



# The Museum of Ixelles sets the stage/2

**DIY-kit**

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The show is about to begin! Imagine that your table is transformed into a little theatre set, open to your imagination and ready for a creative adventure? To give your family (or yourself!) the nicest of shows, the Museum of Ixelles is inviting you to give life to some of its art works, with landscapes paintings serving as stage sets and animals as the main characters. Here we go! Ou Let's start, shall we?

Create your own finger puppet theatre!  
Our museum guides Lucie and Virginie had turned into little DIY fairies to help you gather all the material you'll need, from cut-out templates to sewing patterns

Ready? Action!

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Jean Brusselmans, Snowy Landscape, 1938 © Museum of Ixelles, Sabam 2020

Felix De Boeck, The pigeon, 1928  
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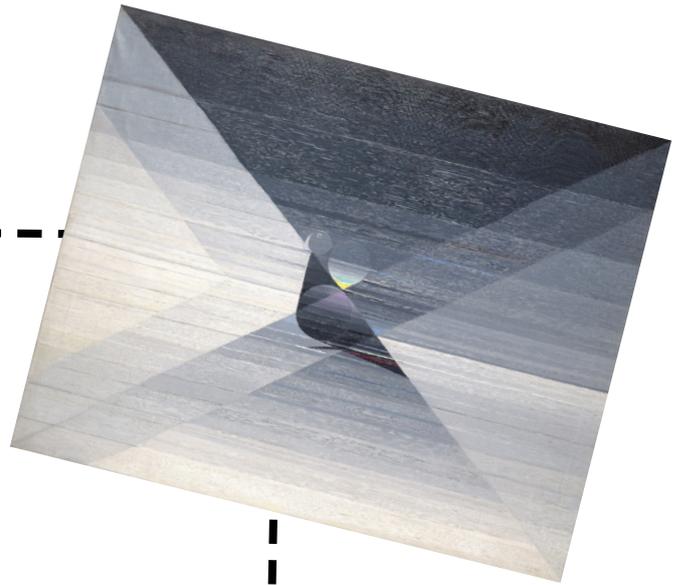


# Little pigeon...



Pigeon,  
Winged cloak of grey,  
In the city's hellish  
maw,  
One glance and you fly away,  
Your grace holds me in awe.

(C'est arrivé près de chez  
vous (Man Bites Dog),  
Belgian movie, 1992)



How many  
triangles do  
you see in this  
work?



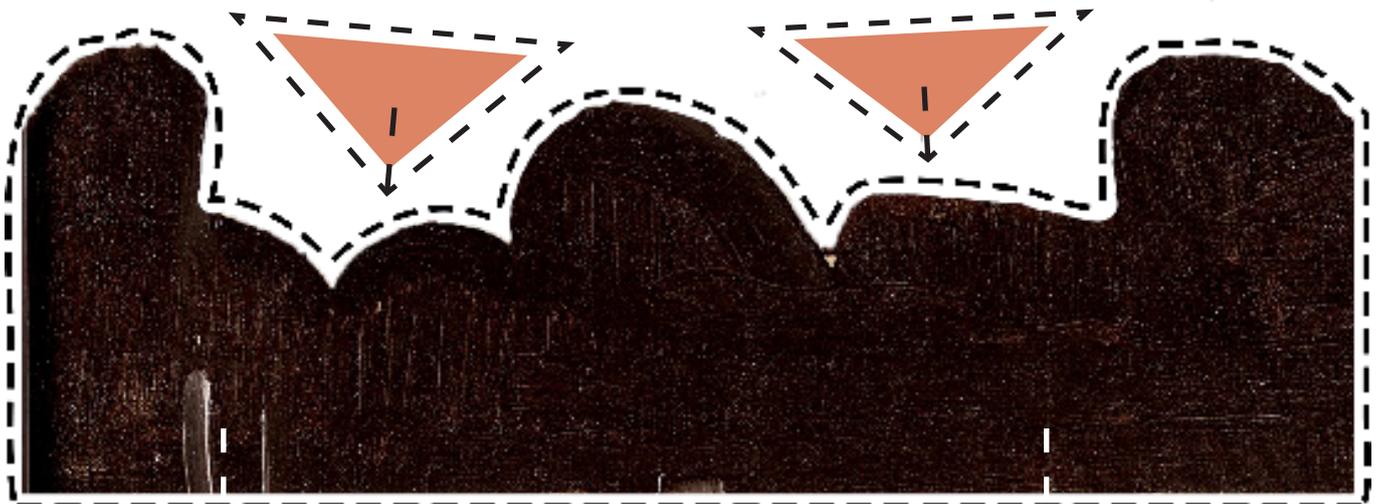
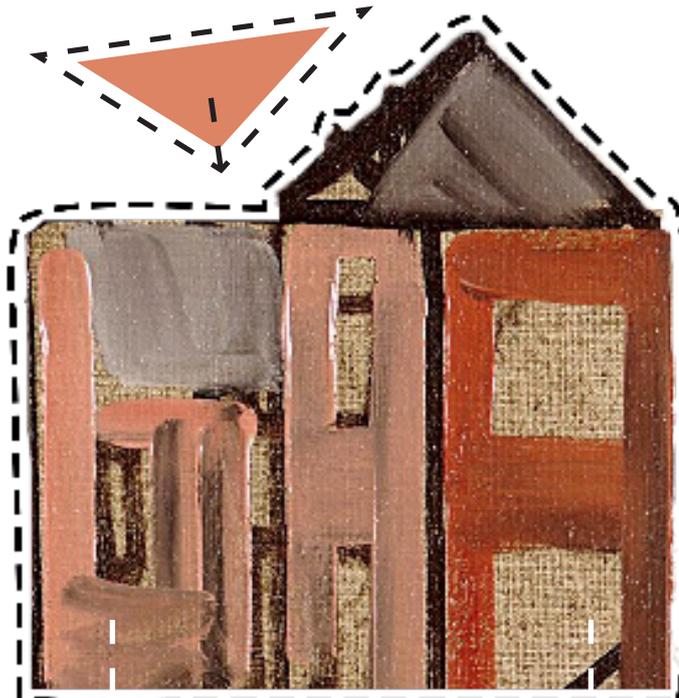
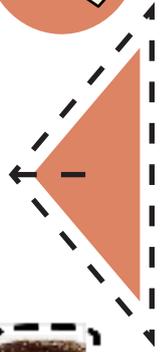
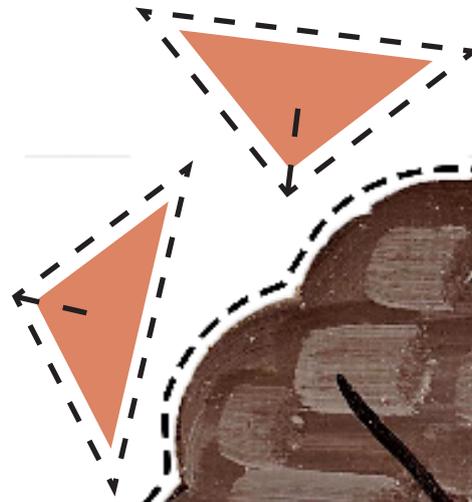
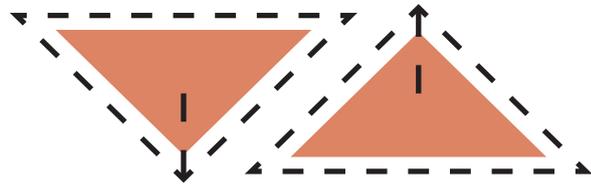
For the painter Jean  
Brusselmans, nature was «  
a marvellous mathematical  
monument ». Triangular  
roofs, rectangular houses,  
square windows and round  
bushes, that's all we  
need to make a fantastic  
geometrical decor!

What is the  
first thing that  
comes to your  
mind when you  
look at this  
painting?

...has frozen wings.

# The sets

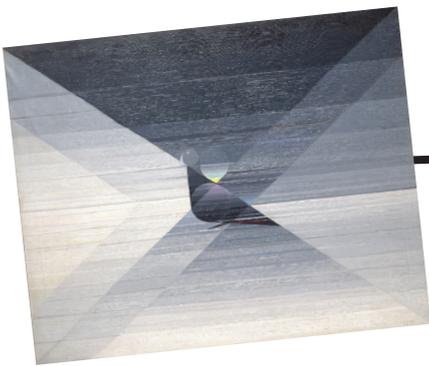
1. Print the scenery.
  2. Glue them on a thin cardboard sheet (e.g. a cereal box).
  3. Cut out each piece. Don't forget the small triangles.
  4. Assemble the pieces together by inserting the triangles into the notches.
  5. Place your set on a table.
- That's it!



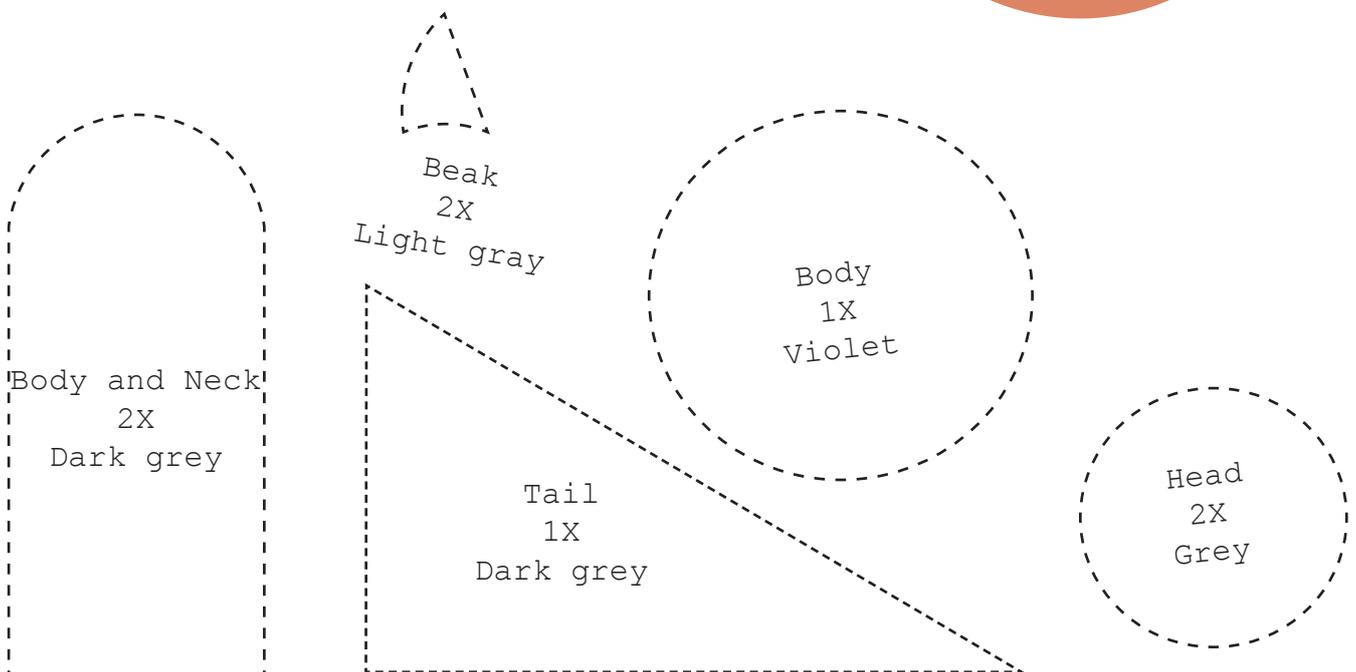
# The ready-to-sew pigeon's puppet



1. Print the template and cut out the different pieces.
2. Cut out the shapes in the felt according to the colours and the number of pieces.
3. Take a needle and thread to assemble the pieces, leaving an opening for the finger.
4. Don't hesitate to add feathers or other originalities to your pigeon.



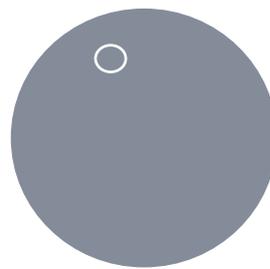
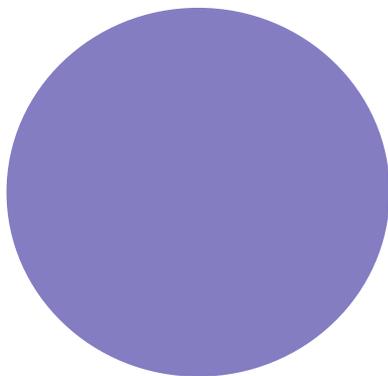
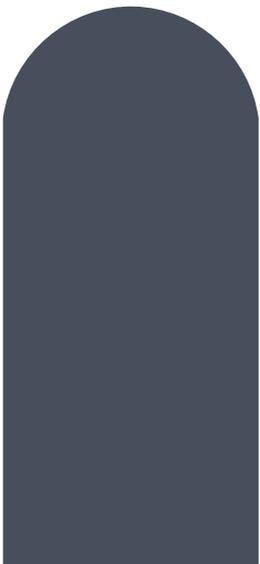
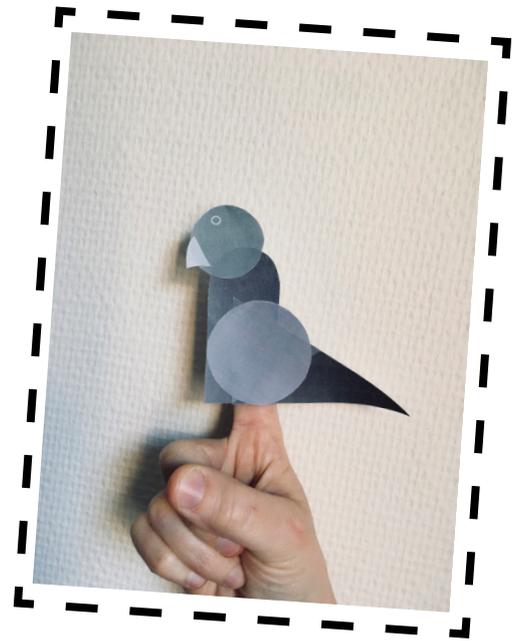
The artist Felix De Boeck lived on a farm near Brussels, in Drogenbos. He had to work in the fields six days a week, but on Sunday, he would lock himself up to paint.



# The pigeon's puppet cut-out



1. Print the page and cut out the different parts.
2. Glue the parts together to create your animal
3. Add the ring to the base of the animal by wrapping the strip around your finger to hold the puppet. You can use invisible tape to secure it to fit.
4. If you want to embellish your animal, don't hesitate to decorate it according to your taste.



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