

# Tissue paper silhouette craft

**Provided supplies:** Black construction paper/ various tissue paper / \*scissors and glue on request

**Inspiration via** [www.instagram.com/colourful\\_minds\\_kids/](http://www.instagram.com/colourful_minds_kids/)



## HOW TO:

- Use black construction paper to sketch and then cut building silhouettes with window and doors.
- Glue different colors of tissue paper to the back of the silhouette cut out areas and display in a window or near a light source for maximum effect.
- See above for ideas or make your own creation. Don't want a house? Make a monster, dragon, nature, or abstract scene! **More ideas on the back of this page! >>>**

What is a silhouette? (si-lə-'wet) a likeness cut from dark material and mounted on a light ground or one sketched in outline and solidly colored in. [Merriam-Webster.com]

**Did You Know?** Before the age of the photograph, the silhouette, either cut from paper or painted, was the most affordable portrait that could be made. The art enjoyed a golden age in the second half of the 18th and first half of the 19th centuries, when many people collected them. Although silhouettes were well-loved, the man for whom they were named was not: Étienne de Silhouette was France's finance minister under Louis XV and was notorious for both his frugality and his hobby of making cut-paper shadow portraits. The phrase à la Silhouette came to mean "on the cheap," and portraits like the ones he produced were (satirically) bestowed with his name as well. [Merriam-Webster.com]

