

MAKEBETH

Information Pack



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DBS

Each member of the touring company has an up to date DBS check.

They will bring their physical DBS certificates with them.

Who are Cardboard Adventures?

Cardboard Adventures are a designer led theatre company dedicated to the wonders of cardboard.

We create work for children, young people and adults across both digital and live spaces. We aim to create work which inspires and reveals in show the audience the magic of its creation, work that takes you on an adventure and leaves you thinking "I could do that".

What is MakeBeth?

MakeBeth is a playful, interactive theatre show where audiences don't just watch the story - they help create it. It's a craft-along retelling of Shakespeare's Macbeth its all brought to life using cardboard, live music, puppetry, and imagination.



IMPORTANT

Cardboard

As this is a hands-on craft production, having a sufficient supply of cardboard is essential to the success of your show(s).

While we will bring a base quantity with us, this will not be enough on its own.

We therefore require each school to actively contribute cardboard. Please ask students to Bring A Box from home and/or arrange for local shops to set aside clean packing boxes in advance of the show.

It doesn't need to be anything specific, a shoe box, cereal box, large sheet from furniture, anything will do so long as it is clean and manageable.

We also ask for access to your recycling facilities at the end of the day, as it is not possible for us to take all leftover cardboard away.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Timings

Get-in: 1.5 hours
Show running time: 1 hr - 1hr 10mins (no interval)
Get out: 1 hour

Backstage

We require a suitable place to get changed.

Parking

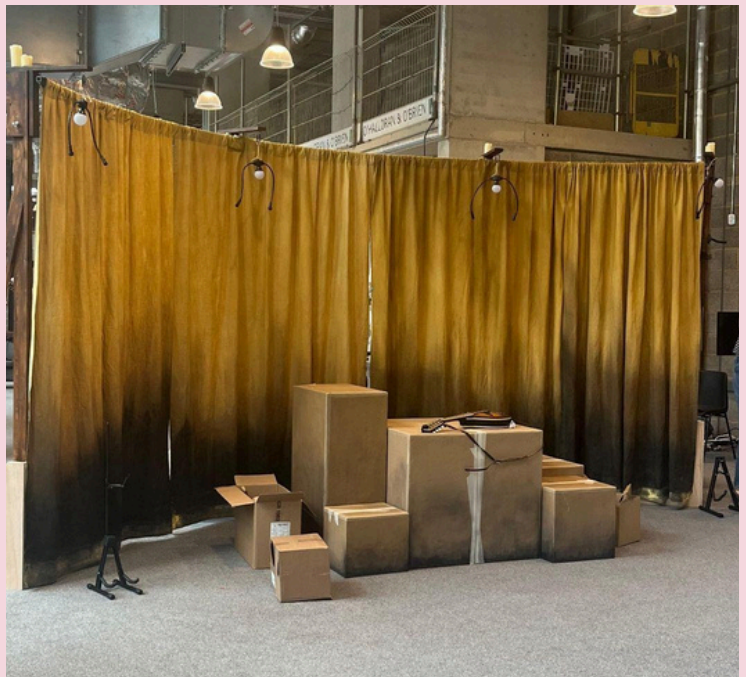
We require parking space for a long wheelbase van. If this is not possible, please direct us to close parking nearby.

Set

This is what the set looks at the start of the show.

It consists of:

- 4 wooden poles & 3 metal rods for the back cloth
- 6 boxes
- Cardboard props & puppets
- Musical instruments



The set can be loaded in through a standard 80cm wide door. When erect, it measures: 5.2m width x 5m depth x 2.5m height.

We may be able to adjust the width of the set to suit your space. Please speak to us about this if you think this might be necessary.

Sound & Lighting

We tour with our own speakers. The set is adorned with festoons. We require access to **two** powerpoints for this purpose.

Amplified music will be play before and after the show. The cast play also play live music. Instruments played include:

- Acoustic guitar
- Mandolin
- Viola
- Various percussion instruments

Accessibility

We offer a short introduction to the cast, set, materials and instruments for anyone that may need this before attending the performance. Please let us know in advance should this be required. We have also created a social story for those it is helpful for.

The tools we provide are simple and safe to use. We will work with audiences to ensure that everyone feels safe and capable to use them, with assistance provided where necessary.

If there is anything on this specification which is not possible, please let us know immediately by contacting the Producer on theatre@cardboardadventures.co.uk



PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

Do we need to bring anything? Yes, bring some cardboard with you from home. Any cardboard will do - delivery boxes, cereal boxes, anything you might put in the recycling!

How do we make things? What kinds of tools are available? All of the tools we use and have available are age appropriate, they include Scissors, Makedo Saws and Scrus, Tape, and Pens (machine washable). In some venues, we will also have electronic Chompsaws. Cardboard crafting is safe and fun if you follow recommended safety advice.

What happens during the show? MakeBeth is a mix of storytelling, crafting, music, and play. In the show you will:

- Create cardboard props
- Take part in key moments from the story
- Meet characters like the witches, Macbeth, Lady Macbeth and Banquo
- Help bring scenes like Birnam Wood to life

Do we get to keep what we make? Absolutely. Whatever you make is yours to take home with you, or you can leave it with us if you prefer, whatever is easiest for you!

Is MakeBeth messy? Materials are simple (cardboard and colouring pens). It's designed to be fun and hands-on without being overly messy. Please note we will need to use your recycling bins for leftover cardboard.

Is there a lot of audience participation? Yes! Participation is a core part of the experience, but it's designed to feel fun and relaxed. If you prefer to take a quieter role, you can participate from the comfort of your space and entirely on your own terms, no one is brought up on stage and all participation is as an audience group rather than as an individual basis.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is it different from a typical theatre show? What is craft-a-long?

MakeBeth is fully interactive. Instead of sitting back, you'll build, make, and take part in the story as it unfolds - helping bring characters and scenes to life using simple cardboard creations which you make yourself.

Is it a serious version of Macbeth? Not at all! While Makebeth follows the same story as Macbeth, including all of the gory details, it transforms Shakespeare's darkest tragedy into a fun, funny, and accessible experience - designed to be engaging for both children & adults.

What age is MakeBeth suitable for? The show is generally recommended for children aged 5+

What support from adults is required? Support will be required especially during the crafting and participatory moments of the show.

Is it suitable as a first theatre experience? Absolutely. MakeBeth is designed as a welcoming, engaging introduction to theatre, especially for younger audiences or those new to Shakespeare.

MAKEBETH MAKING ACTIVITIES

Two making activities can be found on the next few pages.
You can also use the videos below to help you!

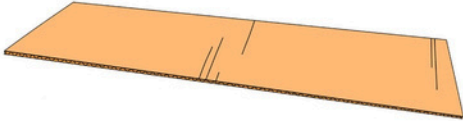
MAKE A WITCHES HAT - <https://youtu.be/sv24deoJEig>

MAKE A CROWN - <https://youtu.be/CdXxiK2GbZl>

If you've enjoyed these do check out CardboardAdventures.co.uk for more cardboard crafting adventures!



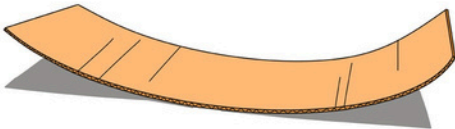
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Cut a strip of cardboard, about 15cm wide and long enough to wrap around your head, its helpful to have about 2cm extra so the ends will have a small overlap.

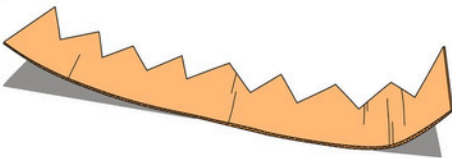
TOP TIP - Make sure you can see the curvy fluting along the long edge of the piece, this will make it curve into a smooth loop!

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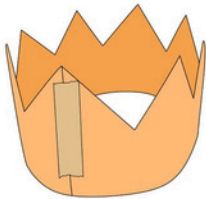
Then curve your cardboard strip so it has a long gentle curve, if you have your fluting running the right way this should be easy and smooth!

3.



Next cut out the decoration on one edge of the cardboard, remember it doesn't need to be pointy, you can make your crown any way you like!

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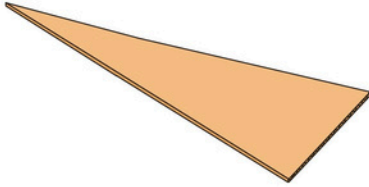


Then loop the two short ends together and join them with tape, you should then have the start of your crown!

5. Now for the fun part—decorate your crown and truly make it your own ... just remember, once you've got the crown, but don't let it go to your head!



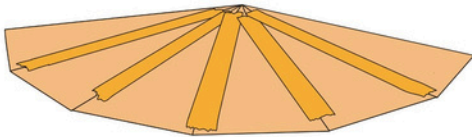
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First cut out the triangle pieces, you can use the pattern provided or make your own, the pattern is about 11.5cm wide and 30cm tall.

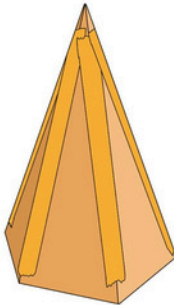
Depending on your age or head size you may need 5 or 6 of these.

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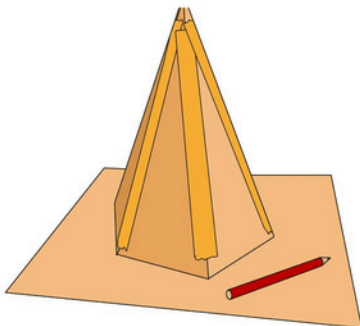
Join your triangles together with tape, with all the pointy ends meeting at the same point. It should look a little like a floppy fan when all stuck together.

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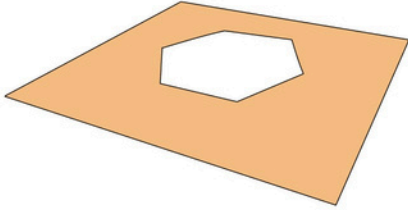
Join the two free ends together with tape to form a cone.

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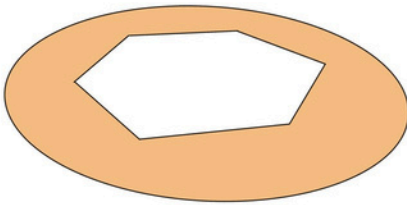
Put your cone onto a sheet of cardboard and draw around the flat end.

5.



Cut out this hole.

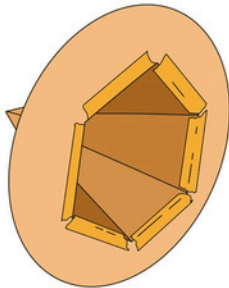
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Next, sketch a circle around this hole, trying to keep the hole in the centre.

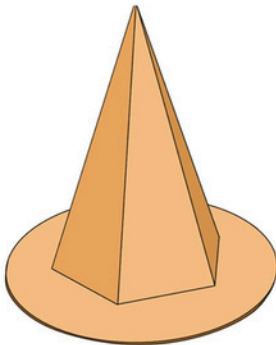
Once you're happy with your circle, cut it out and you should have a donut style shape.

7.



Place the Cones base into the hole and use the some tape hold it in place.

8.



Finally flip your hat over and start gathering those fillets of fenny snakes and blind worms stings, and always be the weirdest of the weird siblings!



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Hat
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