

Creating silhouette portraits

Method 1

Using light and shadow

This first method uses a light source such as a torch to create the silhouette portrait. The activity will need to be done in a spacious room with an area of blank wall.

- 1 Split into groups of three and tape a large piece of white paper to a blank wall. One child sits or stands against a wall whilst a second shines the torch towards the wall and the third traces the shadow created. Repeat this until all the children have their own silhouette portrait. With the side profile, you can also include the neck and shoulders.
- 2 Once you've finished the tracing erase any random pencil marks and cut the outline out of the white paper.
- 3 Place the outline on a piece of thick black paper, trace it and cut it out.
- 4 Glue the black tracing onto a piece of white paper.