



SHADOW

ART



► Making portraits from shadows is an old art the whole family can enjoy. And the results are pennymakers for scouts, bazaars and fund-raising projects in your community.

Silhouettes are quick and simple, and a fine way, too, to record the changing profiles of the growing members of the family.

To make one you need:

- one large sheet of unwrinkled scrap paper (a clean piece of brown wrapping paper will do);
- tape or thumbtacks;
- scissors;
- rubber cement;
- one 12 x 16-inch sheet each of: heavy black construction paper; heavy white construction paper; picture frame or cardboard backing and passe partout (a piece of cardboard with center cut out for picture); cellophane or glass.

Tape scrap paper (or wrapping paper) to wall. Have subject sit on bench or footstool, as close as possible to papered area. Place an unshaded lamp far

enough from subject so that his head will make a clear shadow. (Darkened rooms are best.) If you prefer your silhouettes smaller, move the light away from the subject. This will diminish the size of the shadow. But be sure your light bulb is strong enough to keep the outline of the subject's profile sharp and clear enough to outline accurately.

Carefully trace around the shadow outline. It's better to outline the subject's forehead, nose, mouth and chin first before he tires. Trace remaining silhouette. Then cut out paper pattern of head and fasten to black paper in strategic spots. Cut out around pattern. Turn silhouette on wrong side, spread cement around edges and mount on white construction paper.

You may cover your silhouette-art with cellophane and bind with black tape or passe partout, or you may wish to frame and hang it as a decorative spot in your family room. Groupings of silhouettes of the whole family make attractive and interesting arrangements for stairway walls, too.