

A Note from Kraken-Ka



Dear Reader:

Would you like to put on a shadow puppet play about me? You can if you use the puppets and script you'll find to print out here. Here's how to get started.

Supplies you will need:

To print the puppet patterns:

- A computer connected to a printer.
- Some white 8.5 by 11 inch paper.

To make the puppets:

- One piece of white posterboard, size 22 inches by 28 inches.
(Makes 6 puppets)
- Wooden chopsticks.
- Crayons or paints.
- Some paste or glue.
- A pair of blunt-end scissors.
- Some strong tape. Gray duct tape or 2-inch wide Scotch tape is best.

2. Research: Click on **What is Wayang Kulit?** to print it out or read on your computer. Read about the Indonesian shadow puppets called **Wayang Kulit** (pronounced Why-yang Cool-it). Visit some of the websites listed and other online sites to find out more about shadow puppetry and gamelan music for your show.

3: The Puppets: Print out the black and white patterns for the Kraken-ka, Cobra and Naga shadow puppets. Color the puppets. Follow the directions on each printout to make them. You can make puppets to tell different parts of the story, too. Naga's pattern comes with extra sets of fingers to paste on so you can show her telling me how many chances I have left. Experiment! Try making an all-black puppet of me to use at the end of the play. Try making other animal puppets for me to eat. Change Naga's colors when she is really angry at Kraken-ka. Use a silver crayon to color Cobra.

4: The Script: Print out the script. Be creative. Try writing a different ending. Maybe you would like to see me keep my crown! You can change the end to show that. Draw some puppet patterns of your own and add some roles for them to the script.

5: The Poster: Be a producer. Print, color and put up the poster with performance dates and times.

“Crack. Crack. Crack!”

P.S. Send us a report about your show.