



## HOW TO MAKE A SHADOW BOX

### MATERIALS:

- \* Pencil
- \* Scissors [or x-acto knife if safety permits]
- \* Glue or double sided tape
- \* Ruler
- \* Black and light blue and white construction paper
- \* Black paint
- \* Small box, inside painted black
- \* Foam core board
- \* Hole punch
- \* Toothpick
- \* A color print out of Maurice, the little bear cub: <http://hccbbooks.com/Downloadables/LittleBear.jpg>

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Paint the inside-back of your box light blue, or cut a piece of light blue construction paper to fit the space and glue it in place.
2. Print out the bear cub and cut him out.
3. Cut two 1" squares of foam core to act as spacers—these will add space between the layers of your shadow box and give it depth.
4. Cut a hill shape out of black construction paper and mount it on a piece of foam board that has also been cut to the same size and shape. The hill shape should be the same width as your box and about half the height. If you need help getting the shape right, try drawing or tracing a semicircle.
5. Glue one of your foam-board spacers to the inside-back of the box, close to the bottom. Glue the hill shape onto the spacer.
6. Glue the other foam-board spacer to the back of the bear cub. Glue the bear cub and spacer to the hill so that most of the cub's body sticks up above the hill.
7. Use your hole punch to create some snowflakes from the white paper. If you have a snowflake-shaped craft punch or tiny scissors, you can make more ornate variations!
8. Put some glue onto a scrap piece of paper, and use the toothpick to place a tiny amount of glue on the back of each snow flake, then secure it in onto the blue background.