

# Title: Shadow Drawing

Age Group: School Age

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Type of Activity: **ART**

## Materials:

This is a great idea adapted from simplemost.com

- Any toy, or other things with defined edges like animal figures, dinosaurs, blocks, etc.
- Paper; Pencil; Markers; Crayons.
- Sun (outdoor) or Light (indoor)

## How to Do it:

On any sunny day, or even in partial sunshine, kids can use light and shadows to trace images of their favourite toys. All you need is a flat space outdoors. Kids can put the toy or other item on the edge of the flat page and angle it to get a good shadow, then trace.

## Root Skill / Extension:

Tracing is a great fine motor finger skill for this age group. You can extend the learning by having the child try leaving the item in place for the day, and then tracing every few hours to see how the shadow changes. Open questions: Why does the trace change position and shape? Would it be different at different times of the year?

Skill sets: Develop Fine Motor Skills; Encourage Visual Analysis; Help Establish Concentration; Improve Hand-Eye Coordination; Increase Individual Confidence; Teach Creative Problem Solving