Making a Kamishibai

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This kamishibai is made with cardboard, paper mache and acrylic paint. The hinges are made from canvas. It could easily be made from light timber.
From the position of the storyteller. The shelf that supports the kamishibai is made from wood.
The kamishibai is on an angle so children can see more easily. If you need it straight, you can slip a wedge underneath.
Window

380 mm

420 mm

240 mm

480 mm

500 mm

"L" section brace with fixings

FRONT ELEVATION
(From right side facing forward)
(NOT TO SCALE)
The cards are prevented from falling out by a small ledge. There are four slots in the base. You can thread straps through these and fit the box to the bike rack. If your rack is narrow, you could broaden it with a small plank.
Folded up and ready to go.
Off to tell stories!
And here is some more information in case you need it.

First I made a little paper model.
The cardboard used for the box is thick.
I used thinner board for the kamishibai.
Paper is bound with PVA thinned with water. I used several layers for strength.
I made the kamishibai to be the same height as my head so that the relationship between the pictures and my face is close. You could adapt this to your own height. The kamishibai is tilted so children can see easily.
Undercoat before painting with acrylic paint.

After painting, the outside was sealed with an acrylic sealer.
And this is how I close the doors.

Have fun!

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