

## **Pinhole cameras Instructions for use**

1. Find a partner
2. **In the darkroom**, open up the pinhole camera and make sure there is a piece of tape in the center of the camera back. If there isn't, make a loop with some scotch tape or packing tape.
3. Affix a piece of 2.5"x2.5" photo paper to the back of the box so that it lies flush
4. Put the lid back on the box.
5. Before leaving the darkroom, make sure the piece of tape is over the pinhole opening in the lid of the box.

### **Shooting with the pinhole camera**

1. Find a well lit area.
2. Select a subject, preferably something that doesn't move.
3. Place the camera down and **hold it steady!**
4. Slowly peel back the tape and move it out of the way of the pinhole. **Hold the camera steady!**
5. Start with an exposure time of 8 seconds outside, and about 45 seconds inside
6. Go into the darkroom and develop the paper. If it is almost all white, you need a longer exposure time. If the paper is all black and/or dark grey, cut your exposure time in half.
7. Process good negatives through the chemicals and hang to dry.

### **Printing from a pinhole camera negative**

1. Place a sheet of 2.5" x2.5" photo paper on a contact sheet enlarger, or on the enlarger easel if you have a piece of clean glass
2. Take your **dry** negative and place it face down on the unexposed sheet of photo paper of the same size
3. Close the glass lid (or place the glass over the photo paper)
4. Set the aperture of the enlarger to f5.6
5. Set the timer for 15 seconds and expose the paper
6. Remove the bottom sheet of photo paper and run through the chemicals
7. If the print is too dark, use less time. If it is too light, use more time.
8. Hang good prints to dry

**Remember, the more light photopaper receives,  
the darker it becomes!**

**I would like you to hand in 2 pinhole camera positives. (You and your partner may hand in the same photos if you wish.)**

**Please scan your print and save a copy on your flash drive in a subfolder in your "Assignments" folder, These photos will also be uploaded to your Flickr site.**

**Make sure that you scan @ 300dpi, and save as either a jpeg or a PSD**

