Monster Window Silhouettes

Materials

Posterboard - As long as it is lightblocking it will work at night.
For the best results during the day we recomend black. You can also use painted cardboard.

Tape measure

Box cutter or exacto knife

Scissors

Cutting Mat (or some soft surface to cut on and protect surfaces beneath, cardboard will work)

Easy release tape, like scotch and/or painters tape

Directional light - Table lamp, desk lamp, or work light
(light from your room will be strong enough at night)

Process

Step 1: Measure the height and width of the window the silhouette will be in.

Step 2: Create a template the size of your window. You can draw your silhouette on this sheet and know it will fit in your window. You can print and trace shapes or images to help you create this as well. See the attached drawings for inspiration.

Step 3: Once you are happy with your monster you, can transfer it onto your posterboard. You will transfer to the side that will face into your room. Run chalk, charcoal, or soft pastel onto the back of your drawing, then tape it to your posterboard and trace with a dull pencil to transfer. If you are doing multiple copies (with friends for example) you can transfer the same drawing multiple times. Trace the outline with a marker to prevent line loss.

Step 4: Using a pair of scissors, box cutter, or exacto knife, cut out your silhouette.
We would recommend placing a piece of cardboard, cutting board, or something similar under your silhouette so you don't cut into your floor or work surface.

Step 5: Once your silhouette has been cut out, tape it to your window using scotch tape or painters tape. You can use colored cellophane or tissue paper to add character to your creations.

Step 6: If your window has sheer curtains you're all done! If not you can use tracing paper, tissue paper, or any other tranlucent material to create a light diffusion. You might need to reorient your lights to shine more directly out your window.

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