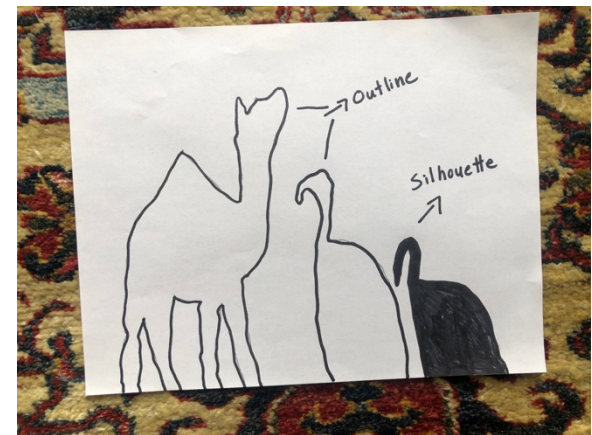


## Use Objects at Home to Draw A Silhouette



A Silhouette is the image of a person, animal, object or scene represented as a solid shape of a single color, usually black, with its edges matching the outline of the subject. The interior of a silhouette is featureless, and the silhouette is usually presented on a light background, usually white, or none at all. The silhouette differs from an outline which depicts the edge of an object in a linear form, while a silhouette appears as a solid shape. Silhouette images may be created in any visual artistic media, but were first used to describe pieces of cut paper, which were then stuck to a backing in a contrasting color, and often framed.

**Tip:** You can see your shadow almost any time of day when the sun is out. Shadows are longer in the morning and afternoon and short at high noon.



A Traditional Silhouette from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

How silhouettes were created in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.  
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