



Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

How To Kit

Literacy Activities for Holidays



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Family literacy activities can happen anytime

We have put together a collection of ideas for holidays that you can use for a special event. Invite families and caregivers to come and celebrate a particular holiday by sharing and learning together.

(We have adapted the material from Reading and Parents Program developed by Kingston Literacy.)

Holidays Included

Please click on an icon below to view the corresponding section.

Birthdays



Valentine's Day



Easter



Thanksgiving



Halloween



Christmas





Steps to Organizing a Holiday Family Literacy Activity

Preparation

1. Find a space in the community to hold the event. (school, band office, nursing station, library, community hall)
2. Advertise your special event at least one week prior to the event. Put posters up around the community, advertise on the local radio station, or green screen and hand out invitations at the school. **Tell everyone about it!** Posters and invitations are included in this package.
3. Prepare yourself by trying to find books related to the holiday.
4. Invite Elders to come to the event and share stories from the past.
5. Call the NWT Literacy Council if you would like help with your event. The NWT Literacy Council can provide free books for prizes in the NWT, help with the organization of the event and provide training for facilitators.
6. Ask the local paper to come to your event and do a story about Family Literacy.





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At the Event



1. Greet people as they come in.
2. Have books related to the holiday you are celebrating out for people to look at while they wait.
3. When everyone is there, thank them for coming and tell them what they will be doing during the event.
4. Read a book that is related to the holiday. Examples are included in this package.
5. Teach the participants some rhymes about the holiday (included in this package). Repeat the rhymes several times so people can learn them. At the end of the session, give photocopies of the rhymes to families to take home.
6. Do a craft related to the book. Encourage families to work together on the craft.
7. Play games with the participants such as charades, word games and writing games. Games are a great way to get people active during your event and they are educational too!
8. Hand out some literacy activities for families to work on together.





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9. Give parents extra activities that they can do at home with their children.
10. Read another book to the group. Hand out some reading tips for parents.
11. Repeat the rhymes that you learned earlier.
12. Have a nutritious snack at the end of the event.

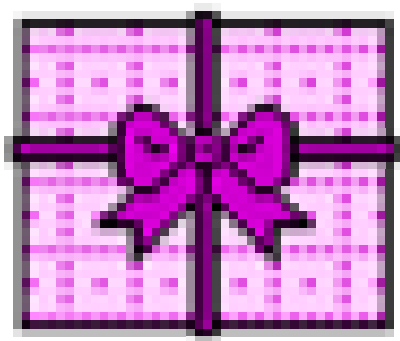




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Birthdays



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Birthdays

- Book: The Secret Birthday Message
Any birthday book
- Poems: When Will My Birthday Come?
- Songs: If You're Happy and You Know It
- Fingerplays: A Delicious Cake
Today I Have a Birthday
What Am I Baking
- Craft Ideas; Surprise
Birthday Cake
- Literacy activities: Birthday Puppy
Birthday Shape Trace
Birthday signs





Poems

When Will My Birthday Come?

When will my birthday come?
When will my own day be?
Seems that there are so many
days,
There must be one for me.

When will my birthday come?
When will my friends be near?
Letting me know they care for
me
And showing me they're glad
I'm here.

Will it come in spring?
Will it come in fall?
Sometimes I wonder if it will
come at all.

When is my special day?
Sometimes I'm not too sure.
Will it be next November or
maybe June?
When will my birthday come?
I hope it's soon.

A Delicious Cake

Mix the batter,
Stir the batter,
Shake some flour in.

Mix the batter,
Stir the batter,
Pour it in the tin.

Sprinkle little raisins on,
Pop batter in to bake.

Open wide the oven door,
And out comes a cake!





What Am I Baking

Sift the flour and break an egg.
Add some salt and a bit of nutmeg.
A spoon of butter, a cup of milk,
Stir and beat as fine as silk.

Want to know what
I'm going to bake?
Sh Sh, it's a secret!

A birthday cake!

Today I Have a Birthday

Today I have a birthday
I'm four years old you see.

Here I have a birthday cake
Which you may share with me.

First we count the candles
Count them everyone.

1,2,3,4 Now the counting's done.
Let's blow out the candles
Out each flame will go.

Whoo, Whoo, Whoo, Whoo
And one by one we blow.



Song

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. (clap twice)
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (clap twice)
If you're happy and you know it
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. (clap twice)





Surprise!!!

This project is a surprise!!!

What You Need

- 1 toilet roll (cardboard)
- 1 sheet of construction paper
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- 1 sheet of regular paper, colored paper, wrapping paper
- Candies, sweets, little toys, etc.



How To Make It

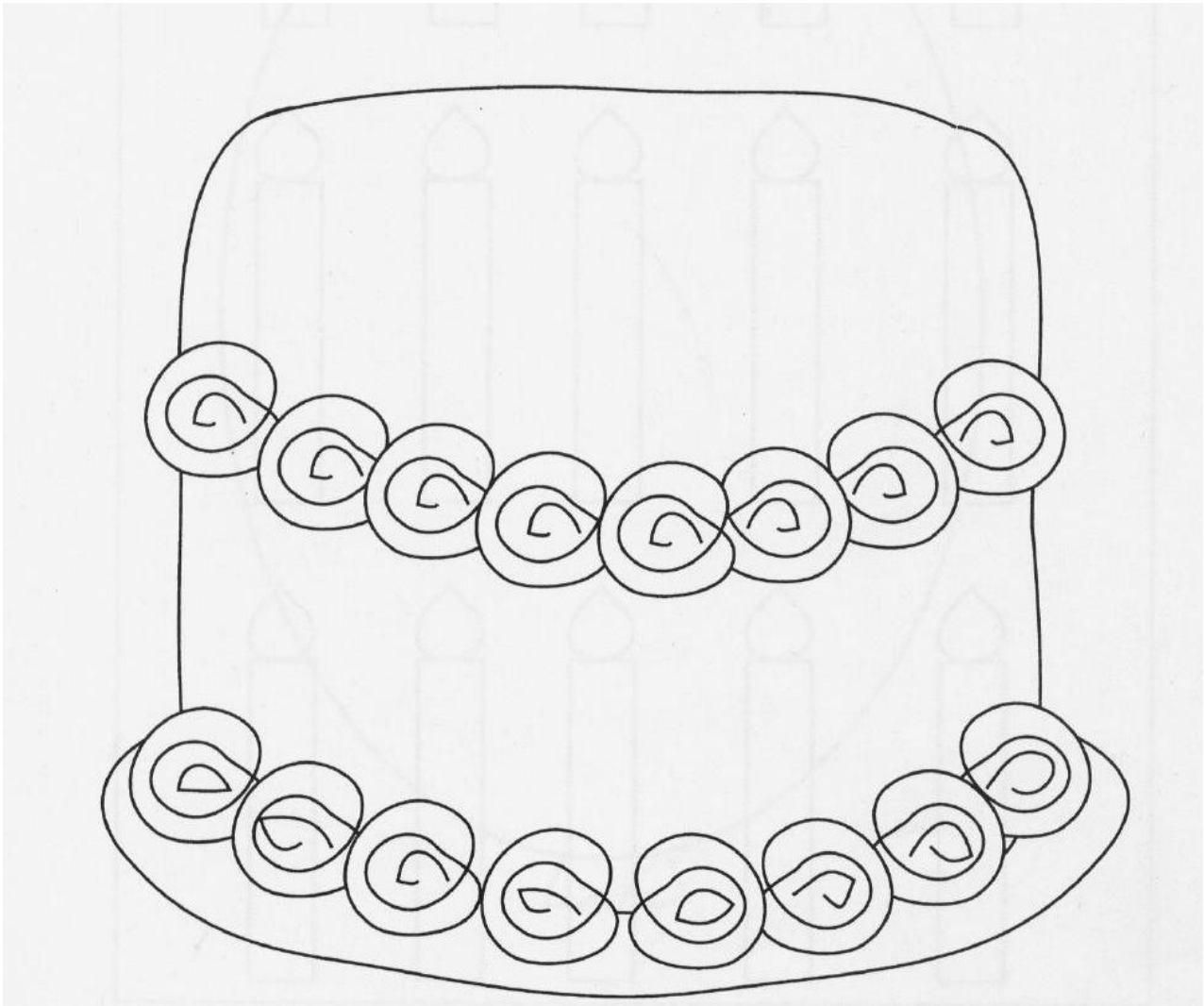
1. Trace toilet roll end on cardboard 2 times.
2. Cut both circles out of the cardboard.
3. Tape 1 round circle on the end of the roll.
4. Fill in the roll with whatever - candies are good.
5. Then tape the other circle to the other end of the roll.
6. Put the roll on the long side of the paper.
7. Roll up the roll in the paper.
8. Now twist each side up like a tootsie roll.
9. This makes a great party favor or a surprise at a table setting!





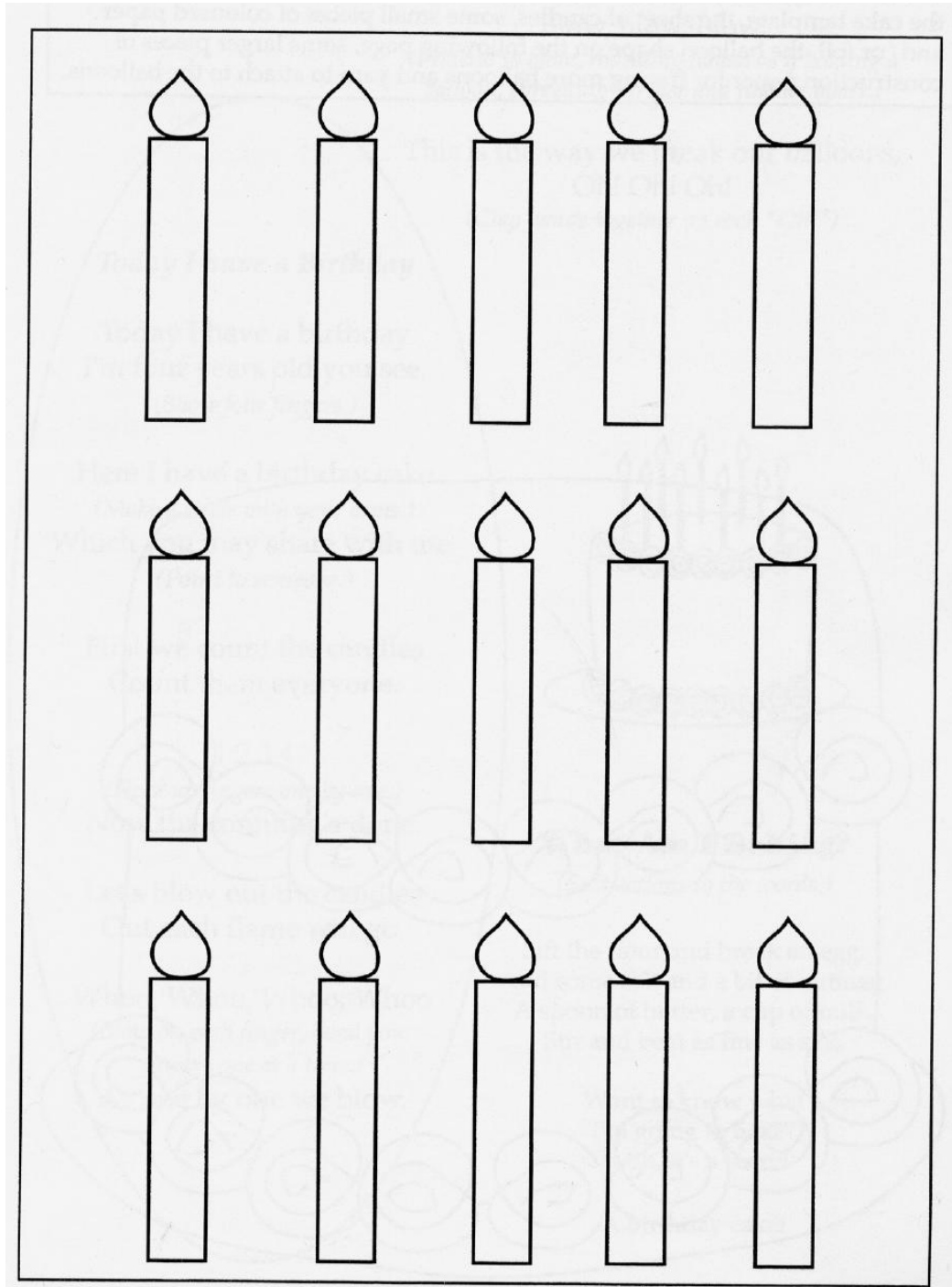
Birthday Cake

You will need to cut out the birthday shape and paste it to a piece of cardboard. Then cut out the candles on the next page and glue them to the cake and then decorate.





Birthday Candles



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Birthday Puppy

Colour me happy!



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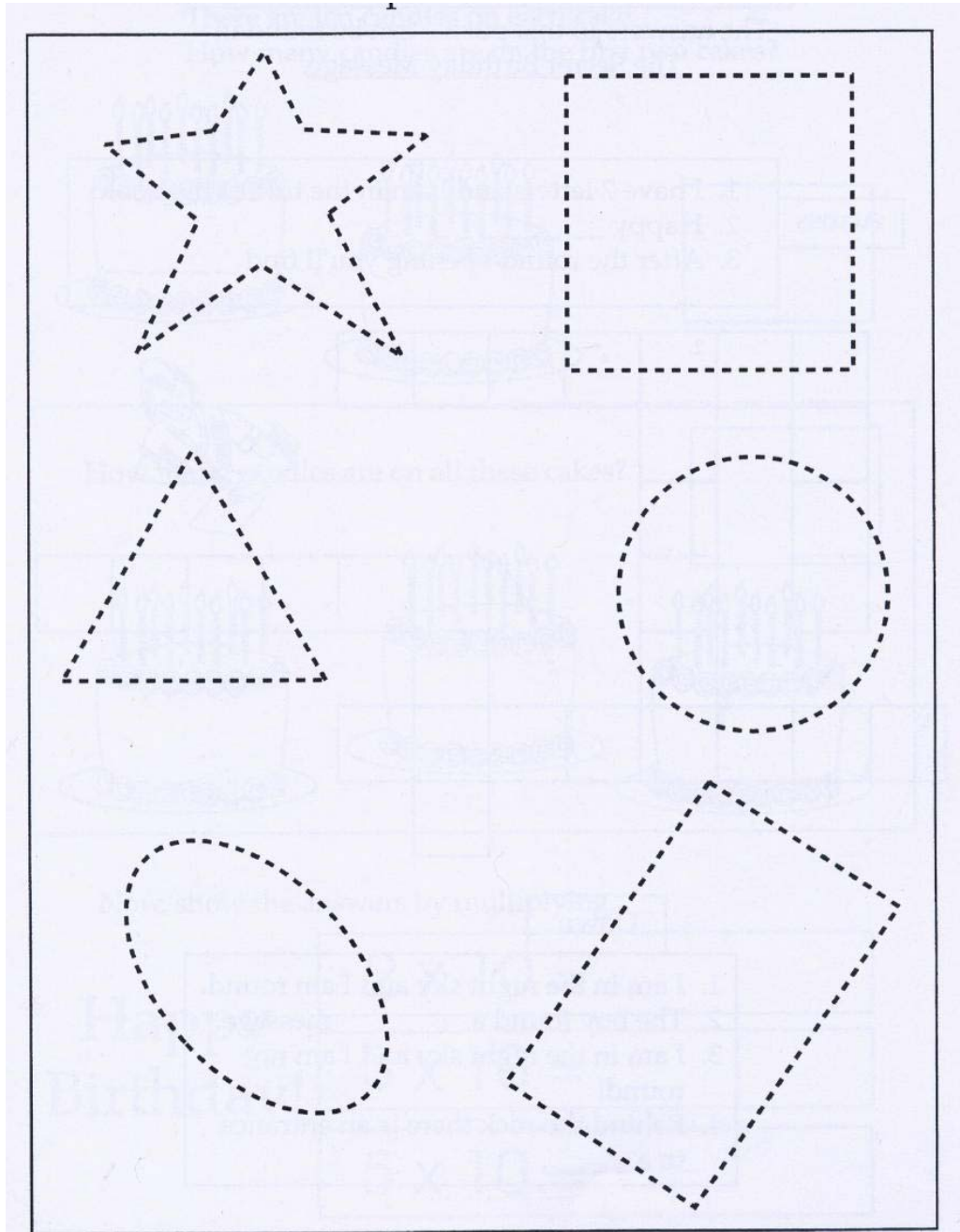
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Birthday Shape Trace

Trace these shapes and then colour them.



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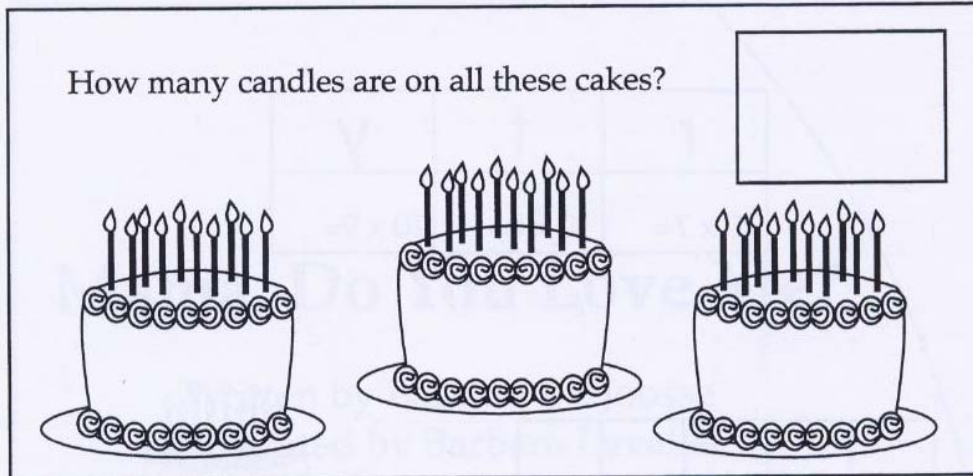
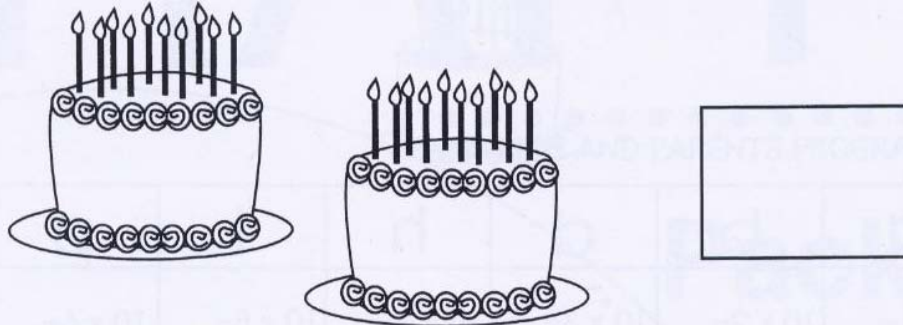


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Candle Count

There are ten candles on each cake.
How many candles are on the first two cakes?



Now, show the answers by multiplying.

Happy
Birthday!

$$2 \times 10 =$$

$$3 \times 10 =$$

$$5 \times 10 =$$





Say it with Signs

Make signs for your friends or family. Put the signs in your driveway or snow bank for the “birthday person” to see on their way home.

What You Need

- Sticks
- Poster board
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Pencil or pen
- Markers (use permanent markers if rain is possible)
- Other decorative items such as ribbons, feathers, beads, etc.
- Tacky glue



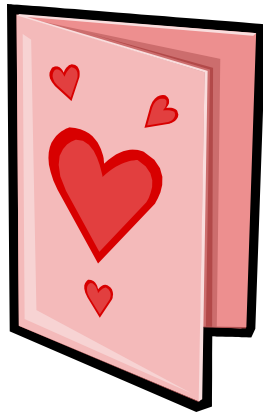
How To Make It

1. Cut out the signs.
2. Decorate the signs with markers or other decorative items.
3. Let dry.
4. Use tape or tacky glue to stick the poster board to the sticks.
5. Let dry if using glue.
6. Assemble the signs.
7. Arrange the signs down a driveway or yard so they can be read as people, or the “birthday person”, goes by!





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Valentine's Day



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Valentine's Day





- Books:** Mama, Do You Love Me?
Red is Best
Red Parka Mary
- Poems:** Valentines
Mother's Valentine
I Love You
Question
- Songs:** The More We Get Together
- Finger plays:** Be My Valentine
"Bee" My Valentine
- Craft Ideas:** Valentine's Card
Heart Shaped Animals
Heart Puzzle
Valentine's Card or Picture
- Literacy activities:** Odd Person Out
Valentine Match
Colour a beautiful valentine
Trace the hearts
Letter by Letter
Word Search
Dinosaur Valentines Day Cards





Poems

Valentines	Mother's Valentines
<p>Valentines, valentines. Red, white and blue I'll find a nice one and give it to you.</p> 	<p>Listen, Mother, you know what? On Valentine's Day, I love you a lot. So I'll throw you a kiss, Mother mine. I want you for my Valentine.</p> 

I Love You

I love you, I love you,
I love you divine,
Please give me your bubble gum,
You're sitting on mine.



Question

Do you love me
Or do you not?
You told me once
But I forgot.





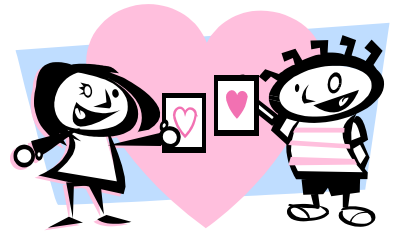
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Song

The more we get together, together, together,
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.
Your friends are my friends, and my friends are your friends.
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

Variations

- A. The more we play together ...
- B. The more we work together ...
- C. The more we share together ...
- D. The more we care for others ...











Valentine's Cards

Supplies:

- Construction paper - a lot of colors
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Black marker

	<p>Cut a piece of construction paper in half, then draw half a heart. Cut along the line to make a heart.</p>	
	<p>Cut out some smaller hearts, and arrange them to make a flower, bee, or other picture. Glue the hearts to the larger heart.</p>	
	<p>Write a message on your very special Valentine card.</p>	



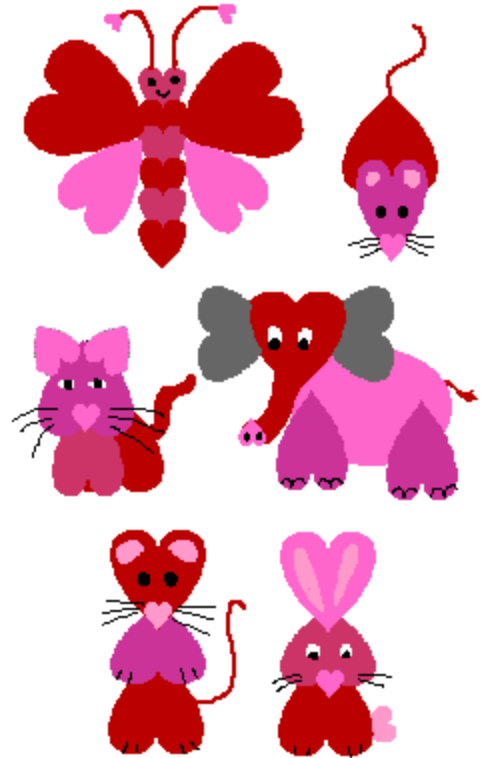


Heart-y Animals

Make animals using hearts as the base of the drawing. These heart animals can be hung on the wall or used to make Valentines cards.

What You Need

- Construction paper in red, white, pink
- Scissors
- Markers
- Options Items
 - Heart shaped stickers
 - Fabric to cut into heart shapes
 - Yarn, buttons or other trims
 - Heart shaped patterns
 - Pre-cut hearts (recommended for younger kids)



How To Make It

You can let the children draw their own hearts on paper and then add the details to make animals, let them cut hearts out of paper or cloth, have an assortment of pre-cut hearts (good for younger children). You can also use simple heart shaped stickers for some of the smaller hearts.

You can make heart shapes for the children to use or children can cut out their own heart shapes.

Tips

Make heart-shaped patterns for the children in a variety of sizes and proportions for them to cut out their own. Show them how to fold the paper in half to make a symmetrical heart.

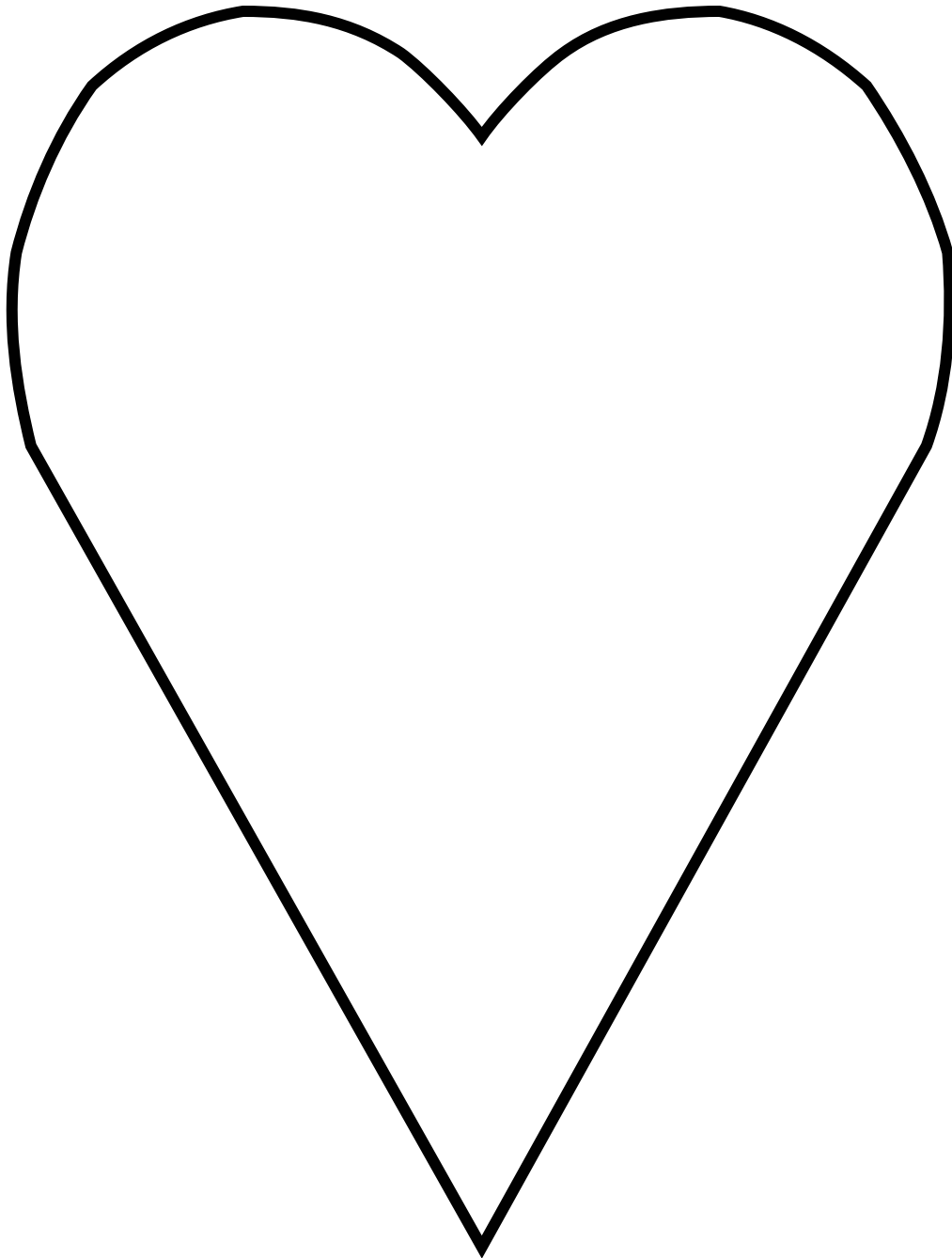




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Craft Template

Use red construction paper, doilies, scraps of yarn and colourful scraps of paper and foil to make a Valentine.



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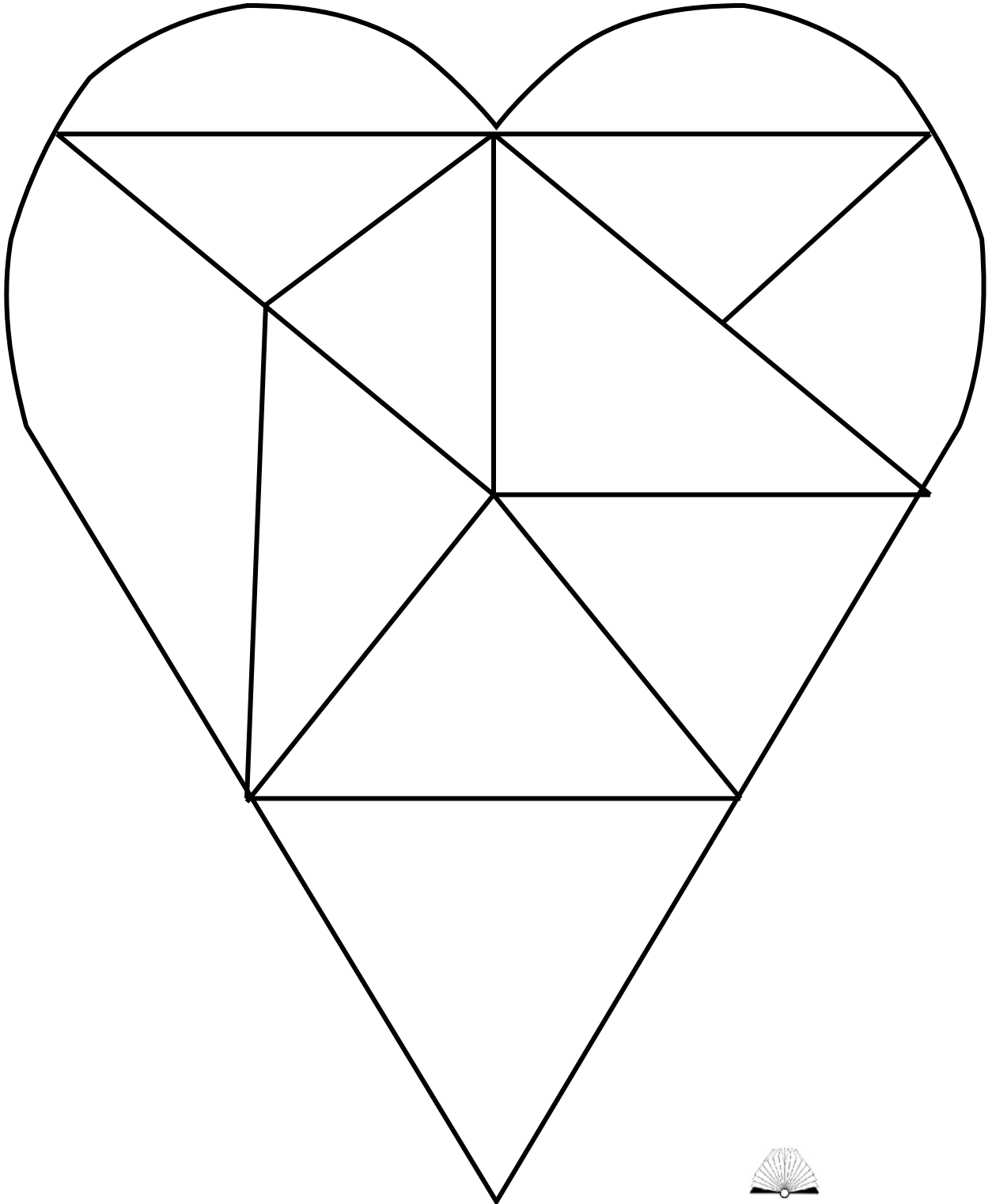


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Heart Puzzle

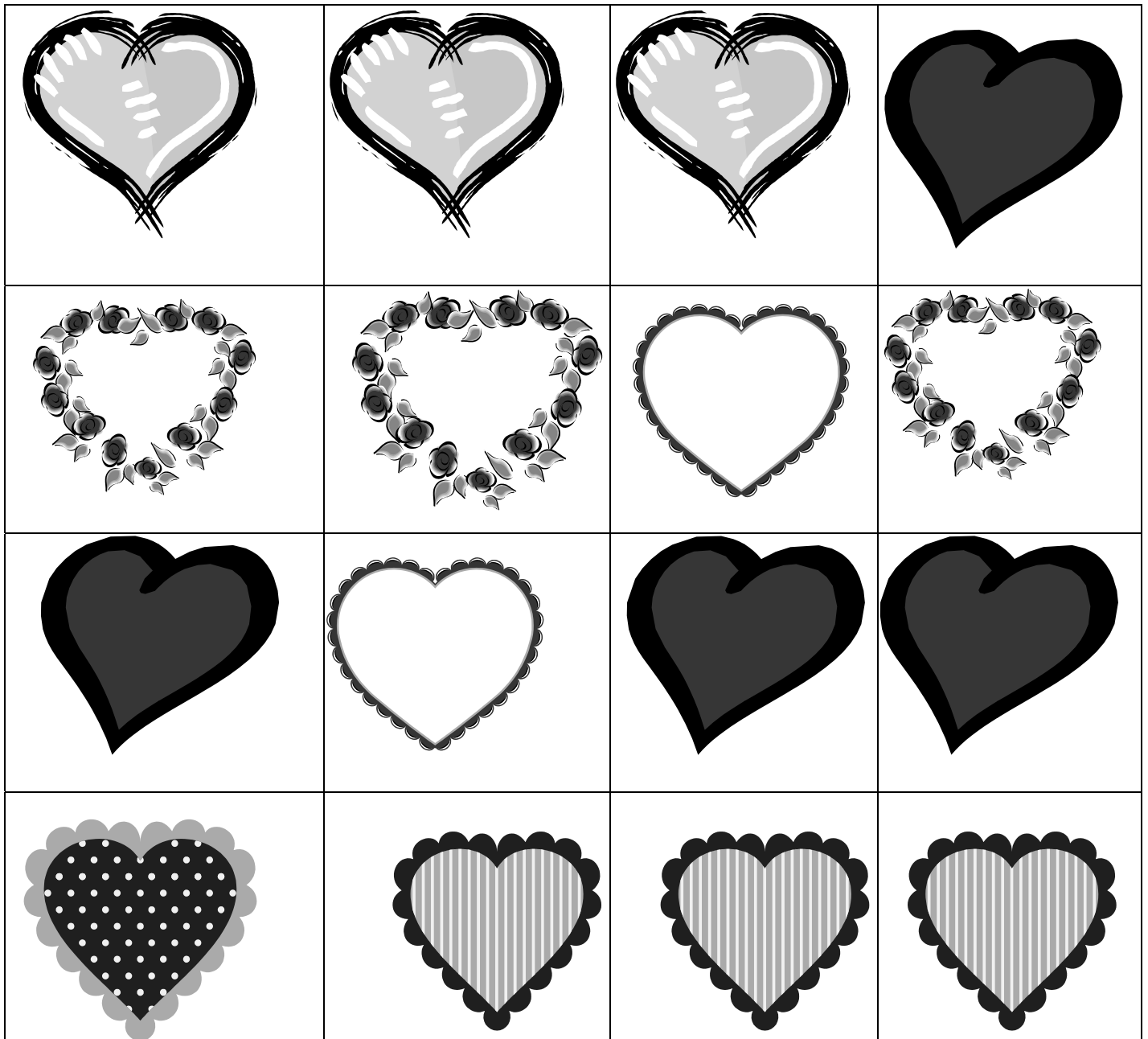
Colour in the heart shape and then glue it on cardboard. Cut out the different shapes to make a heart puzzle. Mix it up, then put it back together into a heart shape.





Odd Person Out

Put a cross through the one that is different on each line.

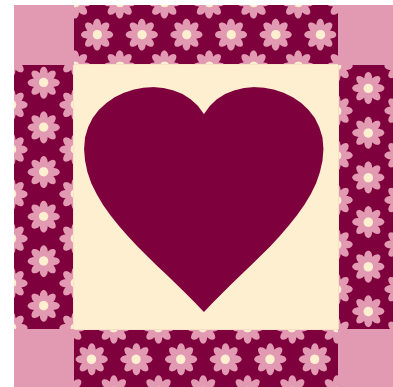
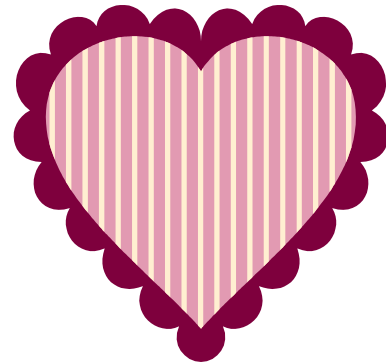
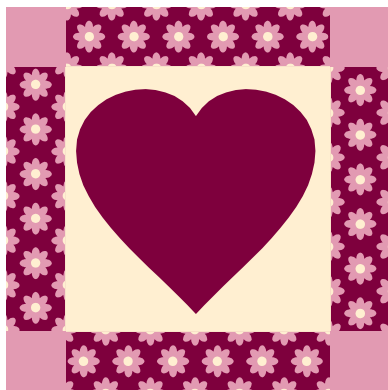
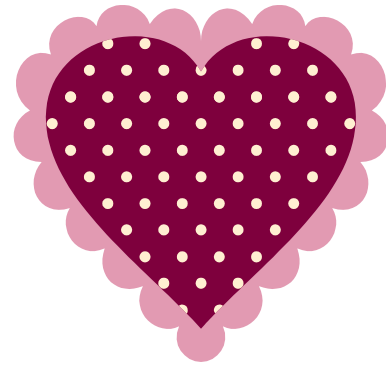
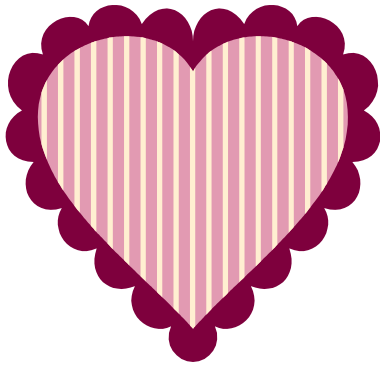




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Valentine Match

Draw a line between the hearts that match.

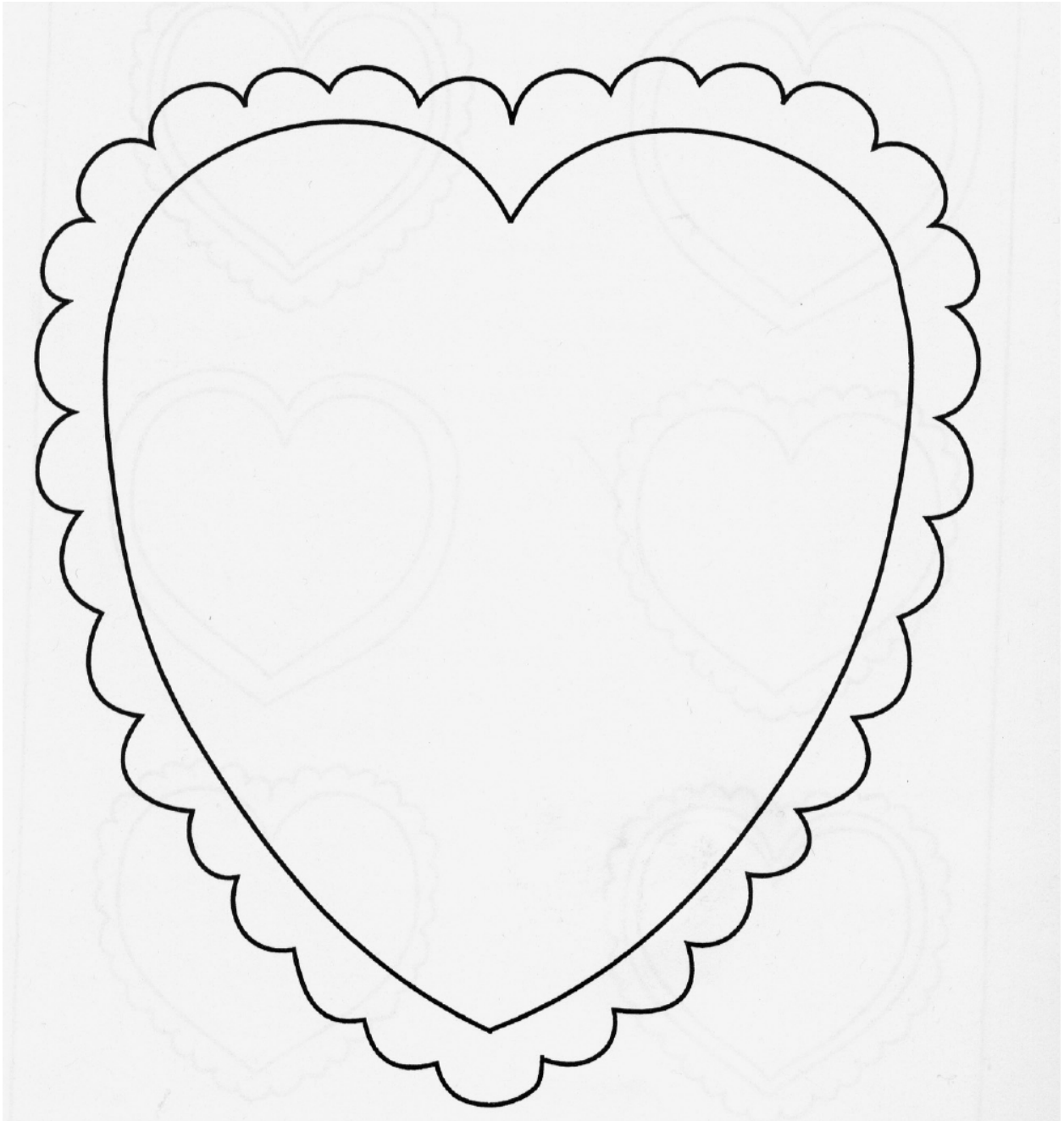




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Be My Valentine

Colour a beautiful valentine and give it to a friend.



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Hearts

Trace the hearts and then colour them.

V for Valentine
To draw a V, start at the ★, go to the ▲ and finish at the □.





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Letter by Letter

In each word box change one letter on each line and make a new word.

love
<i>dove</i>
<i>dome</i>
dime

fish
last

what
thin

very
<i>vary</i>
<i>wary</i>
warm

sang
lone

cave
comb

bear
coat

tent
wand

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Mama, Do You Love Me? Word Search

h	o	w	l	s	s	t	a	r	s
b	v	a	l	e	n	t	i	n	e
l	t	r	e	a	s	u	r	e	h
e	f	o	r	e	v	e	r	c	a
f	r	i	e	n	d	o	a	k	p
h	n	p	a	r	k	a	m	g	p
p	d	q	m	a	m	a	s	k	y
d	e	a	r	j	f	f	e	l	l
i	s	t	i	l	l	l	o	v	e

valentine	love	sky
friend	happy	howls
forever	still	mama
treasure	fell	dear
stars	parka	





Dinosaur Valentines

You can photocopy these cards and give them to families for their children to read and colour. Have children fill in the cards and give them to friends and family. To make the cards more sturdy glue them to cardboard.

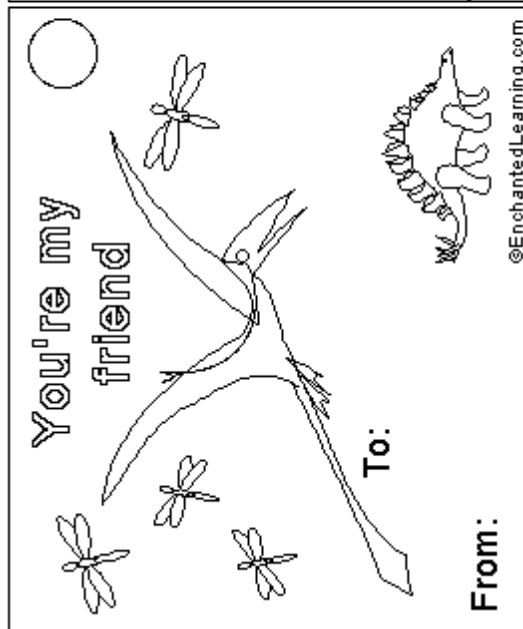
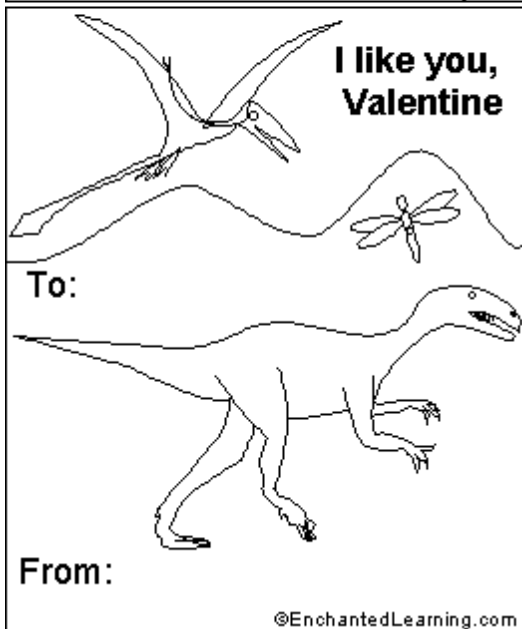
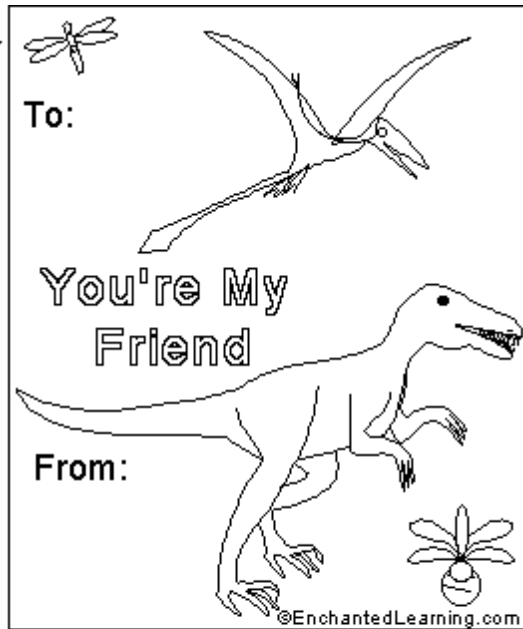
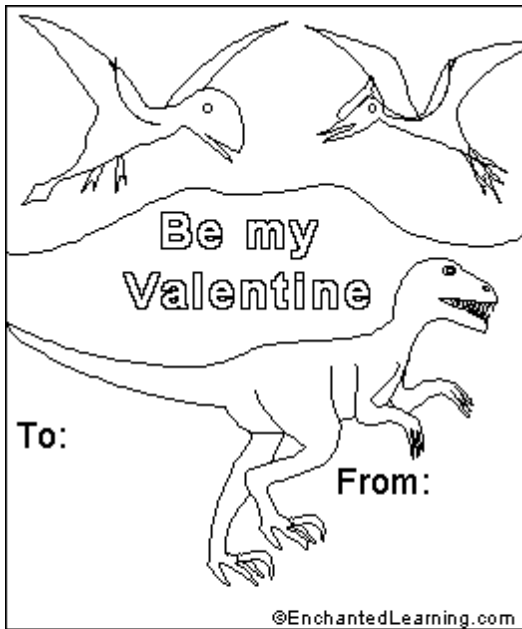
Dinosaur valentines to photocopy and color

<p>I like you, Valentine</p> <p>To:</p> <p>From:</p> <p><small>©EnchantedLearning.com</small></p>	<p>You're My Friendosaurus</p> <p>To:</p> <p>From:</p> <p><small>©EnchantedLearning.com</small></p>
<p>I really, really like you</p> <p>To:</p> <p>From:</p> <p><small>©EnchantedLearning.com</small></p>	<p>You're my friend</p> <p>To:</p> <p>From:</p> <p><small>©EnchantedLearning.com</small></p>





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Be My
Jurassic Valentine

To:




From:




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Be My
Valentineosaurus

To:



From:




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You're the
TriceraTOPS

To:

From:

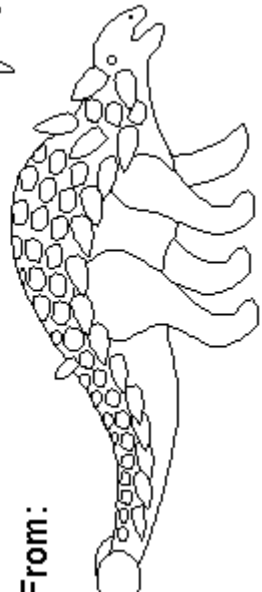


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You're the Best Valentine
in 65 Million Years

To:

From:



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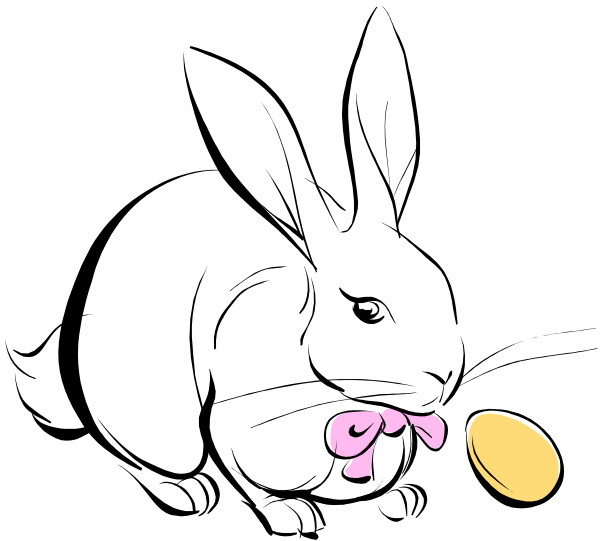




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Easter



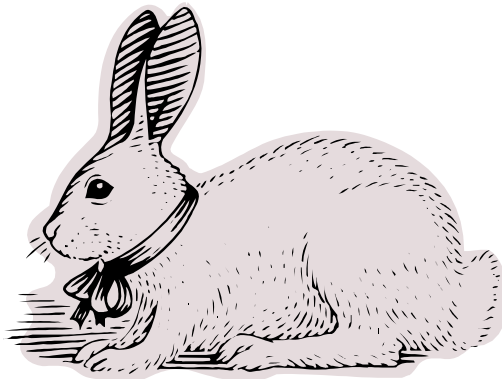
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Easter

- Books: The Runaway Bunny
- Poems: Bunny
Five Little Bunny Rabbits
Mary Had a Little Bunny (North Slavey)
- Finger plays: Hop, Hop, Hop
- Craft Ideas; Egg Carton Bunny
Bunny Stick Puppet
Bunny Ears
- Literacy activities: Candy Nests
Colour the Easter Scene
Dot to Dot Alpha Bunny
Follow the Bunny
The letter "B"
How many bunnies can you see?
Bunny Code
Word Search





Bunny

Here is a bunny with ears so funny.
And here is a hole in the ground.
At the first sound she hears,
She pricks up her ears
And hops in the hole with a bound!

Five Little Bunny Rabbits



Five little bunny rabbits sitting by the door-
One hopped away, and then there were four.

Refrain

Hop, hop, hop, see how they run!
Hop, hop, hop, hop. They think it's great fun!

Four little bunny rabbits under a tree-
One hopped away, and then there were three.

Repeat refrain

Three little bunny rabbits, looking at you-
One hopped away, and then there were two.

Repeat refrain

Two little bunny rabbits, looking at you-
One hopped away, and then there were one.

Repeat refrain

One little bunny rabbit left all alone-
He hopped away and then there was none!

Repeat refrain





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MARÍ GAH BETS'Ě

Marí gah bets'Ě

Gah bets'Ě

Gah bets'Ě

Marí gah bets'Ě

Begah dek'alia

Marí qđé k'etĚ

Qđé k'etĚ

Qđé k'etĚ

Marí qđé k'etĚ

Begah yek'é k'etĚ

(Tune - 'Mary had a Little Lamb')





Hop, Hop, Hop

Be a funny bunny and hop, hop, hop.

Now all tired bunnies should stop, stop, stop.

Then lift one foot and hop again.

Bunnies turn around and count to ten.

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10

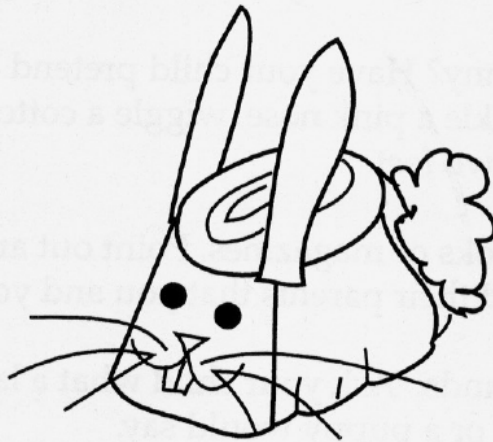




Craft Template

For this craft you need:

- One section of an egg carton
- A small piece of pink construction paper
- A small piece of black construction paper
- A few cotton balls



Egg Carton Bunny

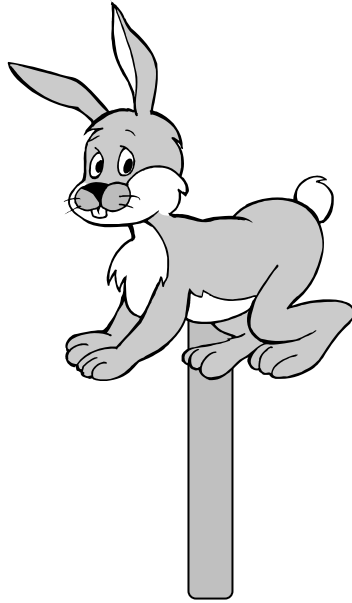
Turn an egg carton section upside down. Glue cotton balls to one end of the cup for a tail. Cut bunny ears from the pink construction paper and glue them on the top of the other end. Draw a face onto the cup. Cut out whiskers from the black construction paper and glue them on.





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Bunny stick puppet



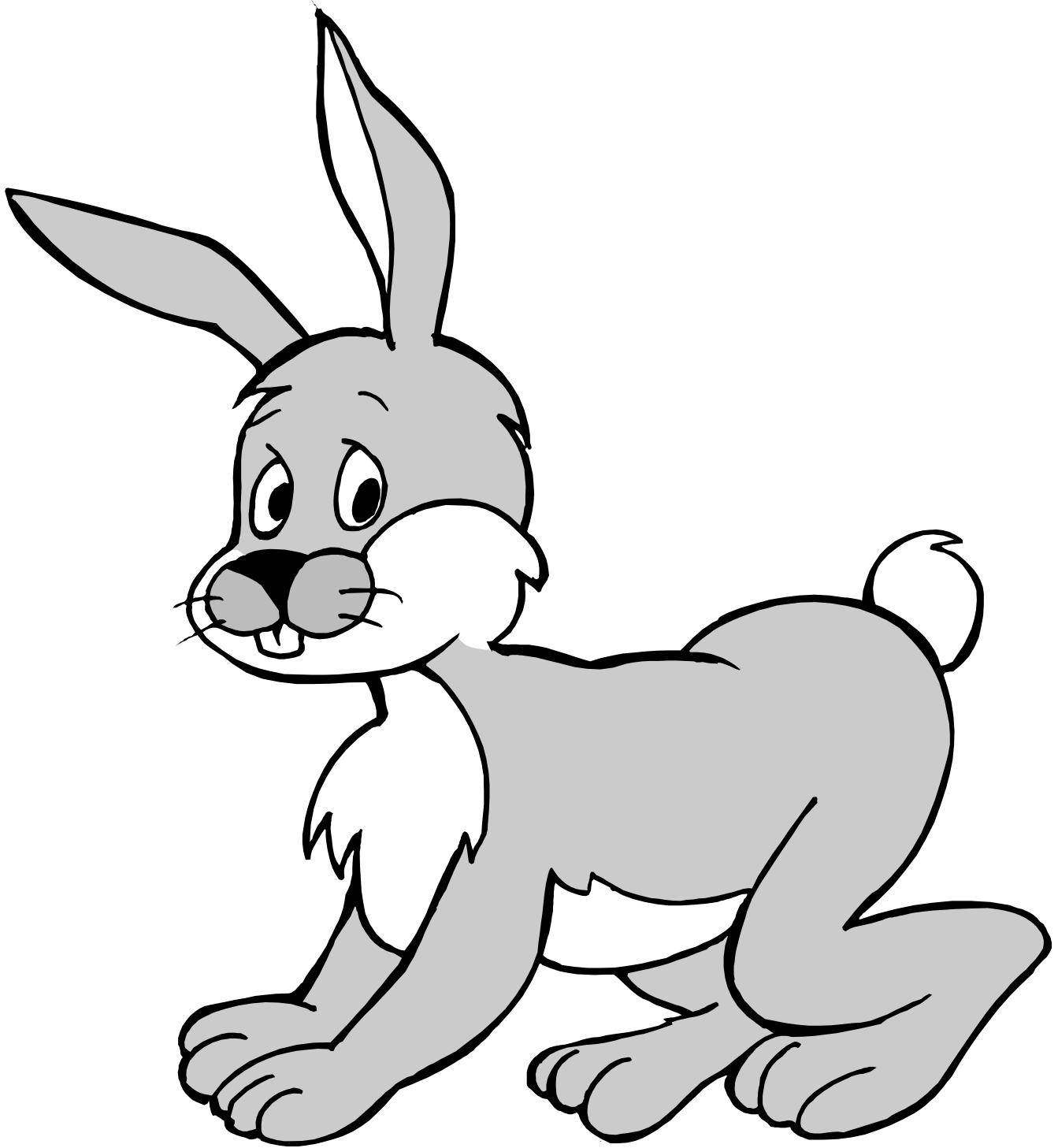
1. Cut the bunny template.
2. Colour the bunny.
3. Glue it on to a piece of card.
4. Cut out the shape.
5. Laminate it on both sides with packing tape.
6. Tape a popsicle stick on the back.
7. Use it as a puppet.





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Bunny Ears for Kids

These ears are easy to make.

What You Need

- White poster board
- Pink construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue
- Tape or stapler
- Easter stickers, optional
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils; optional



How To Make It

1. Cut a strip of poster board about 2" wide by about 24" long.
2. Cut 2 ears out of poster board.
3. Cut 2 smaller ears out of pink construction paper.
4. Glue the pink ears inside the white ears.
5. Glue the ears inside the band, positioning them to fit behind the child's head.
6. Let the child decorate the head band with stickers, markers, crayons, or colored pencils if they wish.
7. Tape or staple the band to fit the child. Cut off any excess.





Candy Nests

You will need:

- A large mixing bowl and a spoon
- 1 cup chocolate chips and/or peanut butter chips
- 1 1/2 cups chow mein noodles and/or cereal (like crispy rice cereal, cornflakes, or crumbled-up shredded wheat)
- A muffin pan or a flat baking pan
- Aluminum foil or Waxed paper
- Candy that looks like bird eggs (peanut M&M's, jelly beans, or yogurt-covered almonds)



Put a piece of aluminum foil (or waxed paper cut into squares) on top of a muffin pan or a flat baking pan (a flat baking pan makes flat nests). If using a muffin pan, make indentations in the paper or foil in each of the depressions. If you're using waxed paper, try cutting individual squares of paper for each of the muffin holes (this makes the waxed paper maintain the cup shapes).

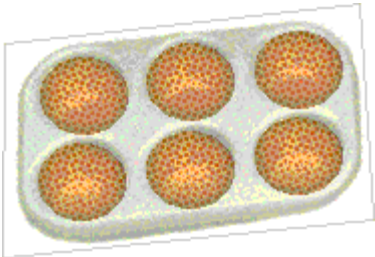


Have an adult melt the chocolate chips (and/or peanut butter chips) in the microwave or in a double boiler (do not overheat the chocolate or it gets grainy). When they are melted, mix the chocolate with the chow mein noodles or cereal in a large bowl.

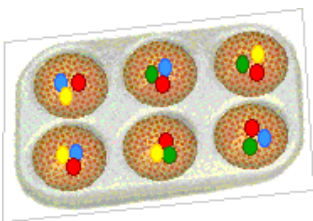




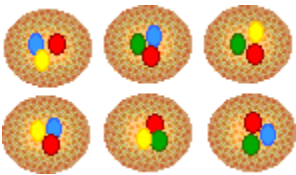
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Working quickly (before the chocolate solidifies), put a few spoonfuls of the chocolate mixture in each cup of the muffin pan, forming little nests (or if you're using a flat pan, after putting the mixture on the pan, make an indentation in it with the back of a spoon).



Put a few egg-shaped candies in each of the little nests. If they won't stick, use a dab of peanut butter to glue them in.



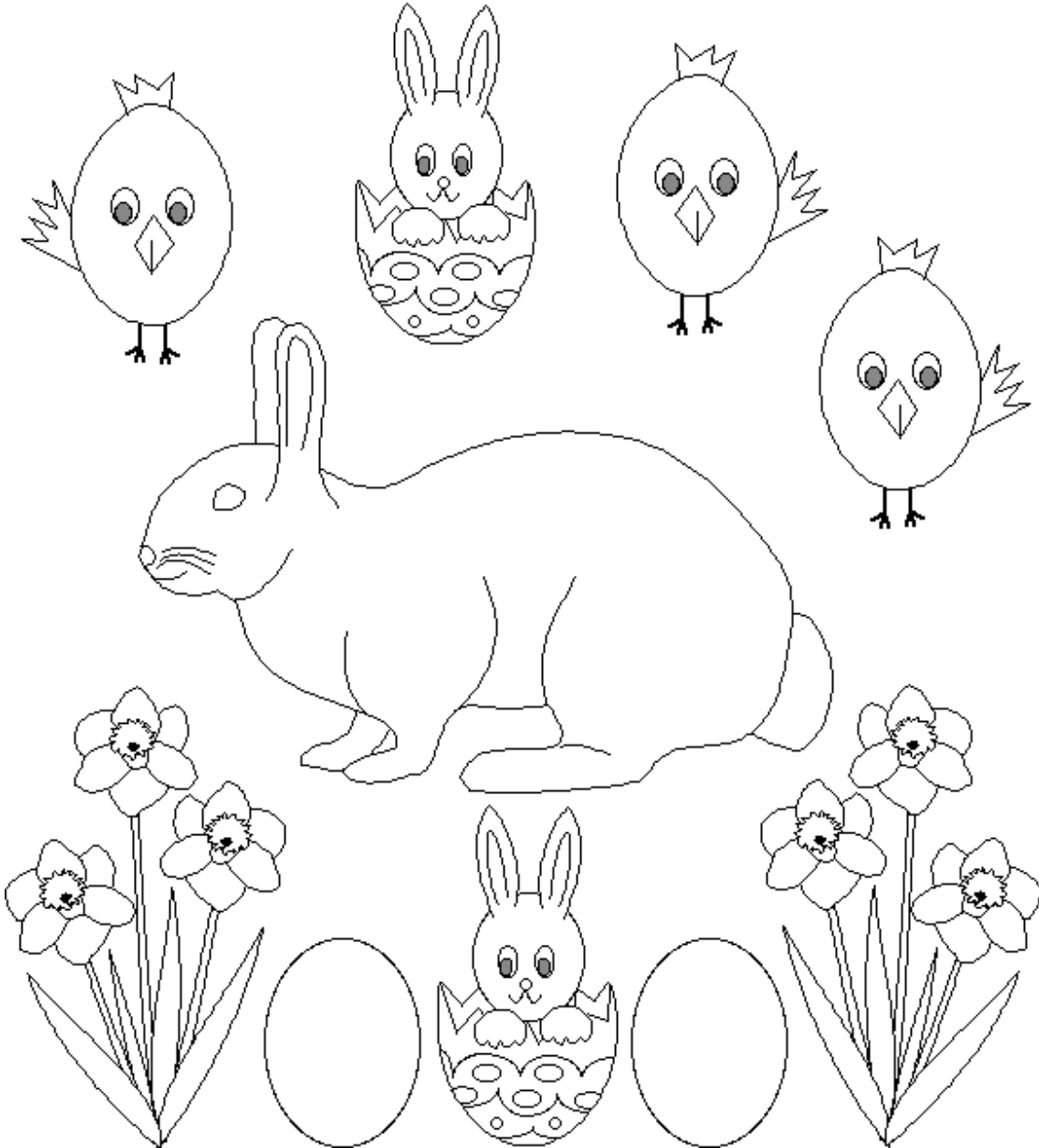
Let the nests cool. You now have cute candy nests to eat and enjoy.

For a non-chocolate version of these nests, use marshmallows melted with a little butter instead of the chocolate mixture (use the Rice Krispies treats recipe: 3 tablespoons butter, 1 package (10 oz.) marshmallows, 6 cups cereal).





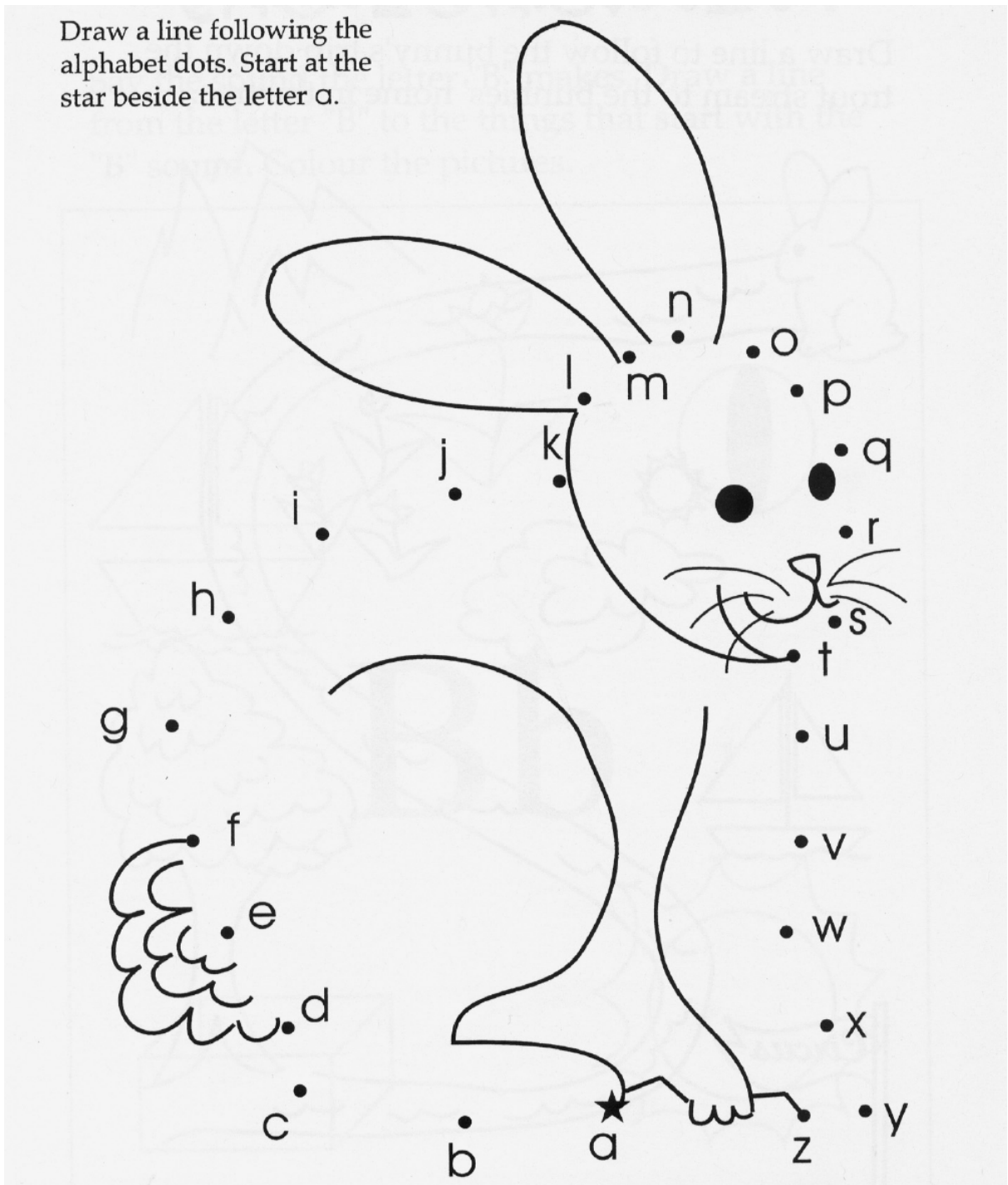
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Dot to Dot Alpha Bunny

Draw a line following the alphabet dots. Start at the star beside the letter a.



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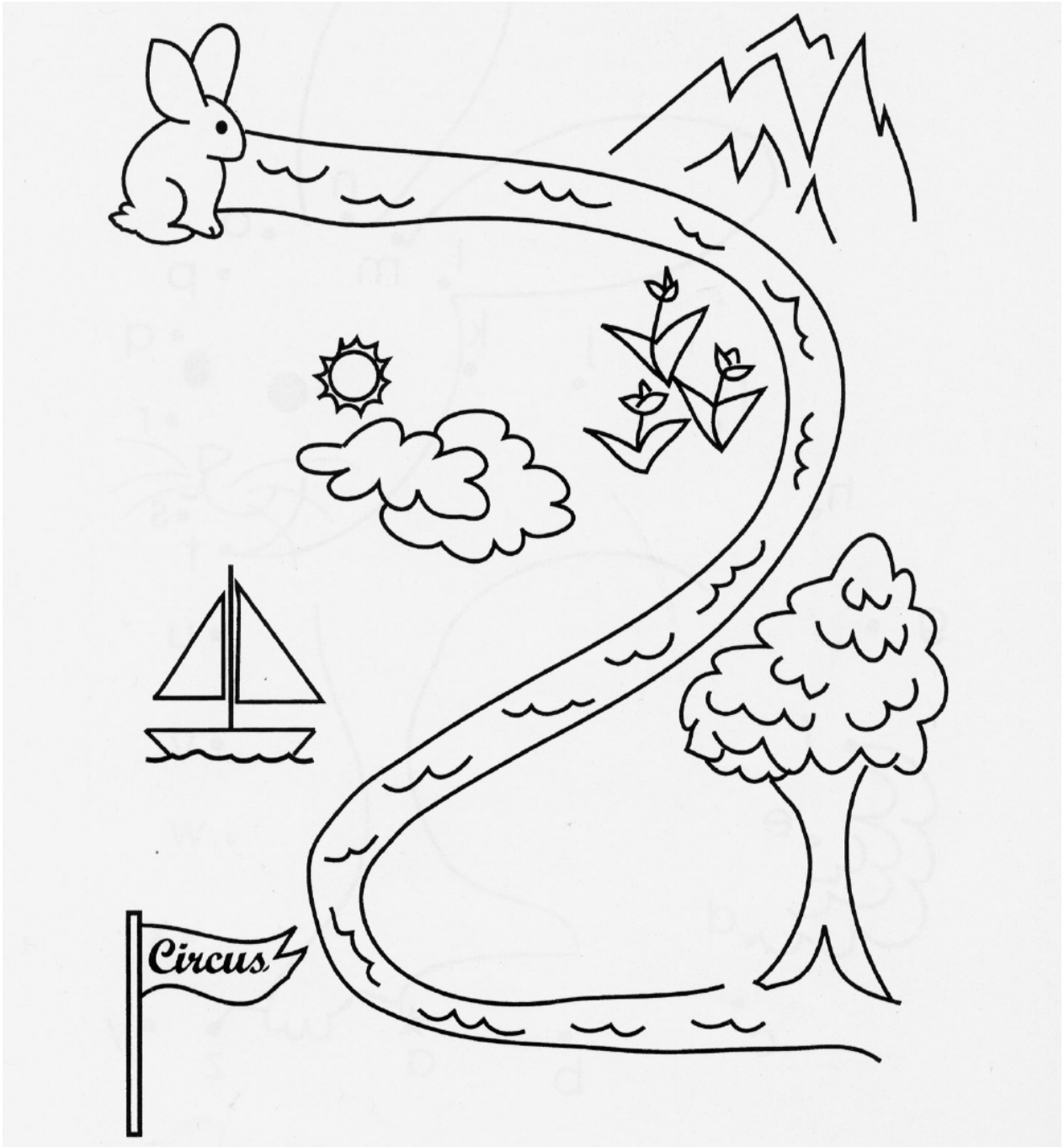




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Follow the Bunny

Draw a line to follow the bunny's trip down the trout stream to the bunny's home in the tree.



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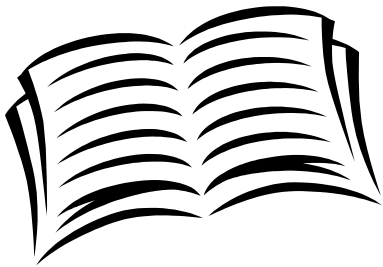
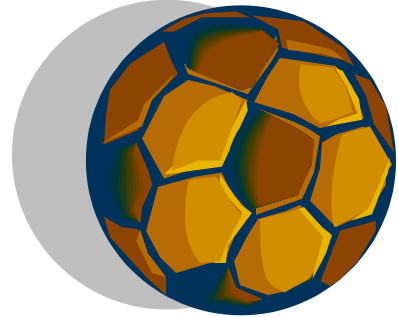
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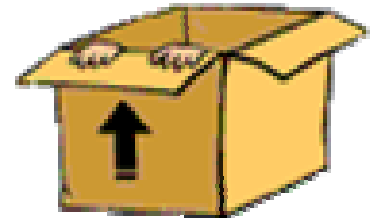
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The Letter "B"

Say the sound the letter "B" makes. Draw a line from the letter "B" to the things that start with the "B" sound. Colour the pictures.



B





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How many bunnies can you see?



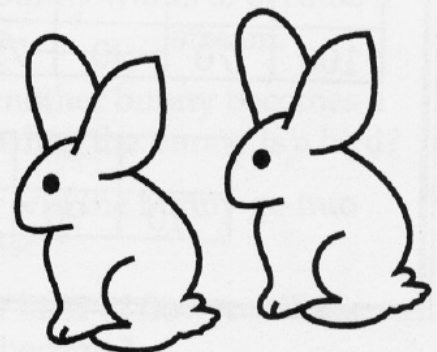


More than One Word Search

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l	m	b	u	n	n	i	e	s	o
o	e	l	h	t	a	r	w	q	t
w	b	o	a	t	s	d	u	f	h
e	k	t	r	e	e	s	o	x	e
r	o	c	k	s	i	y	a	p	r
s	c	g	e	e	s	e	v	b	s
s	n	d	j	c	z	m	i	c	e

In this word search, find the plurals (meaning: more than one) of the words below.

boats ✓	bird
bunny	tree
fish	rock
mother	flower
mouse	goose

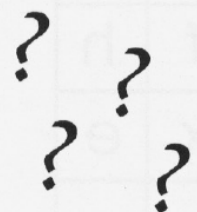
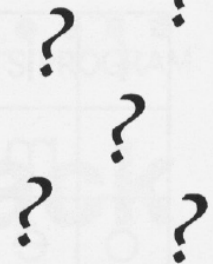




Bunny Code

Each letter has numbers below it. Add these numbers together. The answer represents the letter in the code below.
For example, $5 + 35 = 40$, 40 represents the letter "i".

a	b	d	e	h	i	k	l
5+0	5+5	5+15	5+20	5+30	5+35	5+45	5+50
					40		



n	o	r	s	t	u	w	y
5+60	5+65	5+70	5+75	5+80	5+85	5+90	5+95

"	I	'								
	40		55	55		80	85	5	100	

35	25	75	25		5	65	20		10	25

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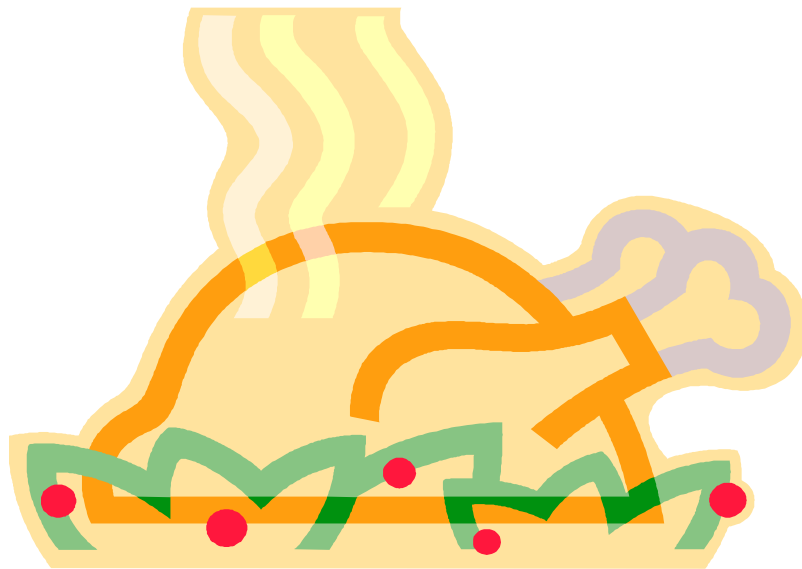




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Thanksgiving





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Books: Clifford's Thanksgiving Visit by Norman Bridwell
My First Thanksgiving by Tomie dePaola
The Berenstain Bears' Thanksgiving by Stan & Jan Berenstain
Cranberry Thanksgiving by Wende & Harry Delvin
Franklin's Thanksgiving by Sharon Jennings & Paulette Bourgeois

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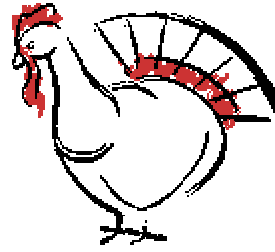
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Poems



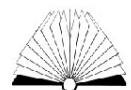
Little Turkey in the Straw

Oh, there was a little
turkey
Who strutted through the
straw.
He lived in the barn
With his maw and paw.
But every October,
He thought it was a pity,
They sent him to visit
His cousins in the city.

“Gobble, gobble, gobble,”
He cried all day.
He did not want to go
away.
His folks said, “Go!
Before time’s wasted
Or you’ll spend
Thanksgiving day being
basted!”

And so the little turkey
Went off to see the town.
A little bit unhappy
With his tail feathers down.
His cousins took him
Trotting to their Pizza Hut
And now that little turkey is
a pizza nut.

Gobble, gobble, gobble
He eats, then sighs,
And orders up more pizza
pies.
He tells his cousins,
“Hey! This is living.
It’s the way all turkeys
Should spend Thanksgiving!”



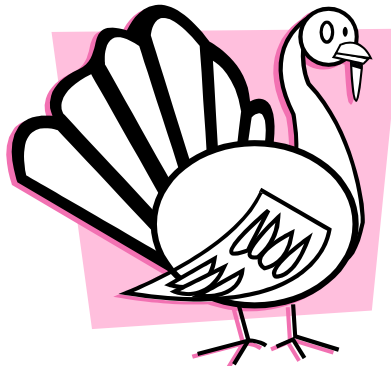


Turkey Warning

Tell me, Mr. Turkey
Don't you feel afraid
When you hear us talking
'Bout the plans we've made?

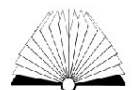
Can't you hear us telling
How we're going to eat
Cranberries and stuffing
With our turkey meat?

Turkey heed my warning:
Better fly away,
Or you will be sorry
On Thanksgiving Day.



Funny Bird

A turkey is a funny bird,
Its head goes wobble, wobble
All it knows is just one word,
"Gobble, gobble, gobble."





Games

Gratitude Grab Bag

You need to make up different cards for this game. Some will say 'Thanksgiving' and others will have a picture on them of things families may be thankful for. Each person takes a turn reaching into the bag and pulling out a card. If the card says 'Thanksgiving' the person should express something or someone they are thankful for. If they pull out a picture they show it to everyone and tell why we should be thankful for that item (food, clothes, trees, animals, etc). This game is especially fun for preschoolers.

Word Find

Use a Thanksgiving related word such as: Thanksgiving, Turkey, Family, Gratitude, etc; and find as many little words as possible before the timer runs out. You can mix up the letters to make words.

Example: Thanksgiving: giving, thanks, an, sank, Hank, hang, etc.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Players sit in a circle. The first player starts by saying, "At Thanksgiving dinner I like to eat turkey." The next player must repeat the first statement and add on what they would like for dinner. This continues all the way around the circle with each person. If a person makes a mistake they slide out of the circle and the game continues. The





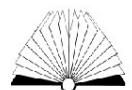
person left who can perfectly recite the Thanksgiving menu wins.

Grateful for Everyone

Put chairs in a circle with one less chair than there are players. One person says, “I’m grateful for people with blue eyes.” Everyone with blue eyes stands up and changes places. The caller tries to get a chair. The person left standing goes next.

Circle of Praise

Have participants write down one thing they are thankful for and then share with the rest of the group.





Crafts

Clip-on Turkeys

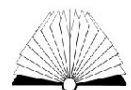
Here's a fun and relatively easy Thanksgiving craft project - clip-on turkeys. You can clip them to curtains, or whatever!

What You Need

- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yellow pipe cleaners
- Glue
- Wiggle eyes

How To Make It

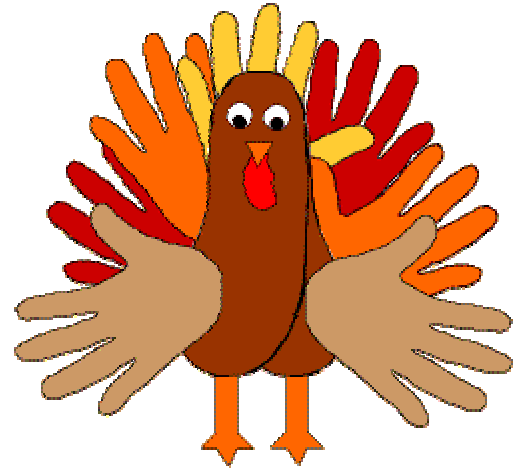
1. Make a turkey tail by tracing a child's hand, four fingers, no thumb (any color paper is fine.)
2. Then design a body shape to glue over top of this.
3. Glue wiggle eyes and a wattle; attach colorful feathers on top of the 'fingers' on turkey's back; cut legs out of yellow pipe cleaners (tape those on the back, glue won't hold them on.)
4. When finished, glue a wooden clothespin crosswise on the top.





Hands and Feet Turkey

Use cut-outs of a child's hands and feet to make this turkey decoration. Young children may need help tracing their hands and feet.

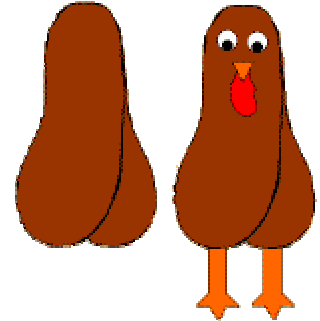


What You Need

- Construction paper in brown, tan, orange, red, yellow and white
- Scissors
- Glue
- Wiggle eyes, optional

How To Make It

1. Find a place to work, and protect it with a large sheet of paper.
2. Gather all your materials.
3. Read all the directions.

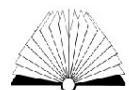
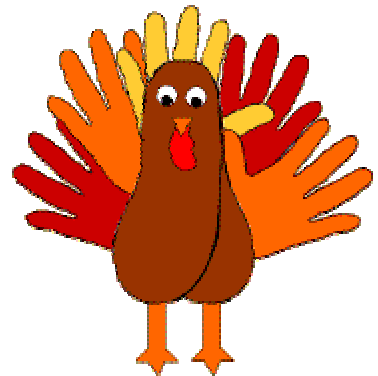


Directions

Making your Hand and Feet Turkey

Step 1 - Trace the child's hands and feet

- Trace two feet (with shoes on) on brown construction paper.
- Trace two hands on tan construction paper.
- Trace two hands on red construction paper.
- Trace two hands on orange construction paper.





- Trace one hand on yellow construction paper.

Step 2 - Cut out all the hand and feet tracings.

Step 3 - Make the Body

- Put the two feet tracings together to make the turkey body and head, matching the heels together, and spreading the bottoms apart as in the illustration.
- Glue the two pieces together.
- Cut two feet out of the orange scraps, and cut a diamond shape for the beak.
- Draw the eyes on white paper and cut them out, or use wiggle eyes.
- Make the wattle out of red construction paper.
- Glue them onto the body as shown.

Step 4 - Attach the tail

- Glue the red, orange, and yellow construction paper hands behind the brown body to make the tail.

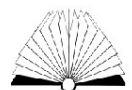
Step 5 - Wings

- Position the two tan hands to either side to make the turkey's wings and glue them in place.

You're Done!

Enjoy your decoration. Be sure to put the date and name of creator on the back, so that in future years you'll know when it was made and who made it.

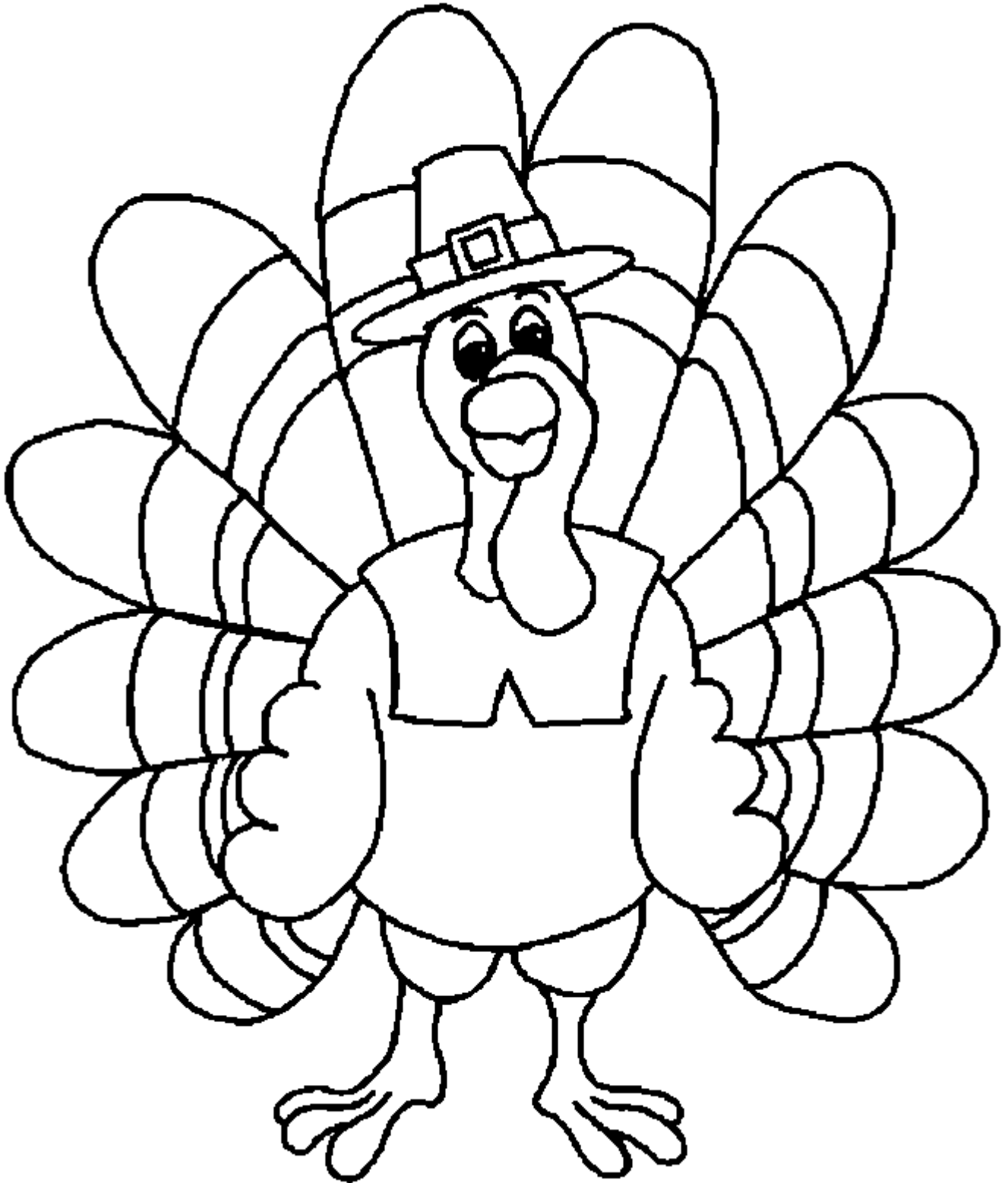
Families can have fun making a whole flock of turkeys - and it can also be fun to make them from year to year to show how the child has grown.





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Colour Me!





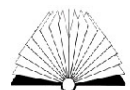
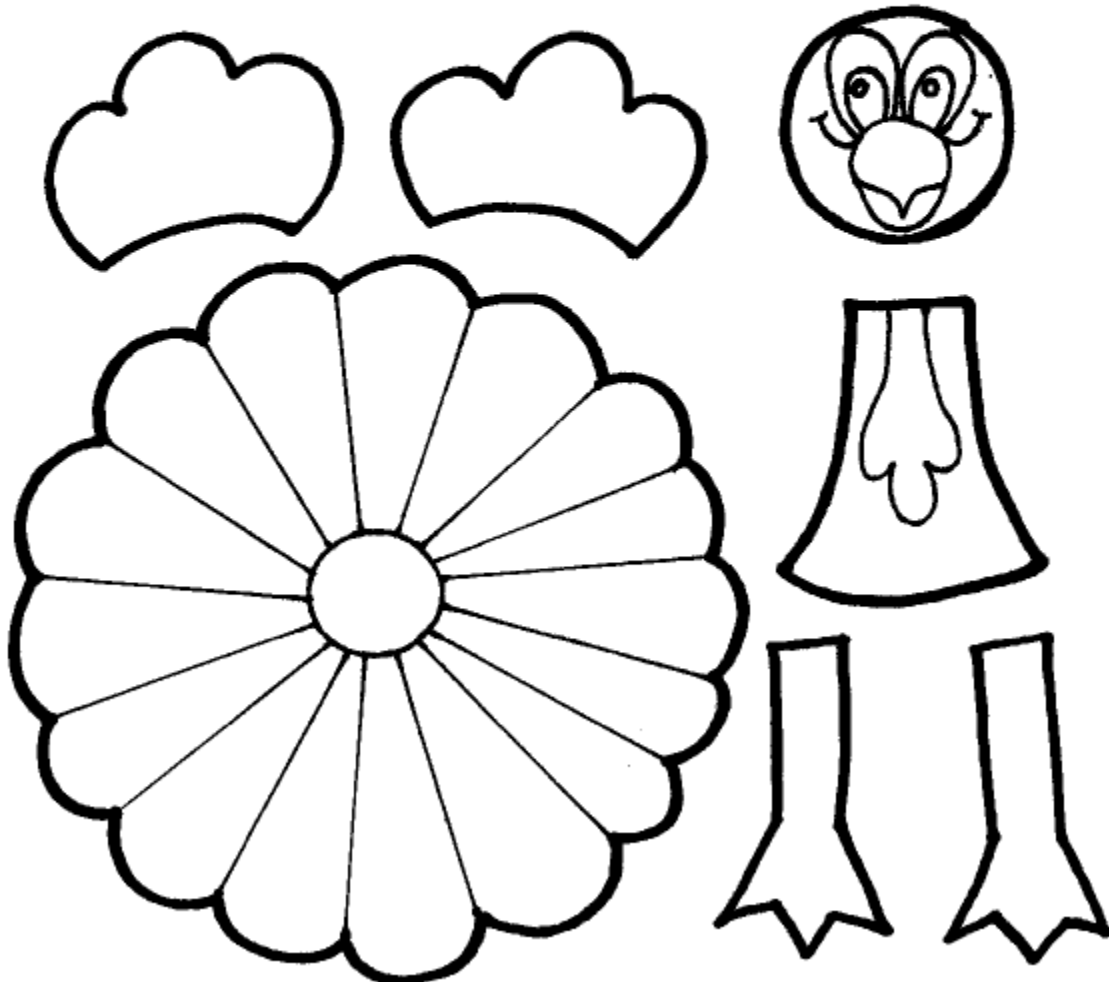
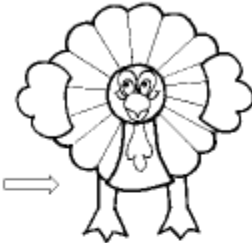
A Turkey to Color, Cut & Paste

Directions:

1: Color the parts of the turkey below.

2. Cut out the parts on the dark lines.

3. Glue the parts together to make a turkey! →





Find the Food Words

Z	F	R	A	D	I	S	H	W	X
C	A	B	B	A	G	E	X	G	D
O	W	C	F	J	Z	B	J	F	C
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All these foods were at the first Thanksgiving

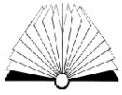
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Squash Cabbage Corn

Cranberry Onion Beans

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Put the Turkeys Where They Belong





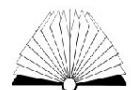
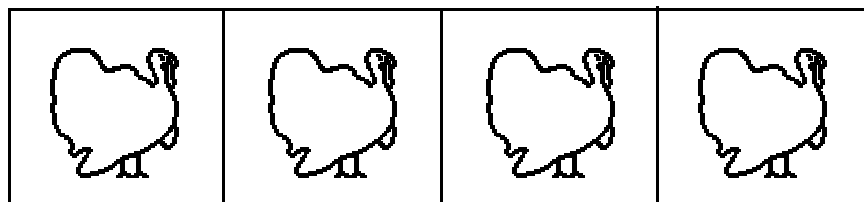






Cut these turkeys out and put them in the correct place.

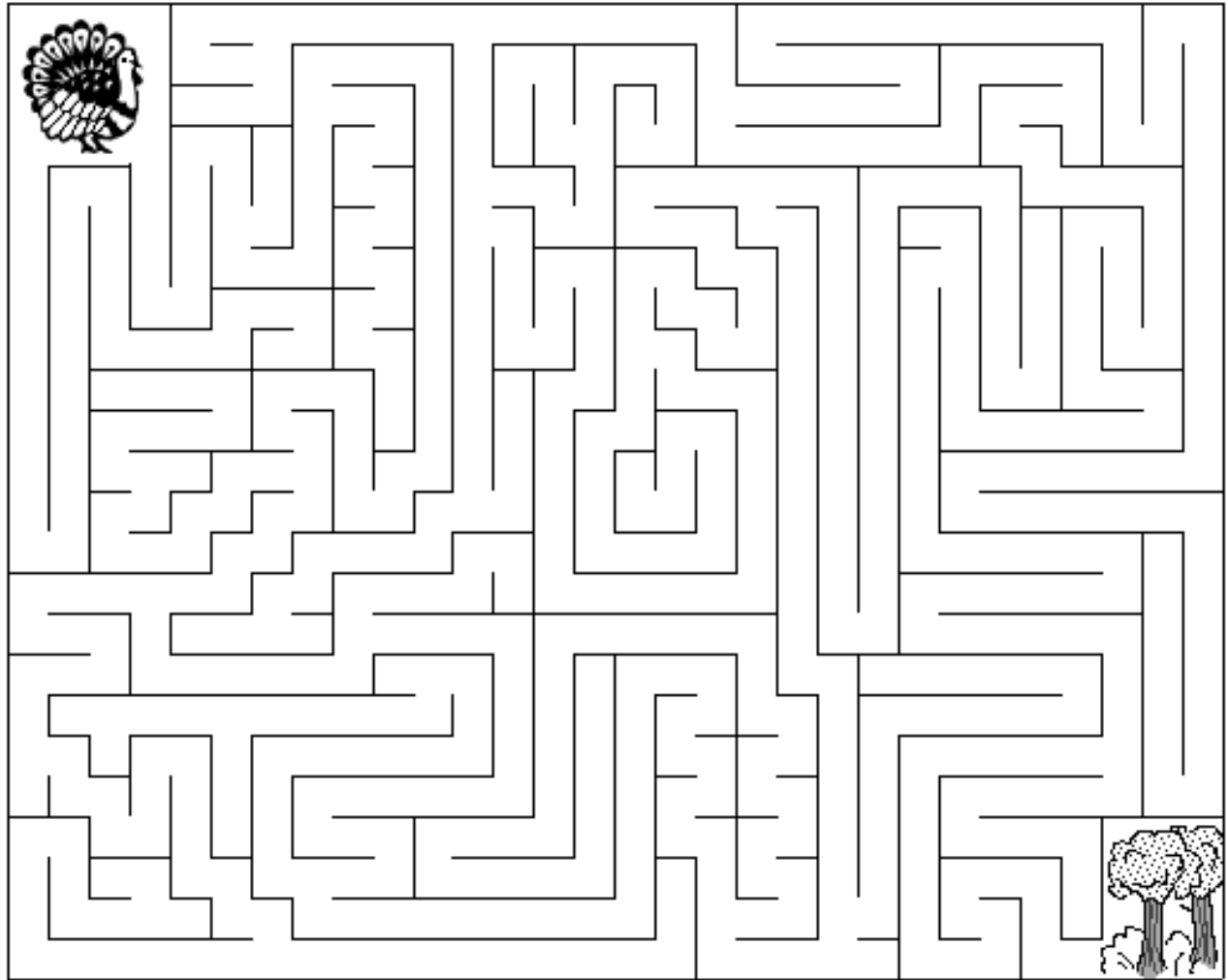
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Turkey Maze



Help the turkey escape into the woods

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Grateful Certificate

Have participants fill out the following certificate or make a certificate of their own to thank someone who has done something special for them. They might thank a teacher, a brother or sister, their mother, or a neighbor. Encourage the participants to give their certificate to that special person.

Help participants write out their thanks.

To: _____	
I am grateful for	
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Thanks From: _____	

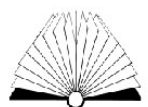
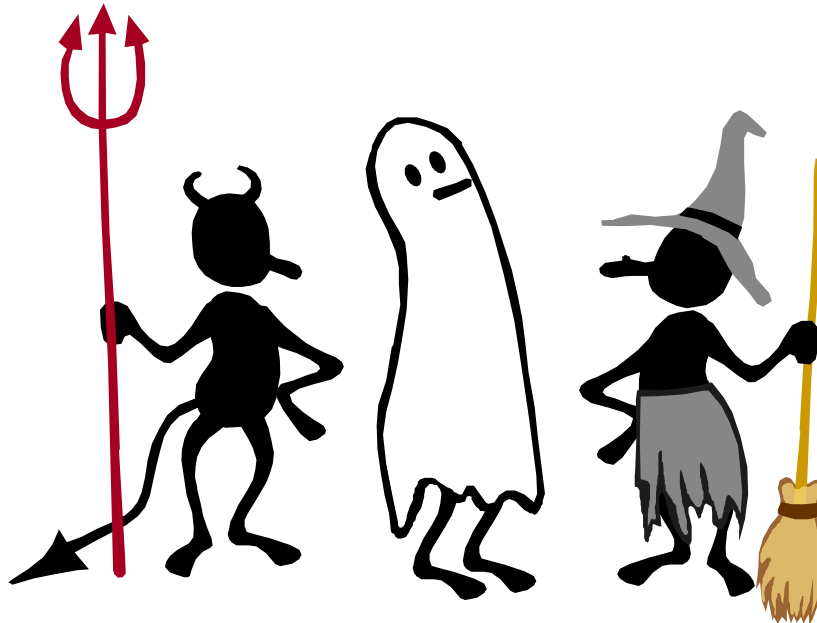




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Halloween





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Books:



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Arthur's Halloween by Harriet Ziefert & Marc Brown

Big Pumpkin by Erica Siverman

Clifford's First Halloween by Norman Bridwell

Franklin's Halloween by Dave Pilkey & Liz Parker

Poems:

[Black Cat](#)

[The Countdown](#)

[It's Halloween](#)

[Five Little Pumpkins](#)

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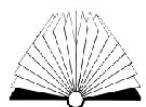
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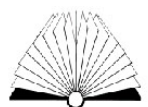
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2 – Halloween Crosswords
Which one is Different?
Help the Witch
Help the Ghost





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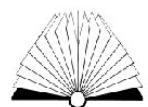
Black Cat

A cat as black
As blackest coal
Is out upon
His midnight stroll.
His steps are soft,
His walk is slow,
His eyes are gold,
They flash and glow.
And so I run,
And so I duck,
I do not need,
His black cat luck.



The Countdown

There are ten ghosts in the pantry,
There are nine upon the stairs,
There are eight in the attic,
There are seven on the chairs,
There are six within the kitchen,
There are five along the hall,
There are four upon the ceiling,
There are three upon the wall,
There are two ghosts on the carpet,
Doing things that ghosts will do,
There is one ghost right behind me
Who is oh so quiet...BOO!





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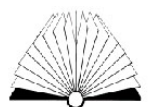
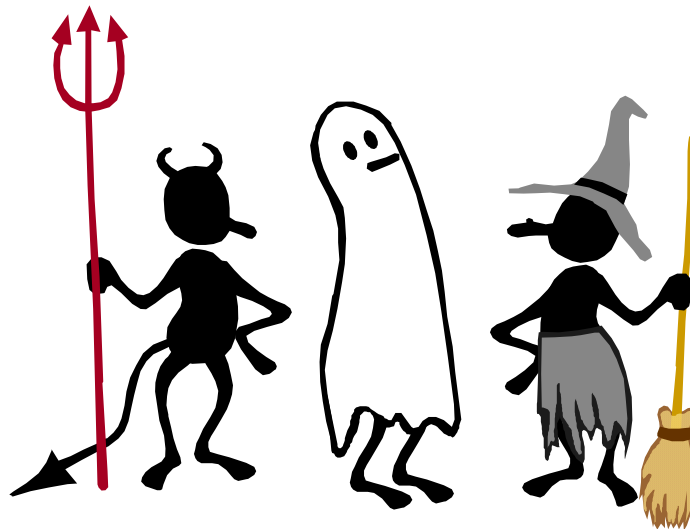
It's Halloween

It's Halloween! It's Halloween!
The moon is full and bright
And we shall see what can't be seen
On any other night.

Skeletons and ghosts and ghouls,
Grinning goblins fighting duels,
Werewolves rising from their tombs,
Witches on their magic brooms.

In masks and gowns
We haunt the street
And knock on doors
For trick or treats

Tonight we are
The king and queen,
For oh, tonight
It's Halloween!





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Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
(hold up five fingers)

The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."
(Hold up thumb)

The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
(hold up index finger)

The third one said, "I don't care."
(hold up middle finger)

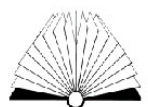
The fourth one said, "Let's run, run, run."
(hold up ring finger)

The fifth one said, "It's Halloween fun."
(hold up little finger)

Then woooooooooooo went the wind,
(wave hands back and forth)

And OUT went the light!
(clap hand loudly)

Five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.
(roll hands one over the other)





Story

One Halloween Night

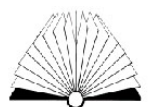
by Alecia Dixon

It was a warm Halloween night. Five boys hurriedly put on their Halloween costumes while chattering away with delight in anticipation of one of their favorite holidays. There will be friends, filled with giggles and smiles, and parents holding on tight to little hands. Uncertain tots approaching neighbors' doors will eagerly hold out their bags and nervously say, "Trick-or-Treat" for the first time.

These five boys, were far from tots...Logan, Kyle, Skyler, Colby and Conner were all eight, and couldn't wait for the festivities of the evening to begin. Tonight they would trick-or-treat to their hearts' content, raking in the goodies. Then they would all go back to Logan's home. His mom and dad would inspect their goods. Then they would gobble up their candy, with a tall glass of milk by their sides, and a bowl of freshly made carmel popcorn in the middle of their loot.

The boys' parents had decided it was alright for the boys to trick-or-treat on three well-known streets in their friendly neighborhood, without their parents standing by their sides. They would leave at 7:00 pm and were expected to be back promptly at 8:00 pm.

Logan was dressed as Dracula with a long flowing black cape, lined with red satin. Kyle donned a Larry Boy outfit, Skyler wore his Spiderman suit, Colby transformed into Wolverine from the X-Men and Conner became Batman. The clock struck 7 o'clock, as the boys whooped with loud hollers and shouts and headed out the door. Logan's parents stood in the doorway, watching the kids run down the street. Little did the boys know, Logan's dad would not be far behind them. After all, these were five, mischievous





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eight year olds on the loose. Somebody had to be nearby to protect the neighbors.

Just before the boys turned onto Angela Street they eagerly approached the first door of many they would knock on that night. Crashing into each other, as they made their way up the walk, they knocked on the door and waited. Little old Mrs. Jenkins hobbled to the door with a big grin on her sweet, weathered, face.

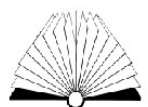
"Good Evening, boys," she said as she generously scooped candy into their bags.

The boys replied, "Good Evening, Mrs. Jenkins" in their sing-song, eight-year-old voices. Followed by, "Thank you Mrs. Jenkins."

"Happy Halloween," she shouted as the boys scurried down her walk and turned out of sight.

Up the street they went, back down the other side, over onto Hideaway Place, and then finally Story Lane. The boys looked at their watches, right on time. Mom and dad will be so proud! Then, all of a sudden, a gust of wind kicked up causing all five boys to shiver a bit. Only three houses left and they would be on their way back to Logan's. It was pretty dark outside, but the street was well lit, and they could see lots of other children and parents walking about. Next they would knock on the Butcherite's door, then the Klefbeck's, and then the Wells'.

There was another house on that street too. It wasn't like the others, well kept with a manicured lawn and cute Halloween decorations outside. It was the Johnson Place. The door looked like it was ready to fall off, and the whole house was sorely in need of some paint. It was legend that the house was haunted, but the boys didn't believe in that spooky stuff. They did, however, agree that old Mr. Johnson, who lived in the place, was as mean as they came. Mr. Johnson was known for grumping and grouching at anyone that looked twice at him. Someone once said he ate worm sandwiches for lunch and frog legs for dinner. YUCK! That's one door they wouldn't be knocking on tonight.





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The wind kicked up again, this time it took Conner's mask with it. The boys ran after the mask as it skidded across the sidewalk, tumbled over the bushes, and floated through the air. Before they knew it, they were standing in the yard of the old Johnson Place. Conner's mask had become stuck on a nail that protruded from the window frame and was dangling, limply, there.

The boys were all thinking the same thing, but no one said it, 'Who was going to walk up there and get it?'

Finally, Skyler spoke up, "Conner, you better go get your mask."

"I don't really need it," Conner replied in his most grown up voice.

Kyle whispered, "Why don't we all go get it together?"

The boys looked at the mask, then at each other. "Let's do it," they all said in unison and began to slowly move toward the porch.

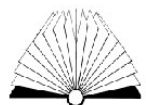
The boys could see a dim light, from a distant room within the house. They were at ease with the thought Mr. Johnson was probably in bed for the night. Upon approaching the window frame, Conner plucked the mask off the nail. All five boys let out a sigh of relief at having accomplished their task.

Suddenly, the light inside the house flickered and went out. A long, whiny, squeaking sound to their right drew their attention to the front door, blown open and now flapping in the wind. Their hearts were racing and their feet felt heavy, as if they were stuck in cement. From inside the house they could hear someone moaning, almost as if they were in pain.

"Do you think it's Mr. Johnson," asked Skyler.

"What should we do?" croaked Conner. "Mean as they say he is, we can't just let him suffer."

"We'll just all stick together and we'll be okay, after all there's five of us," said Logan.





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Quietly the boys slipped in through the door.

Colby called out, "Mr. Johnson, can we help you?"

Kyle tried the light switch but it didn't work. He stepped in something mushy that let off a horrible stench.

"Smells like someone died".

The boys felt their way around, grabbing onto furniture and walls as they groped about and called out to Mr. Johnson. SPLAT!

"OOOooo GROSS,"

"What is it?"

"I don't know feels like worms."

"Hey, you think the thing about the worm sandwiches is true?" asked Conner.

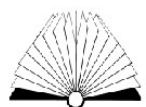
"Let's just find Mr. Johnson and get out of here, everybody stay focused," said Skyler.

Just then Skyler stepped on something. He leaned over and picked it up. It was cold as ice, upon feeling around it seemed to have a thumb and four fingers, but no arm...

"YIKES!" choked out Skyler, "I think I'm holding onto someone's hand but there's no arm... this is getting freaky!"

A second later, Colby blurted out, "It feels like I picked up someone's eyeballs but I dropped them and they're rolling around on the floor. Let's get out of here!"

As he turned a tray clattered to the floor and the sounds of plink, plink, plink echoed through the house. Scrambling to pick up what was beneath him, he was sure they were bones, probably belonged to some poor, helpless, unsuspecting soul. 'Would they be next?'





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As the boys turned to run Logan slipped on something wet, he strained to peer through the darkness, there was blood on his pants and now on his hands.

"AHHHHH, blood," he screamed and dove for the door. Just then the lights came on, the boys froze, and there in the doorway was Logan's Dad.

"What are you boys doing?" The boys all tried to talk at once, each one breathing heavily, gulping down air, with every word they tried desperately to get out.

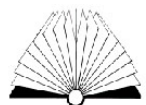
In the background, they heard laughing. It started out small, like a hee, hee, hee, then got bigger like a HA, HA, HA, then it was all out laughing hysteria! Who could be laughing at a time like this? The boys turned and there was Mr. Johnson laughing his guts out! His house was a shambles with all the running and diving that had just taken place and there was stuff all over the floor. The boys began to point and jump around excitedly until they realized just what was all over the floor. Spaghetti! Meatballs! Peeled grapes! A rubber latex glove filled with ice, now lay melting in the middle of the hardwood floor.

The boys looked at Mr. Johnson, they looked at each other, then they looked at Logan's Dad, who was also laughing. As they put it all together, they realized what had happened. In the few minutes they were in the Johnson place they had completely destroyed Mr. Johnson's dinner. They also noted that Mr. Johnson was walking with a cane.

He pointed to his knee and amid his laughter squealed out, "The frozen glove's for my bum knee, hurt it yesterday trying to fix the door."

"But the moaning," cried Skyler, "we heard someone moaning."

"That would be Fritz, my dog, he just hates it when I chain him up, especially when he knows there's a can of wet dog food with his name on it."





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There, smeared across the hardwood floor, near the door, was the wet dog food.

"Why do you peel your grapes?" asked Colby.

"Never did like the way the skins would get caught in my dentures," replied Mr. Johnson, still laughing.

"But what about the blood?" cried Logan.

"You mean the spaghetti sauce that was sitting in that bowl?"

Logan looked over and saw the bowl, half full of sauce, lying upside down on the floor, oozing out everywhere.

One thing nagged at Logan 'til he just couldn't help but ask, "Why didn't you come when we called?"

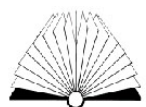
"When the lights went out, I had to go down to the basement to flip the switch, takes me awhile to get around with the knee. While I was down there I heard a bunch of stuff falling over, muffled voices, thought it was a robber, but by the time I got up the stairs and saw all of you, and your dad there, I started putting it all together, you think I don't know that my house is legend to be 'haunted'?"

Speechless, the boys stared at Mr. Johnson, until Logan said, "Gee, we're sorry Mr. Johnson, we thought you were hurt and we wanted to help you."

"That was awfully kind of you boys".

"You know though," said Logan's dad, "You should have come and got me, you know better than to enter a house alone, what if something had been amiss?"

"We've learned our lesson Dad, we promise."



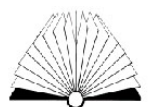


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"Yeah, scouts' honor", the boys proclaimed. "Well let's help Mr. Johnson clean up."

After all was clean, the boys invited Mr. Johnson to come back to their house and share in the festivities. That weekend the boys and their parents, got the neighborhood together to help Mr. Johnson with the repairs around his house. Some of the fathers and sons painted the outside of the house while others saw to the yard. There were cookies and milk after all was done.

Every year, thereafter, the boys would end their trick-or-treating at Mr. Johnson's place. Then he'd walk them home and tell ghost stories while they dug into their candy and hung on his every word. All because of one Halloween night.





Jokes and Riddles

Ask these riddles to the group. Have them guess before telling them the answer.

1. What do ghosts serve for dessert?

Ice Scream

2. What was the witch's favorite subject in school?

Spelling

3. What do you call a skeleton who won't work?

Lazy bones

4. What do you call a fat Jack-O-Lantern?

A Plumpkin

5. What kind of mistakes do spooks make?

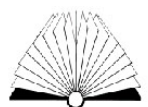
Boo boos

6. What was the favorite game at the ghost's birthday party?

Hide and Shriek

7. What do the birds sing on Halloween?

Trick or Tweet





Crafts

Creepy Crawly Spider Bracelets

This is a fun and easy Halloween project for pre-school children.

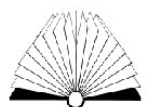
What You Need

- Black construction paper
- Wiggle eyes
- White paper (for "fangs")
- Paper fastener
- Stapler and staples
- Scissors
- White crayon
- Glue
- Pencil



How To Make It

1. Fold black construction paper in half.
2. Along folded edge, lay child's hand palm down (midway through palm) and trace fingers with white crayon.
3. Cut out the outline of the fingers.
4. Unfold and you have a complete image of a spider with eight legs. Now turn the spider over and with the pencil, roll the legs around the pencil...this makes the legs curl under and gives a more creepy, crawly effect.

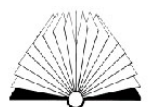




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5. Cut a 1" strip of black paper from the remaining scraps, and form it into a circle for the bracelet part. At the appropriate length, staple the ends together.
6. Attach the bracelet to the underside center of the spider using the paper fastener.
7. Glue on the wiggle eyes and the 'fangs' that you design and cut from the white paper to the spider's head.
8. The child puts his/her fingers or wrist through the bracelet...the kids can make their spiders creep and crawl with a back & forth rocking motion of their wrists. The paper fastener allows the spider to turn back and forth or 360 degrees, too!

Have fun!!





Sew-A-Pumpkin

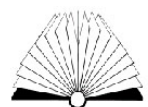
What You Need

- Orange paper
- Clear plastic (report covers work well)
- Black yarn
- Permanent black marker
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Some type of candy



How To Make It

1. Cut 4 to 4 1/2 inch squares of orange paper and clear plastic.
2. Draw the shape of a pumpkin on the orange paper.
3. Holding the clear plastic and orange paper together cut out the pumpkin shape.
4. Draw a face on the clear plastic with a permanent marker.
5. Holding the shapes together, punch holes around the edge of the pumpkin. Start at the top center of the pumpkin and make the punches about 1/4 in. apart
6. Lace up the shape with yarn, starting at the top center. Leave a long tail and start sewing from the front.
7. Stop about 5 holes from the end, and fill with candy.
8. Finish sewing and tie a bow in the center.





Cereal Box Gravestones

Have fun decorating your yard with this craft!

What You Need

- Black and white tempera paint
- 3 cups for mixing paint
- Paintbrush
- Assorted-size cereal boxes
- 2 sponges
- Thick black permanent marker

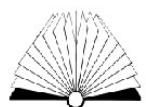
How To Make It

1. Mix paints to make a light gray, medium gray, and dark gray.
2. Paint boxes with two to three coats of medium gray. Let dry.
3. Use the sponges to dab on the light and dark gray paint to give gravestones a mottled look. Let dry.
4. Write names and dates with marker. Such as:
Dracula died here 1768-1842, etc.

HINT: Fill Ziploc plastic bags with sand or rocks and place inside boxes to keep them from blowing over. Stand them in mounds of dirt, sand or snow.

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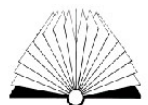
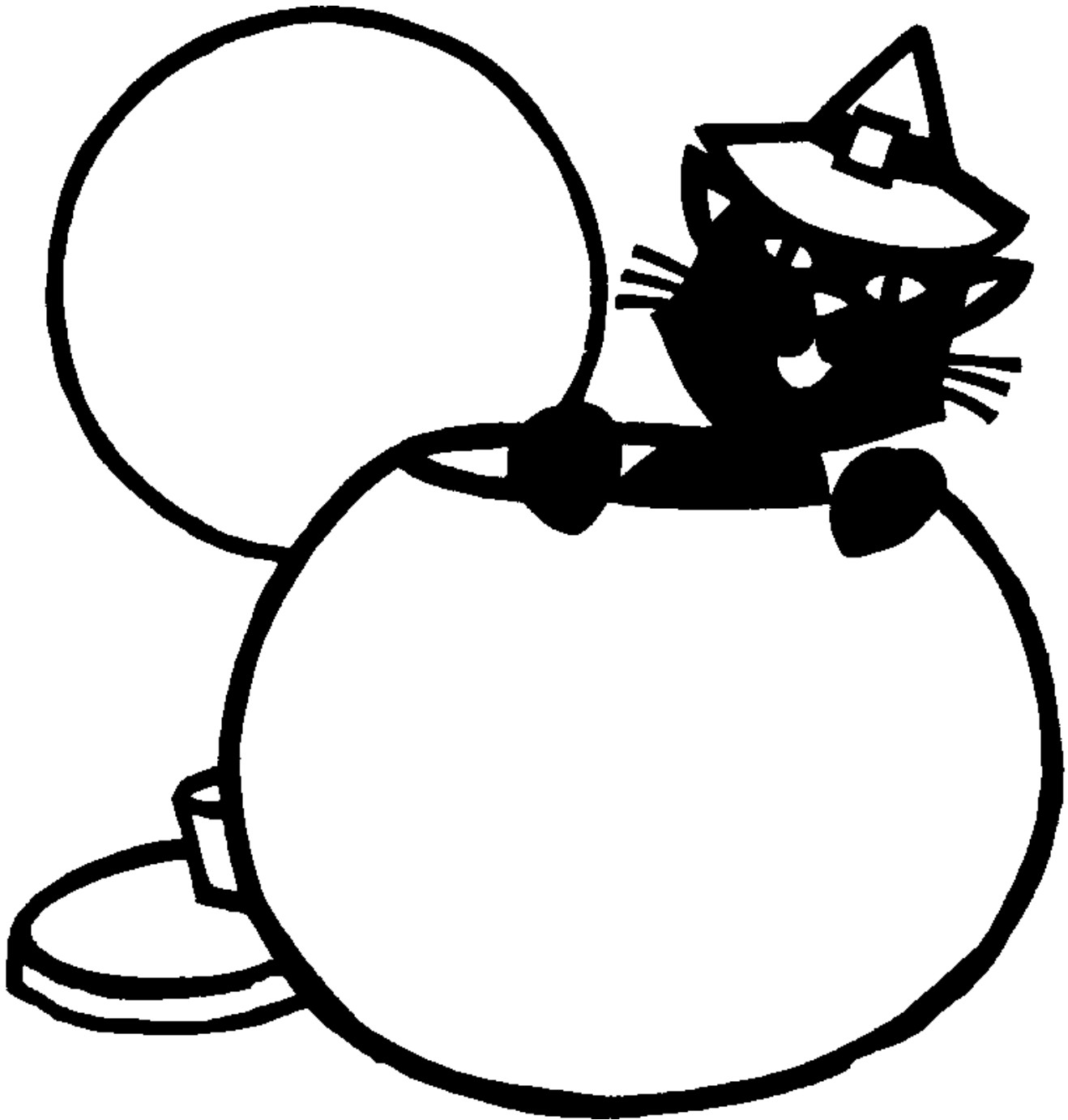
Make sure you bring in the boxes if it is going to rain!





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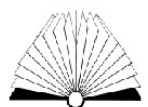
Design your own face on this Jack-O-Lantern.





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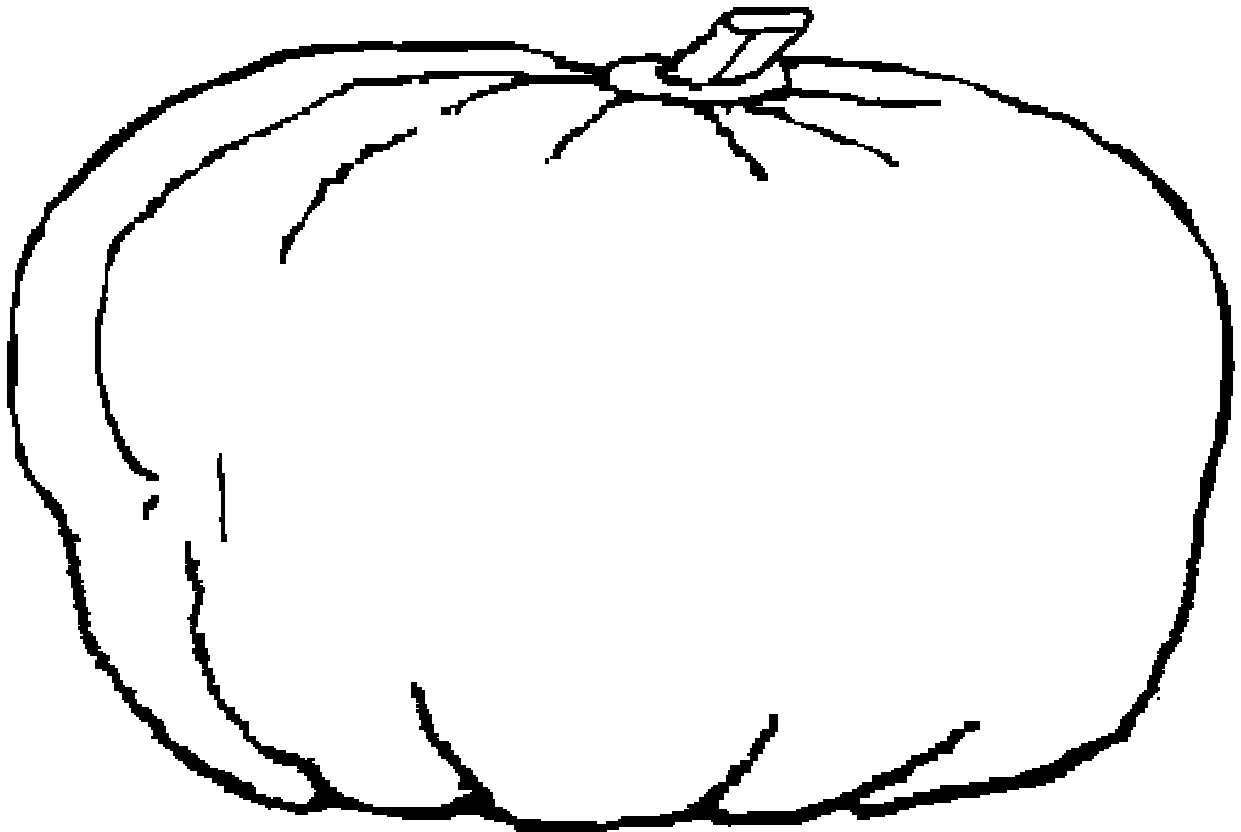


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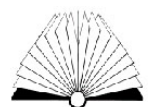
Decorate your own Jack-O-Lantern. Use the pictures on the next page and cut and paste.

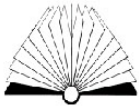
MAKE A JACK-O-LANTERN

Cut out and paste the face parts on the next page or draw your own. Color it when you are done. Enjoy!!

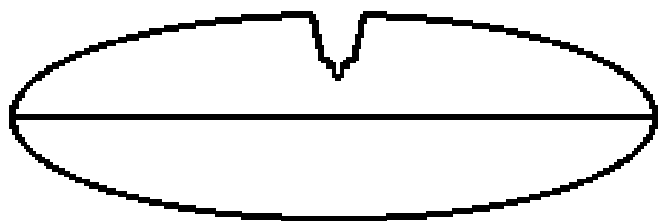
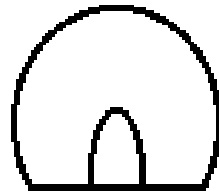
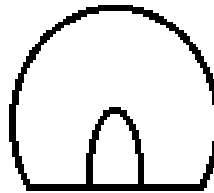
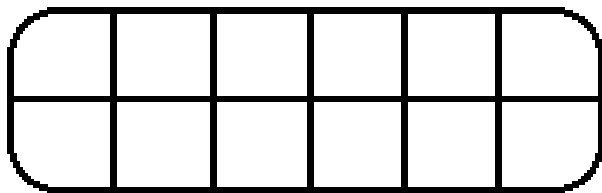
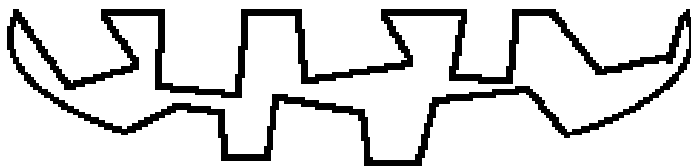
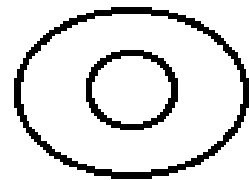
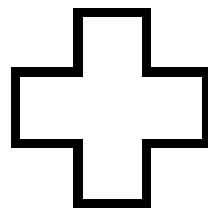
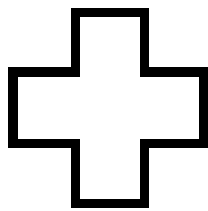
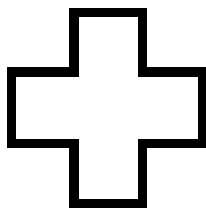
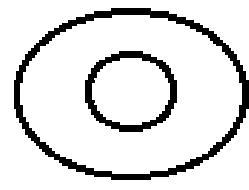


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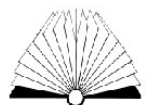


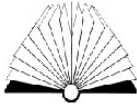
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bat	night
black	owl
broom	spider
cat	spook
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moon	witch

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Halloween Fun Word Search

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black	scare
broom	skeleton
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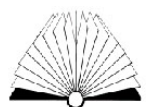


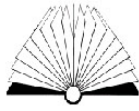
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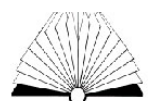
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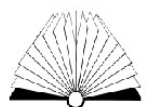
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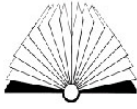
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 BAT
 GHOST
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 WITCH
 TRICK
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 BLACK
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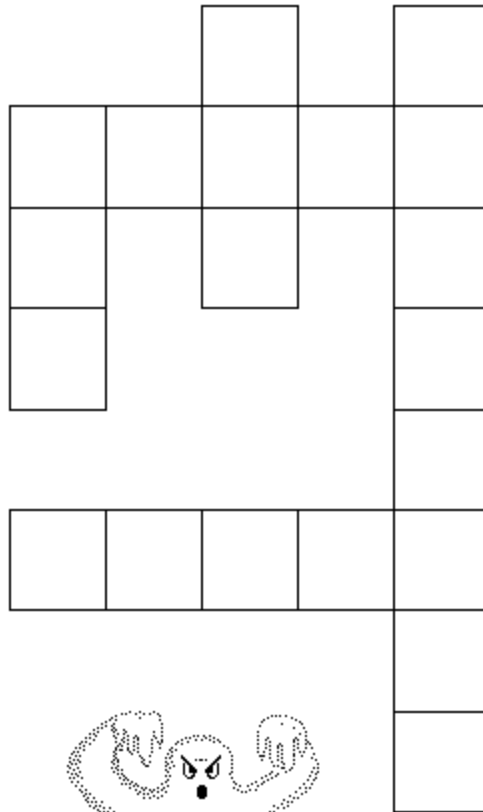


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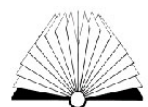


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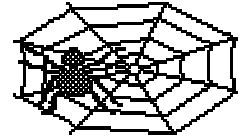
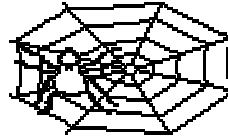
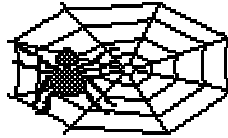
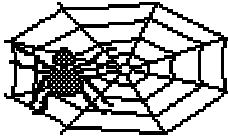
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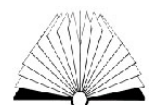


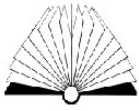
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Circle the picture that is different in each row.



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HELP THE WITCH!

Help the witch break the code and reveal what ingredient she needs next.



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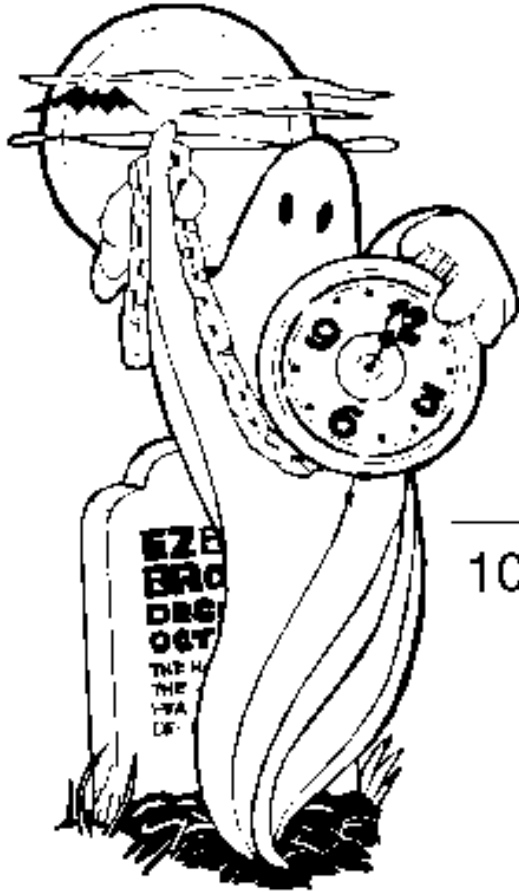
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HELP THE GHOST!

Help the ghost break the code and reveal what time it is.



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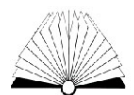




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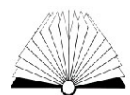
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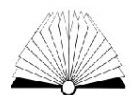


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Poems

A Visit From St. Nicholas by Clement C. Moore

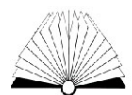
'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the
house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,



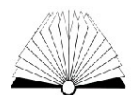


So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes -- how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

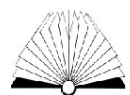
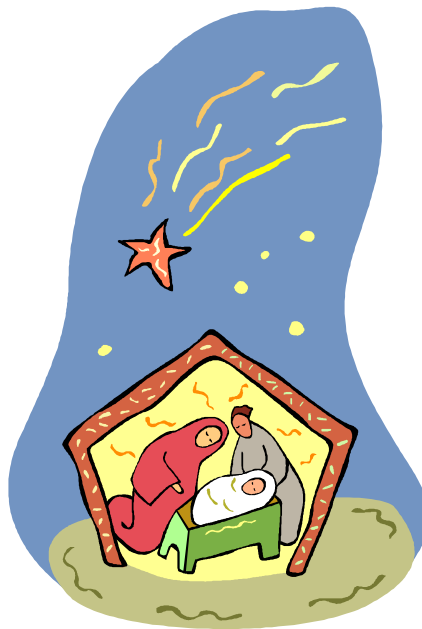
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"





On a Cold Winter Night

On a cold winter night
With no place to stay,
A baby was born
In a manger of hay.
He cried for his dinner
And stared at a sheep,
He smiled as his mother
And fell fast asleep.
Three wise men came by
And said, "If he pleases,
We have gifts to give,"
To the infant named Jesus."
Their mission then finished
The men hummed along
As a poor little drummer boy
Played Jesus a song.





Santa

Down the chimney dear Santa Claus crept
(put index finger into loose fist of other hand)

Into the room while all the children slept.
(lay three fingers across palm of other hand)

He saw their stockings hung in a line
(hang three fingers in the air)

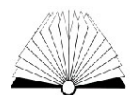
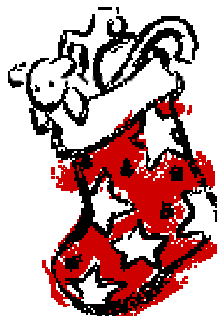
And filled them with candy and goodies fine.
(pretend to fill stockings)

Although he counted them ... one, two, three ...
(point as if counting to three)

The baby's stocking he could not see.
(hand across eyebrows, looking)

“Ho, ho,” said Santa. “That won't do.”
(hold tummy and laugh)

So he popped her present right into her shoe.
(cup one hand and put other inside)





Here is a Chimney

Here is a chimney
(make a fist and tuck in thumb)

Here is the top
(cover with other hand)

Open it up quick
(lift hand up)

And out Santa will pop!
(pop out thumb)



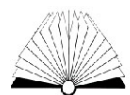
Eight Little Reindeer

Eight Little Reindeer playing in the snow,

Eight little reinderr at the North Pole.

All of them anxious for Christmas Day,

Waiting for Santa to say, “Up, up and away.”





Games

Remember Christmas Game

Supplies: 18 items in box

How To Play: Show the items in the box to the children. Remove one or more items out of the box (without children seeing you). Have the children guess what items are missing. For older children, put items on a large tray or cookie sheet. Cover. Remove cover for 20-30 seconds and then remove tray from room. On your mark, the children are to write down as many items that they can remember being on the tray before you yell, "STOP". The person with the most correct items wins.

Word Find

Use a Christmas related word or phrase such as: Christmas, Poinsettia, Candy cane, etc. and find as many little words as possible within before the timer runs out.

Example: Christmas

Words: sit, is, his, miss, rat, tar, this, math, chair, rim...

Example: Candy cane

Words: candy, cane, and, dance, day, nay, can, dye, an, any...





Christmas Twenty Questions

The facilitator starts by choosing a Christmas related person, place, or thing. They say, "I'm thinking of something." The group tries to guess what it is by asking no more than twenty questions that can be answered "YES," "NO," or "I DON'T KNOW." The participant who guesses correctly is next up.

Clue

The facilitator thinks of a person, place, or thing and then gives a clue. Begin at one end of the room and work your way around allowing each person to take a turn guessing until someone solves the case. The person who solves the case goes next.

Example: Frosty

Clue: I'm thinking of someone who wears a hat

Clue: He loves snow

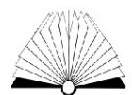
Clue: He'll melt if it gets too warm outside

Clues should be appropriate for the knowledge of the people playing.

Christmas Scramble

Supplies: Index Cards, Paper Bags

How To Play: Choose a Christmas word or phrase such as: Christmas, Candy Cane, Santa Claus, Reindeer.... Write the letters of the word on individual index cards. Do this two times, making two sets. Put each set in a brown paper bag.





Divide people into teams. Give each team a bag. The first team to decipher what the word in the bag is wins. A variation of the game would be to divide into teams with the same number of people as there are letters in the word. Each person gets a letter and they must hold onto the card and stand in the proper order to spell the word for all to see.

Blind Snowperson Game

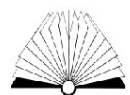
Supplies: 8 1/2 x 11 Sheet of Paper, Pencil

How To Play: Give everyone a piece of paper and a pencil. Explain to them that they will close their eyes and you will tell them what to draw. DON'T tell them they're drawing a snowperson!

Draw 3 circles on top of each other. Each circle gets smaller from bottom to top. In the middle circle draw three buttons going vertically down the center. In the top circle draw two eyes, a carrot nose, and a mouth. Draw a hat on top of the smallest circle. Draw stick arms on both sides of the middle circle. Draw a broom in one stick hand.

Open your eyes!!!

If playing with older children you might want to devise a point system, such as: 5 points for each circle that touches the other. Points for the hat touching the head, the eyes being in the top circle, etc.





Tongue Twisters

Supplies: Silly Christmas Phrases

How To Play: Say each phrase three times as fast as you can. Let kids practice on their own or take volunteers to come up and try their best for all to hear.

Chocolate cocoa cravings cure colds

Santa sings shining star songs

Sally skis super slow

Big bright bells banish boredom

Grumpy Grinch goes grizzly gus

Pretty packages perfectly packed

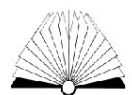
Tip-top tiny tot toys

Sally's striped stockings stuffed slightly

Santa's super souped sleigh swiftly slides sideways

Cheery cute caroling Christmas critters

Candy cane cookies keep kids coming





Crafts

Candy Cane Reindeer Ornament

Make ornaments or decorations using an assortment of candies - a train, a race car, a plane, or a reindeer. These can be hung on trees, tied to packages, or used as decorations on a table.

Young children will need supervision with the low temp hot glue gun, but it works a lot better than craft glue.

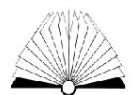
What You Need

- Low temp hot glue gun
- Ribbons or yarn for hanging
- 1 wrapped candy cane (this has to be wrapped around the candy, not a 'bagged' candycane)
- 1 little pom-pom for the nose
- 2 little wiggle eyes (or paper eyes drawn and cut out)
- Brown pipe cleaners for the antlers



How To Make It

1. Look at the illustration - make antlers out of pipecleaners, wrap them around the candycane on the curve and glue them.
2. Add two wiggle eyes and a pom-pom nose.
3. You're done!





Clothespin Reindeer

Reindeers made out of clothespins are cute and quick!

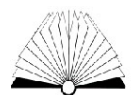
What You Need

- 3 Clothespins
- 7mm Wiggle eyes
- Small red pom pom
- Ribbon
- White small pom pom
- Tacky glue



How To Make It

1. Use three clothespins: two pointing down (4 legs); the third pointing up (antlers). Glue together.
2. Add wiggle eyes, a small red pom-pom nose, a ribbon on the neck, and a pom-pom tail using tacky glue.





Felt Ornaments

What You Need

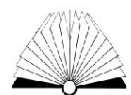
- Large and small paper plates
- Felt in different colors
- Cookie cutters (different sizes and shapes)
- Yarn
- Glue
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint



How To Make It

1. Trace cookie cutters onto plates.
2. Cut out.
3. Color.
4. Glue to felt.
5. Cut felt around decoration.
6. Punch a hole at the top.
7. Place string through hole and tie.
8. Hang on tree or give as gifts.

Try putting a smaller cookie cutter inside a large one, cut it out and the color of the felt will show through. You could also use glitter, beads and other types of decorations.





Felt Photo Ornament

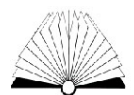
What You Need

- School photo (or another small photo)
- Felt in red and green
- Scissors
- Glue
- Glitter or Glitter glue pen
- Stickers, optional
- Decorative confetti
- Narrow ribbon in green, red, or gold
- Marker



How To Make It

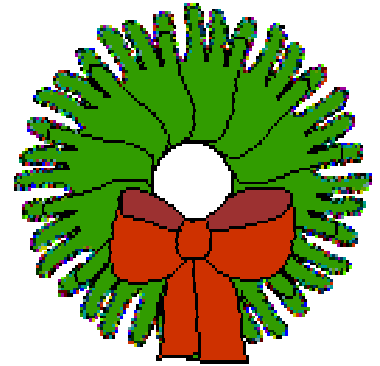
1. Cut a tree shape out of red felt.
2. Cut a smaller tree shape out of green felt.
3. Cut a hole in the middle of the green felt for the photo to show through.
4. Glue the photo on to the red tree (check to make sure it will show through the green tree).
5. Glue the green tree to the red tree.
6. Use glue to add the decorative confetti. Add stickers if desired.
7. Use glue and glitter around the opening of the tree or use a glitter glue pen.
8. Cut a little hole in the top of the tree and hang with a ribbon.
9. Let dry.
10. Write the date on the back of the ornament.
11. Hang on your tree!





Hands Christmas Wreath

It's another great gift idea or decoration. Each year you make a new one and see just how big your children have grown.

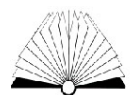


What You Need

- Green construction paper or felt
- Pen or pencil to trace hands
- Glue
- Glitter
- Sequins
- Ribbons
- Other decorations for finished project

How To Make It

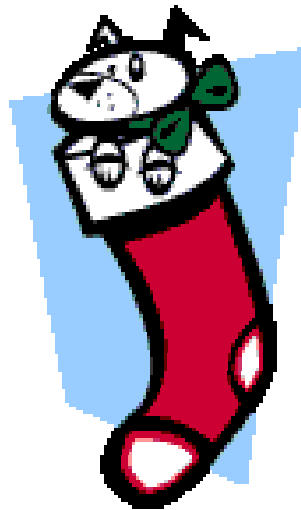
1. Trace child's open hand onto paper. (8-10 tracings for a small child)
2. Cut out tracings.
3. Glue tracings together at wrists with fingers pointed out.
4. Decorate with glitter, sequins, ribbons.
5. Write child's name, age, and date made on back.



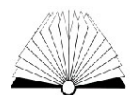


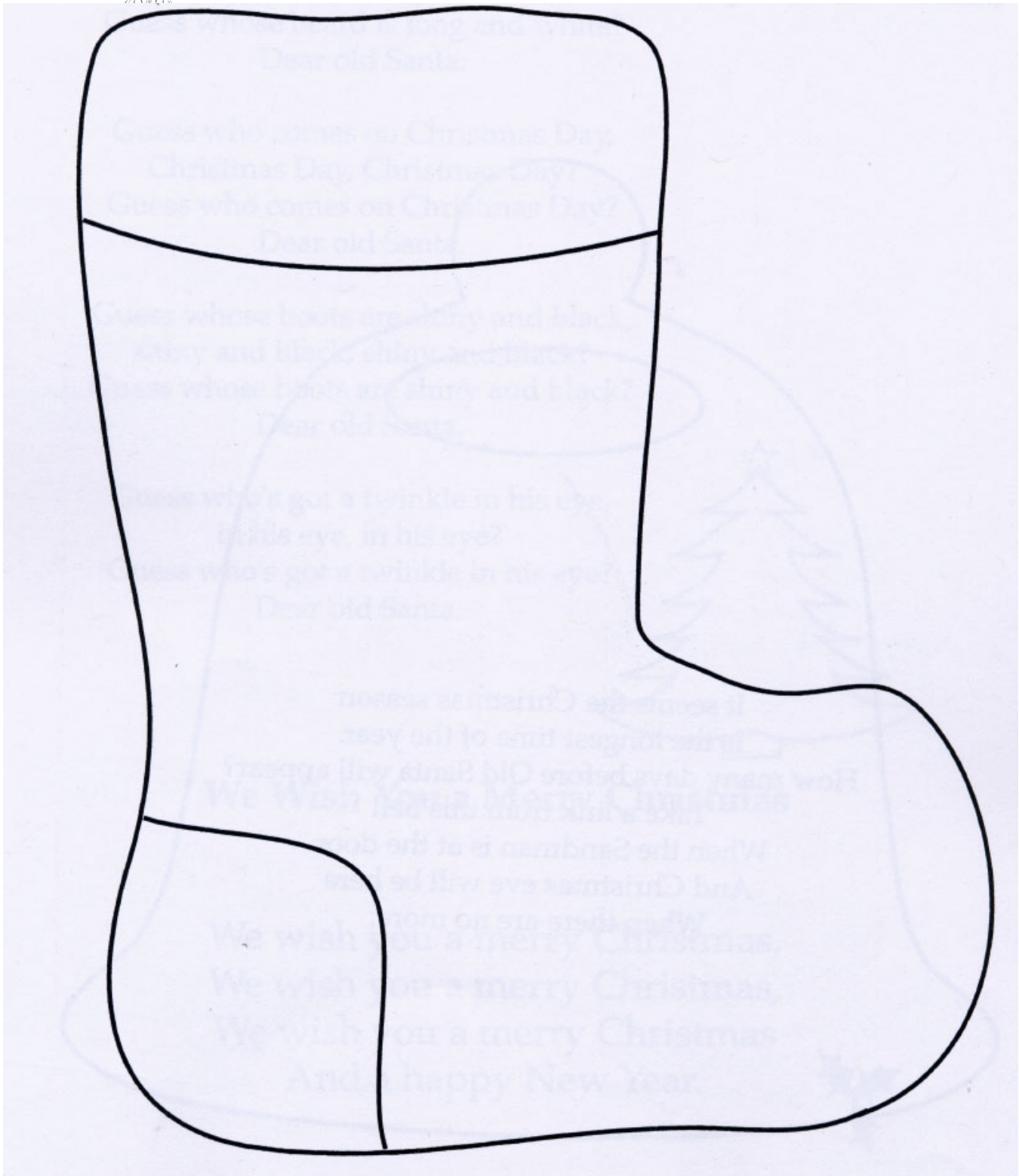
Christmas Stocking

- Cut out two stockings from red paper (trace the pattern).
- Staple or tape the sides and have families decorate the stocking.
- Encourage families to hang up their art work at home.
- Every time someone in the family does something nice or good – write it down on a piece of paper and put it in the stocking.
- See how full it can get by Christmas and then on Christmas – have everyone read the words of praise.



Pattern on next page





Stocking Pattern





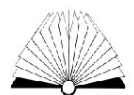
Activities

Colour the picture with lots of bright colours.



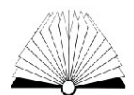
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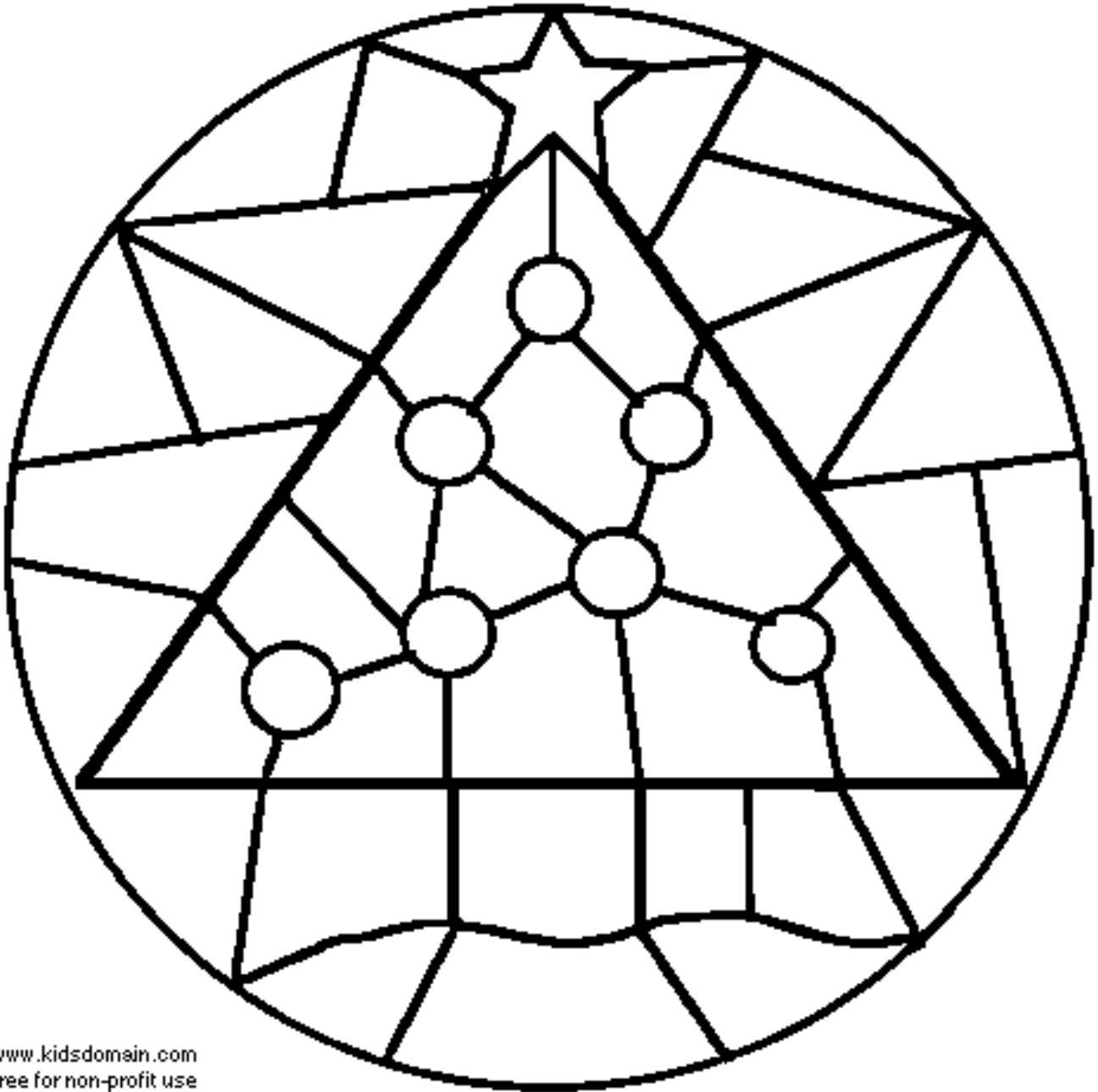


Colour the stockings for Santa!

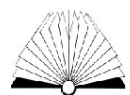




Colour the Christmas Tree!



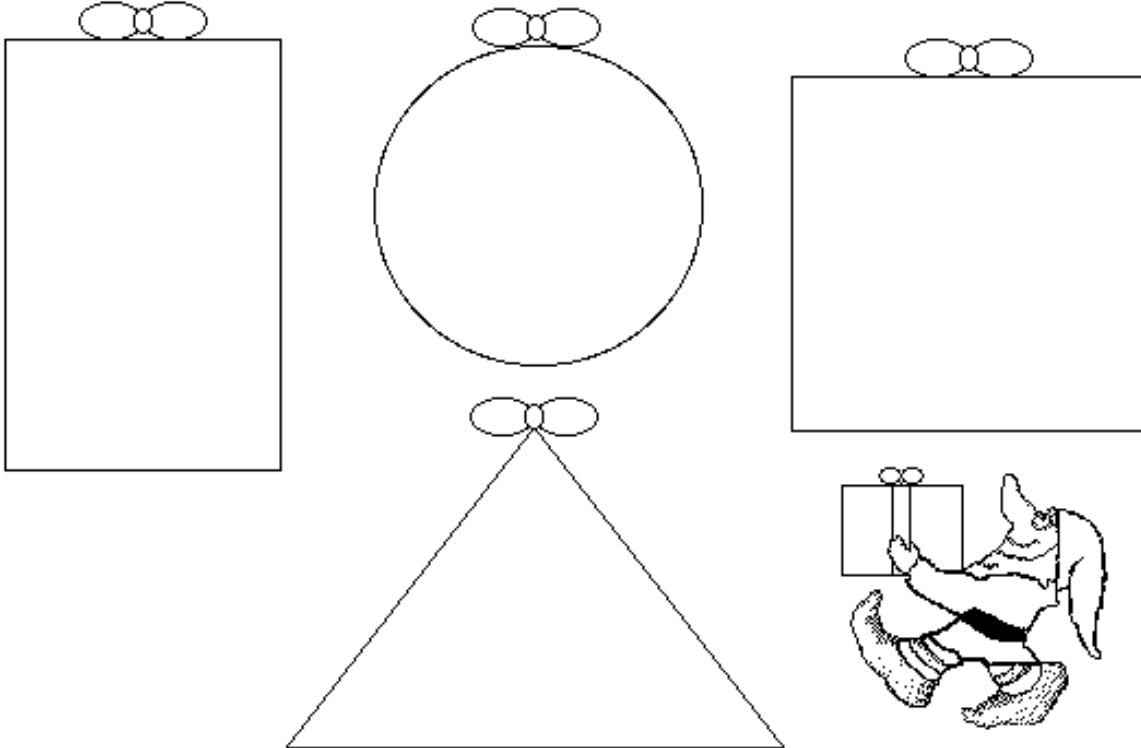
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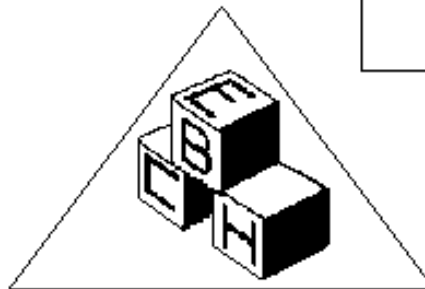
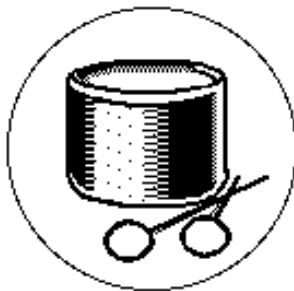
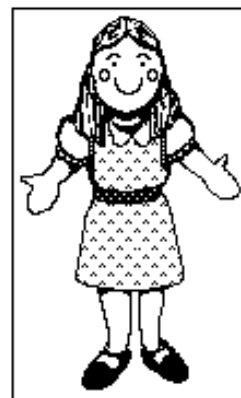
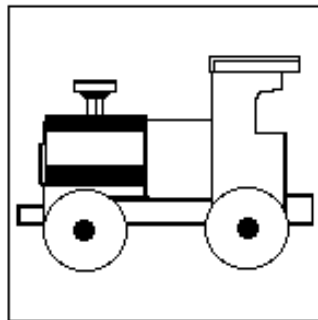


Put the presents in the right place

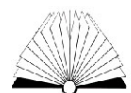
Santa's Elf needs to wrap some presents.
Can you help him put the presents in the right box?

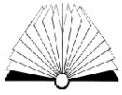


Cut the presents out and glue them in the right box.



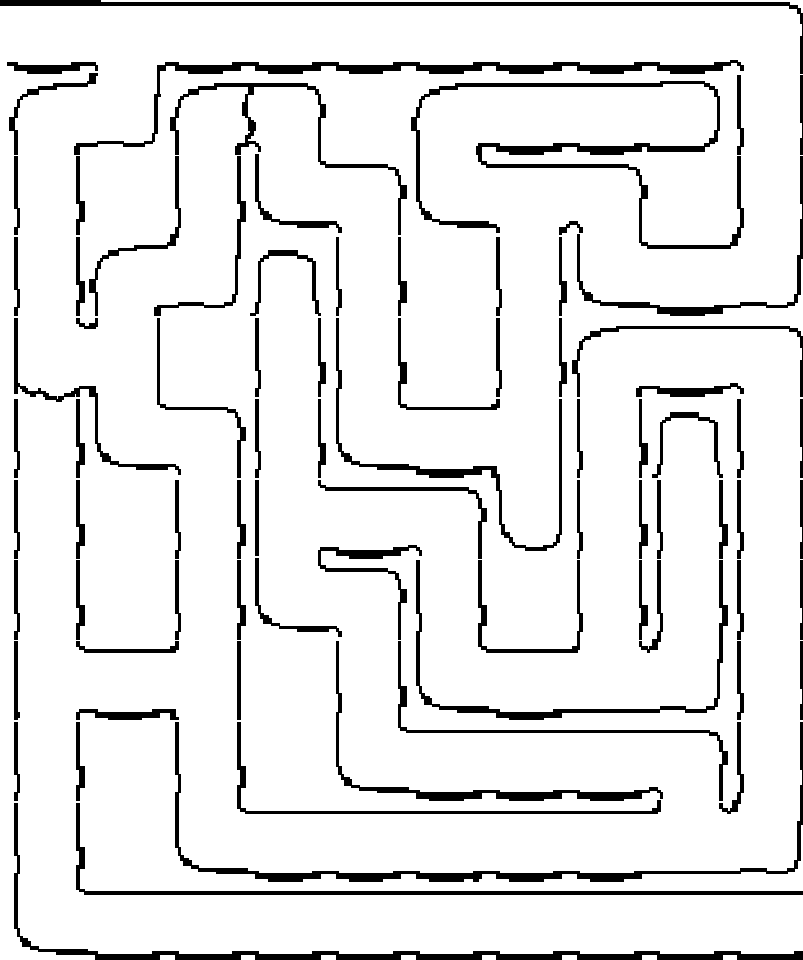
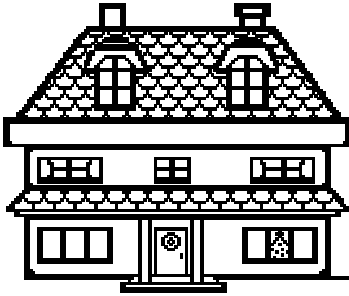
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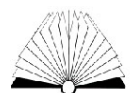


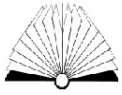
Deliver presents for Santa

**Santa needs to deliver some presents.
Can you help him find his way to the house?**

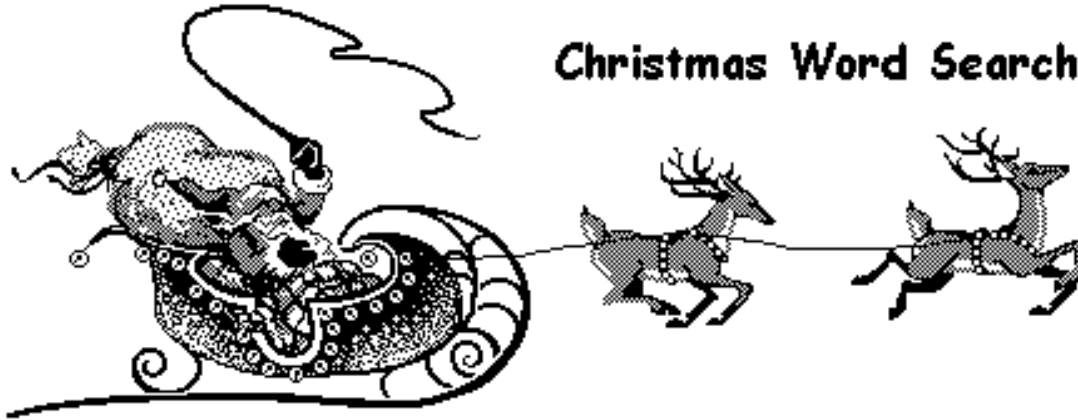


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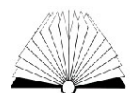


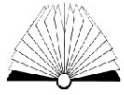
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ball	elf	snow
bell	gift	star
candy	santa	toy
deer	sled	tree

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Christmas Word Search



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| BLITZEN | ELF | SNOWMAN |
| CANDY | FROSTY | STAR |
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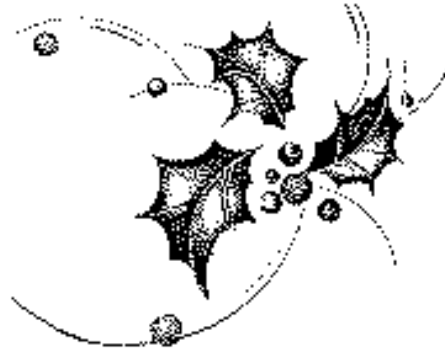
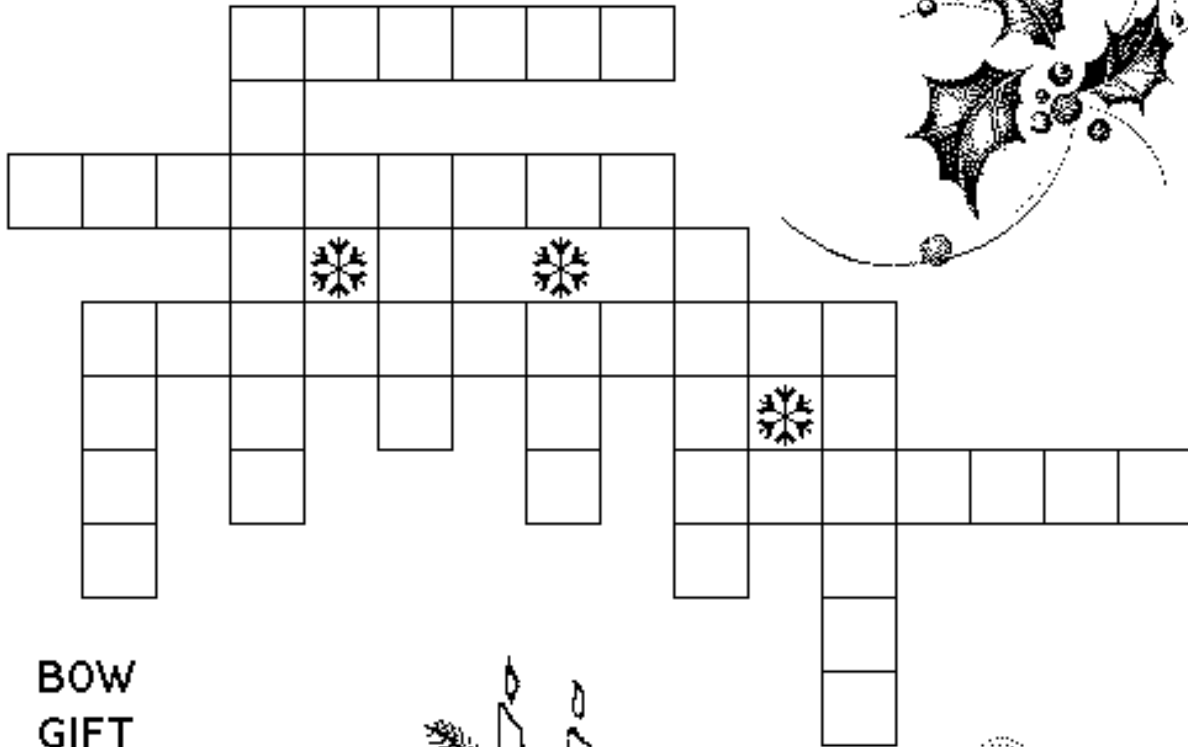


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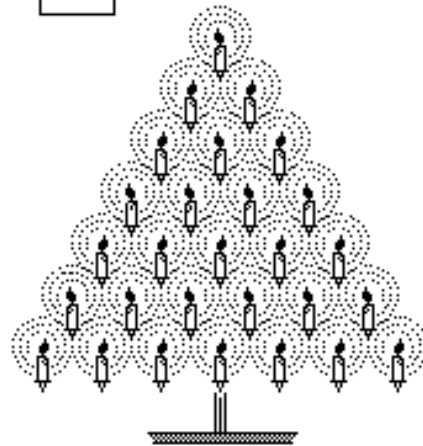
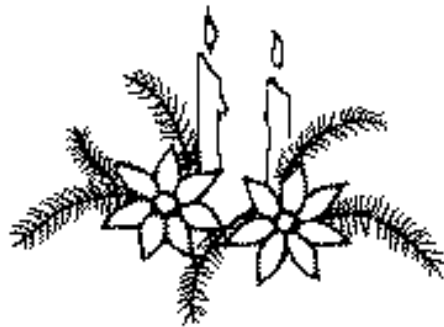
Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.

Each word is only used once.



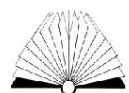
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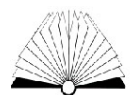
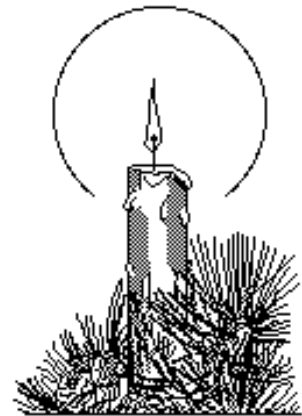
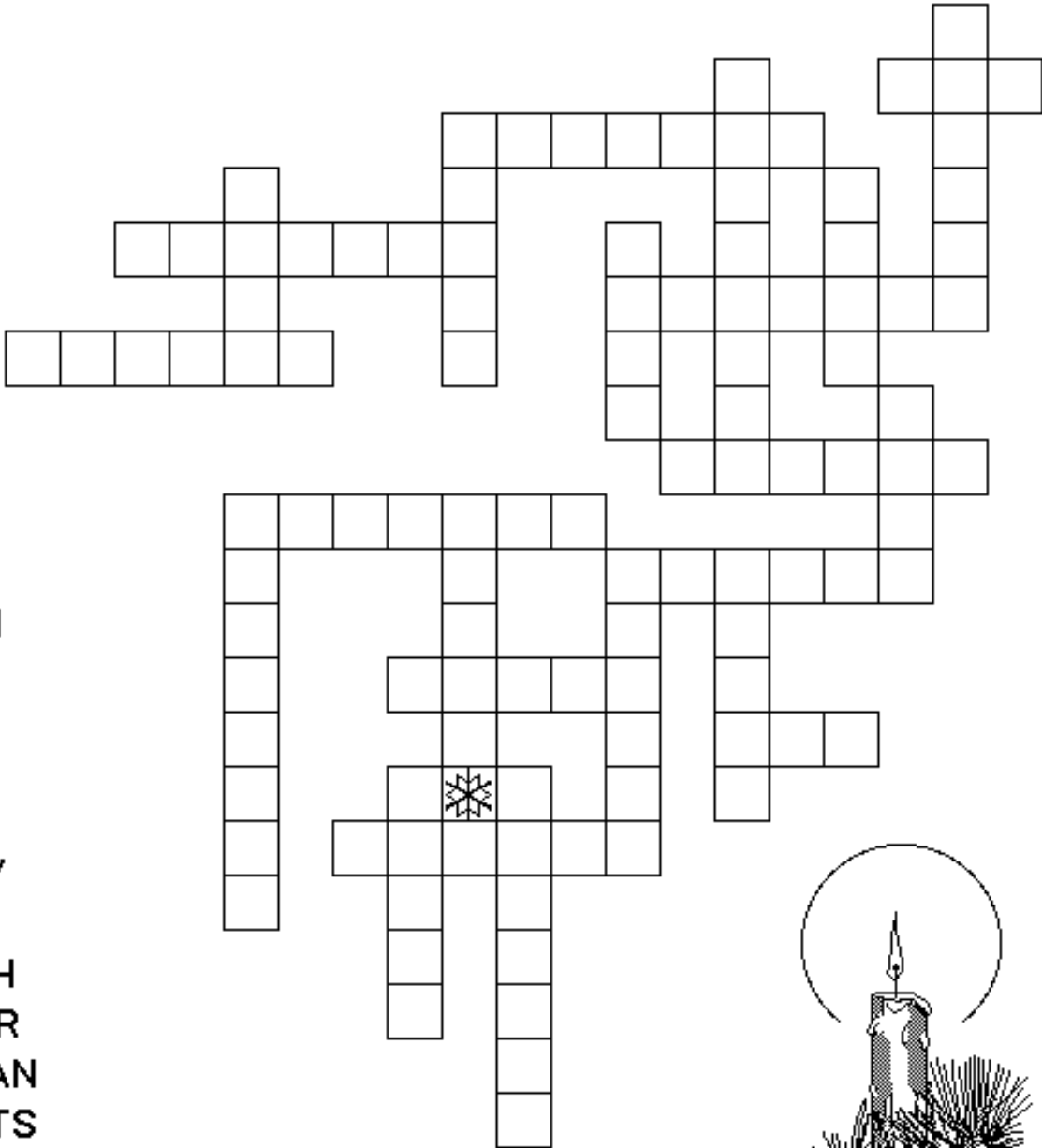


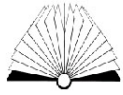
Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.

Each word is only used once.

- ELF
- TOY
- GIFT
- BELL
- TREE
- STAR
- SANTA
- COMET
- CUPID
- VIXEN
- CANDY
- FROSTY
- WREATH
- DASHER
- DONNER
- SLEIGH
- DANCER
- CHIMNEY
- BLITZEN
- RUDOLPH
- PRANCER
- SNOWMAN
- PRESENTS
- REINDEER





Solve these Christmas Riddles using the code below



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?

64	75
- 20-	35

61	55
- 28-	25

40	26	39
- 12-	0-	0

55	77
- 22-	37

48	67
- 15-	27

50	72
- 17-	32

What does a cat on a beach have in common with Christmas?

53	41	73	51	87
- 9-	15-	34-	22-	37

35	60	43	64	82
- 7-	23-	17-	16-	38

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

35	68	51	70	66	52	45	73	40
- 4-	25-	11-	26-	21-	25-	11-	28-	10

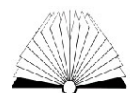


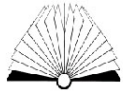
What does Santa clean his Sleigh with?

54	43	40	47	68
- 26-	3-	2-	17-	23

56	53
- 16-	22

55	70	91	71	57	30
- 27-	30-	45-	28-	13-	0





Solve these Christmas Riddles using the code below



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?

2	13
+17	+ 2

6	3
+ 2	+ 2

2	0	13
+ 1	+ 1	+ 1

7	5
+ 1	+10

5	2
+ 3	+13

6	1
+ 2	+14

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What does a cat on a beach have in common with Christmas?

1	0	9	2	12
+18	+ 1	+ 5	+ 2	+13

1	8	0	21	11
+ 2	+ 4	+ 1	+ 2	+ 8

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

4	10	0	14	7	1	4	10	0
+ 2	+ 8	+15	+ 5	+13	+ 1	+ 5	+10	+ 5

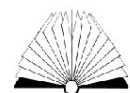


What does Santa clean his Sleigh with?

1	13	5	4	10
+ 2	+ 2	+ 8	+ 1	+10

11	1
+ 4	+ 5

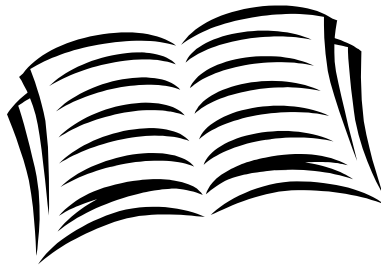
2	7	18	8	16	3
+ 1	+ 8	+ 3	+10	+ 3	+ 2





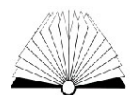
My Teeny Tiny Book

My Christmas Alphabet Book



- Have parents and children work on this activity together.
- Encourage parents to 'read' the book to their children and let the children guess what each picture is. For example the parent says, "A is for," and the child would look at the picture and say "Angels."
- They can then colour the book and cut out each page.
- You can bind the book with string, staples or glue.

This is an excellent literacy activity to do with pre-school and kindergarten children and their parents or caregivers. Have Fun!





A Teeny Tiny Book

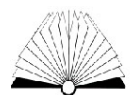
My Christmas Alphabet Book

A

is for
Angels



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B

is for
Bells

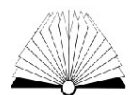


C

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Candle



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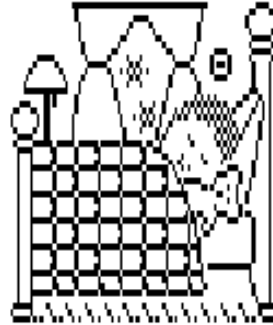




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D

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Dreams

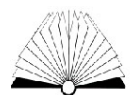


E

is for
Elf



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F

is for
Flurries

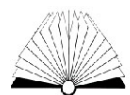


G

is for
Gingerbread



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H

is for
Holly

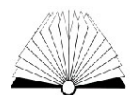


I

is for
Ice Skates

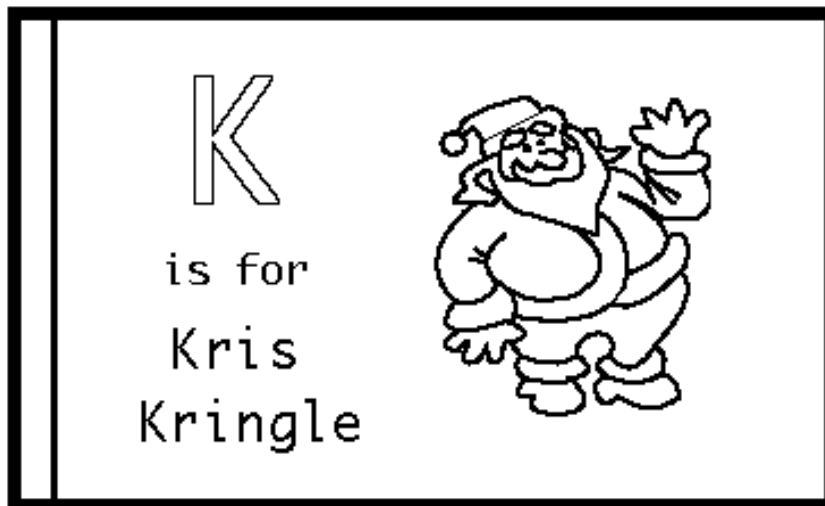
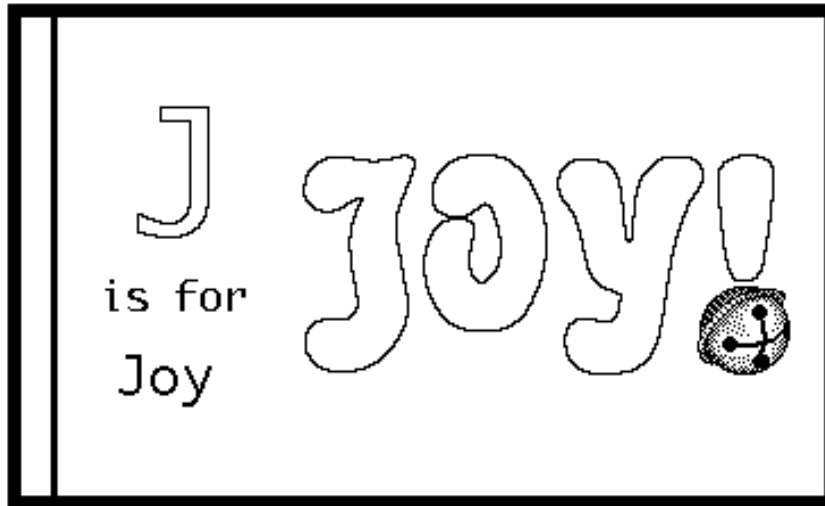


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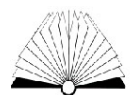




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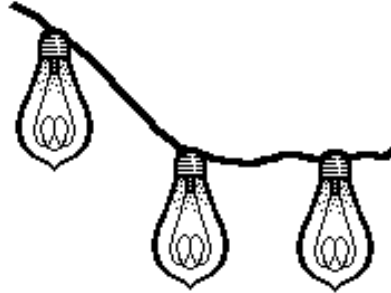




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L

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Lights

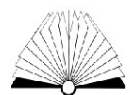


M

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Mouse



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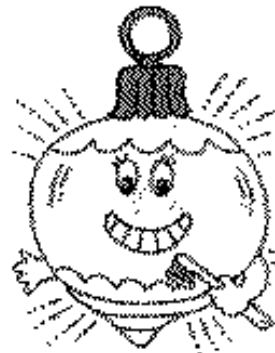
N

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Nativity

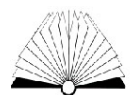


O

is for
Ornament



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P

is for
Presents

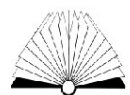


Q

is for
Quick



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R

is for
Reindeer

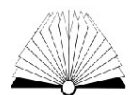


S

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Snowman



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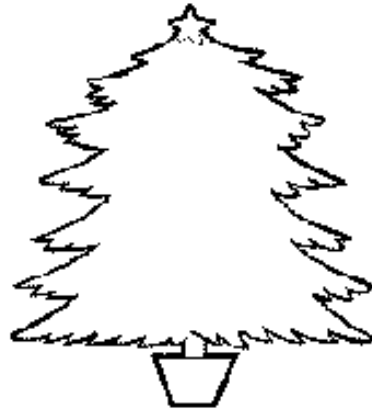




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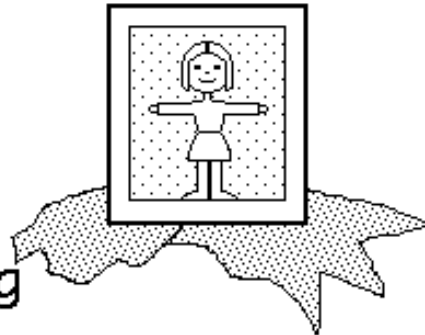
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is for
Tree



U

is for
Unwrapping



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V



is for
Village

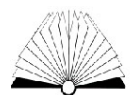


W

is for
Wreath



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X

is for
Xmas

December

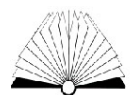
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Yule Log



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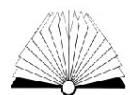
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Zig Zag



The End

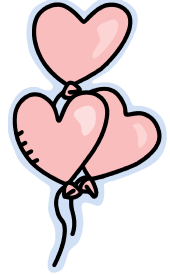
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Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

Celebrate Family Literacy Valentine's Day



Parents and young children come and join in a fun night of reading, rhymes and activities for Valentine's Day.

When: _____

Where: _____

Time: _____

Cost: FREE!!!!

Lots of fun and great prizes!

Sponsored by _____



NWT Literacy Council



Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

Celebrate Family Literacy Easter



Parents and young children come and join
in a fun night of reading, rhymes and
activities for Easter time.

When: _____

Where: _____

Time: _____

Cost: FREE!!!!

Lots of fun and great prizes!



Sponsored by _____



NWT Literacy Council



Celebrate Literacy Thanksgiving Theme



Families come and join in a fun night of reading, rhymes, stories and activities for Thanksgiving.

When: _____

Where: _____

Time: _____

Cost: **FREE!!!!**

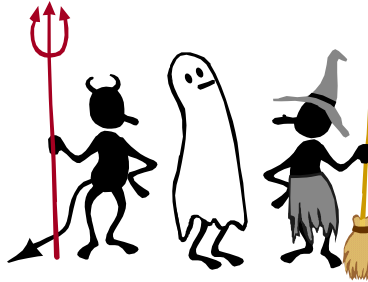
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Celebrate Literacy Halloween Theme



Families come and join in a fun night of reading, rhymes, scary stories and craft activities for Halloween.

When: _____

Where: _____

Time: _____

Cost: FREE!!!!

Lots of fun and great prizes!

Sponsored by _____





Celebrate Literacy Christmas Theme



Families come and join in a fun night of reading, rhymes, stories and activities for Christmas.

When: _____

Where: _____

Time: _____

Cost: FREE!!!!

Lots of fun and great prizes!

Sponsored by _____





Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

Valentine's Day Family Night



Come and share reading and crafts for
Valentine's Day

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

The whole family is welcome!

Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

Valentine's Day Family Night



Come and share reading and crafts for
Valentine's Day

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

The whole family is welcome!

Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

Easter Family Night

Come and enjoy books and crafts for
Easter.



Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

The whole family is welcome!

Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

Easter Family Night

Come and enjoy books and crafts for
Easter.



Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

The whole family is welcome!



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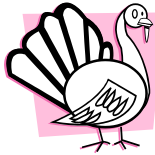


Thanksgiving

Stories

Rhymes

Games



prizes

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Where: _____

Time: _____

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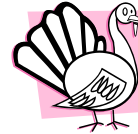
Fun Activities for the whole family!

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Halloween

Scary Stories

Games

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Christmas

Stories

Rhymes

Games & Crafts



When: _____

Where: _____

Time: _____

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Fun Activities for the whole family!



Christmas

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