

# Shape Totems

Use shapes to build totems!

**Materials:** Newspaper, grey lead pencil, markers, glue, scissors

**Time:** 1 hour

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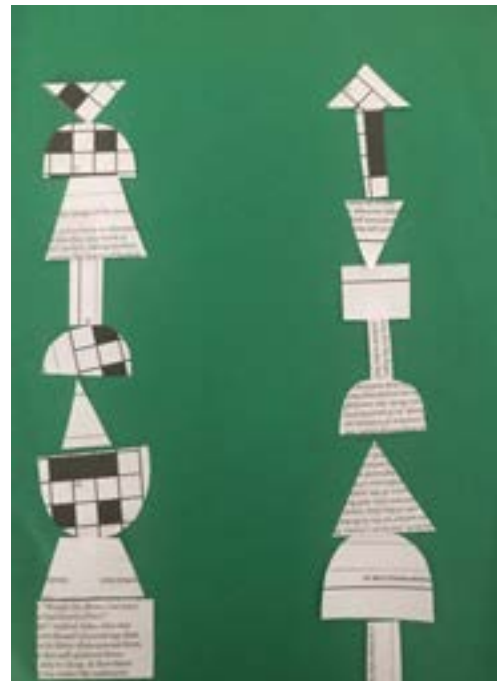
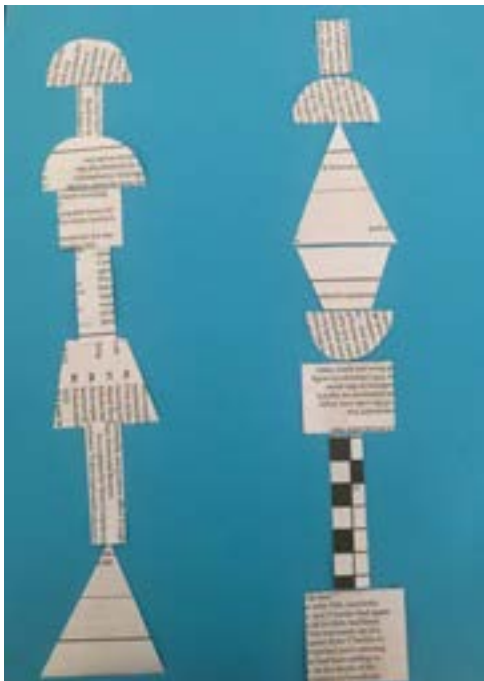
## Make

### Step 1: Cut shapes

Using a newspaper or scrap paper cut out a range of two dimensional geometric shapes including triangles, semi circles, trapeziums, rectangles, squares.

### Step 2: Arrange Shapes

On a separate piece of paper (scrap paper, newspaper or coloured paper works effectively), arrange the shapes as long totems considering balance and pattern.



### Step 3: Trace totems

Using a grey lead pencil, trace around the outside of the totem.

Then, trace over with a marker.



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## Step 4: Glue totem

Glue the totem into position next to the outline.



## Step 5: Add patterns

Decorate the inside of the traced totem with patterns, lines and shapes.



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**Step 6:** Repeat the process to create a variety of shape totems



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## Search

Go around your house and see if you can find something that is a triangle, circle, square and rectangle. Write their names in the shapes below!

