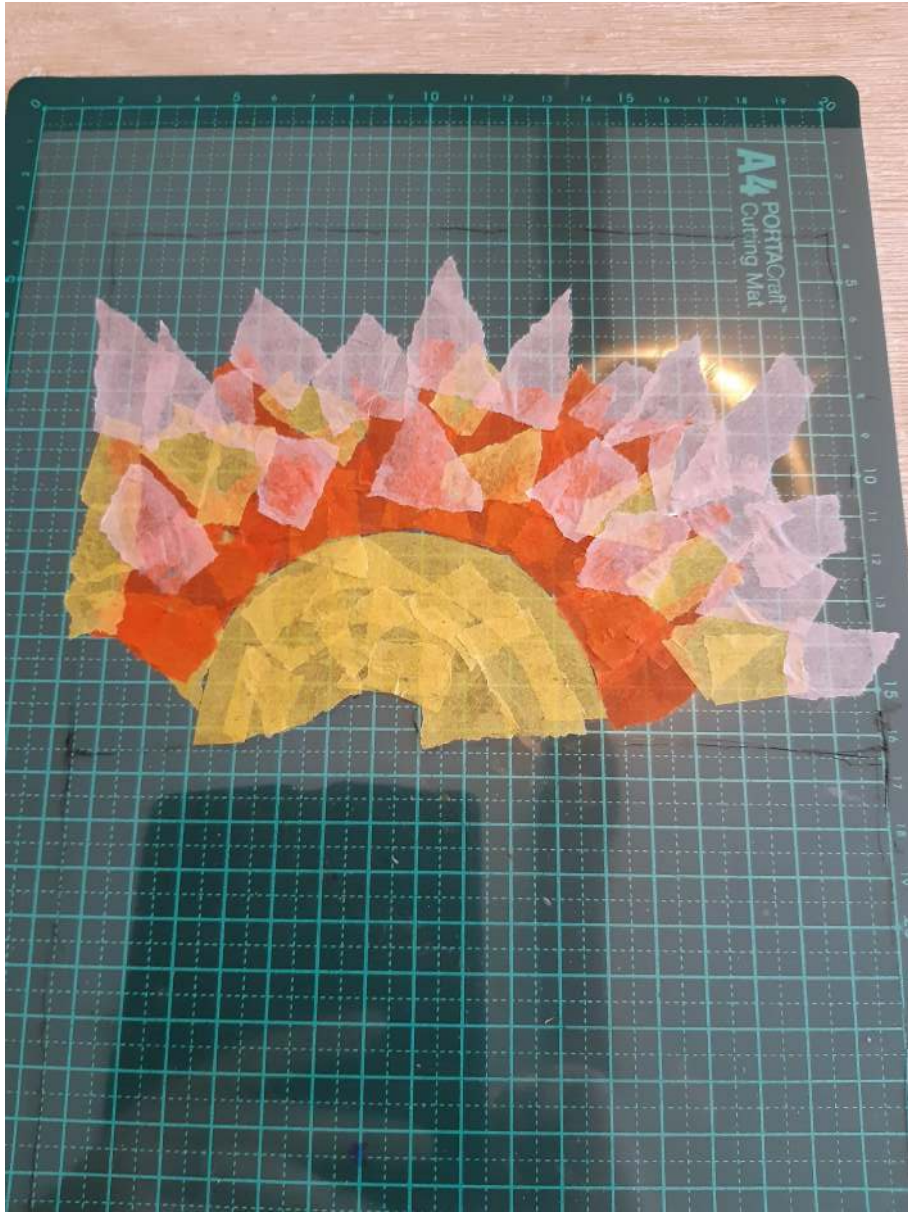
If you are not using a photo draw straight onto your black card. Cut out your shapes using small fine scissors or a cutting knife and mat.



## ***Step 5:***

Use your cut out silhouette/ black card shapes and lay them on the clear film or thin white paper. Place the black shapes where you want them to be and using a pencil on white paper or thin marker on transparent film, make some marks to help you with your placement of your tissue paper. This depends on your design and how you want your tissue paper. I wanted my sky red and grass green so I made some marks to help me.

***Tip:*** As you work keep placing your black card shapes back into place to make sure your background lines up.



*Step 5: Continue adding your tissue paper background...*



***Step 5:***

*Tip: as you work keep checking how it looks with light behind it... in front of a window.*



Final check in front of light/ window.

### ***Step 6:***

When you have finished your tissue paper background, stick down your black card shapes on top.





## ***Step 7:***

Using black card you can add a border around your design. Use a ruler to help you. Stick it down. Put under a flat board with some weight on it to help it dry flat.



*Finished!*

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