

Murder in the Dark

Gather the family up for a good old fashioned game of Murder in the Dark. There are a lot of different versions of the game but if you don't know any from memory here is our how-to. To start you need to write down on a piece of paper murderer and detective, and suspect for however many other players you have. Let everyone select a piece of paper from the pile but make sure you keep it a secret.

Then all the players go around the house or backyard to hide. The aim of the game is for the murderer to collect as many victims as they can before they are caught by the detective. To murder your victim simply tap the other players on the shoulder when you find them.

If a suspect is killed they fall to the ground and wait to be found by the detective who screams "Murder in the dark!" If the detective thinks they know who the murderer is he yells out the name of the player but he only gets one guess per game and if he guesses wrong the game is over and the murderer wins.

But if the detective gets killed before he makes his guess he screams "Detective murdered!" The lights are then turned back on and the detective then gets to have his one guess.

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Shadow Puppets

Gather everyday items from around the house like saucepans, toilet rolls, brushes, pegs and cushions that you could use to cast a shadow with. Grab a torch and sit near a blank wall with the kids. On a piece of paper write down a shadow challenge list and include animals, insects, plants or anything else you think you can make into a shadow puppet.

Everyone takes a turn picking from the list and holding the items together to make a shadow of their choice. They can also use their hands or their bodies if it is easier. Get as creative as you can. Then everyone else must try and guess what the shadow puppet is. Whoever guesses correctly takes the next turn.

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