



# Nursery Rhymes

- Activities for 12 nursery rhymes
- 12 nursery rhyme charts
- Art projects
- Writing projects

# 12

## Pockets Full of Projects

A Little Bird

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My Black Hen

Jack and Jill

Little Bo Peep

I Caught a Fish Alive!

Pease Porridge

Rub-a-Dub-Dub

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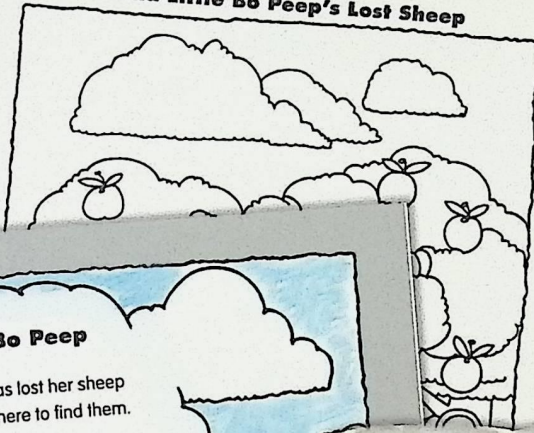
To Market, To Market

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling

Note: Reproduce for students to use with "Find Little Bo Peep's Lost Sheep" on page 32.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Find Little Bo Peep's Lost Sheep



### Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep  
And can't tell where to find them.  
Just leave them alone,  
And they'll come home,  
Wagging their tails behind them.



### Little Bo Peep



And they'll come home.



Wagging their tails behind them.

Little Bo Peep



Carrie

# Literature Pockets

## Nursery Rhymes

The 12 pockets in this book are filled with fun, exciting projects that students can proudly present in a unique book format.

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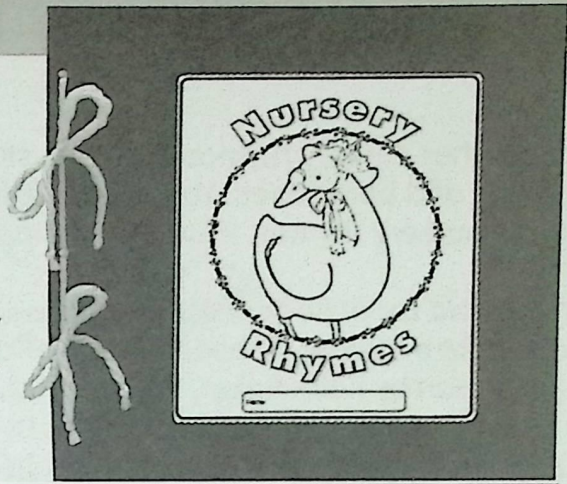
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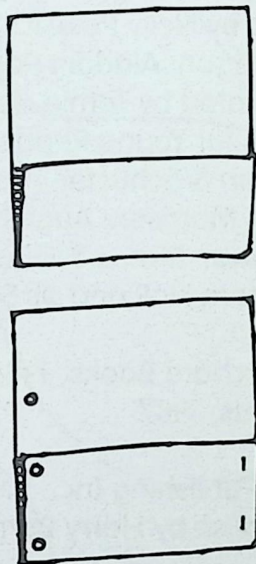
# What Are Literature Pockets?

In *Literature Pockets—Nursery Rhymes* 12 familiar rhymes come alive through fun, exciting projects. The activities for each rhyme are stored in a labeled pocket made from construction paper. (See directions below.) Add the charming cover and fasten the pockets together. Your students now have their own Nursery Rhymes book to treasure.



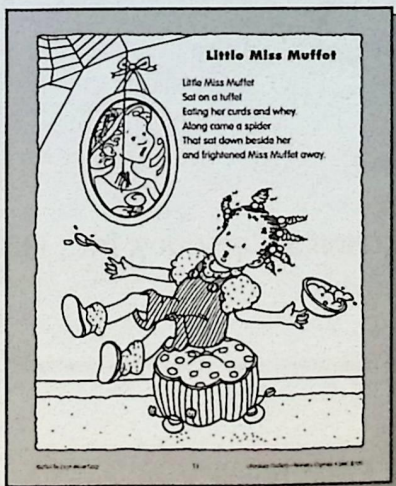
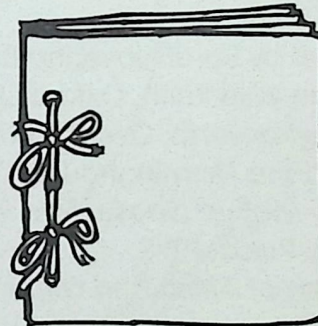
## How to Make the Pockets

1. Use a 12" x 18" (30.5 x 45.5 cm) piece of construction paper for each pocket. Fold up 6" (15 cm) to make a 12" (30.5 cm) square.
2. Staple the right side of the pocket closed.
3. Punch two or three holes in the left side of the pocket.
4. Glue the title strip onto the pocket. The title strip is found on the contents page for each book.
5. Store each completed project in the pocket for that book.



## How to Make the Cover

1. Reproduce the cover decoration on page 3 for each student.
2. Students color and cut out the cover and glue it to a 12" (30.5 cm) square piece of construction paper.
3. Punch two or three holes in the left side of the cover.
4. When all the pockets are completed, fasten the cover and the pockets together. You might use string, ribbon, twine, raffia, or metal rings.



Each pocket contains an illustrated copy of a nursery rhyme. Use this chart to introduce or review the rhyme before doing the activities for the rhyme. Here are some suggestions for using these charts:

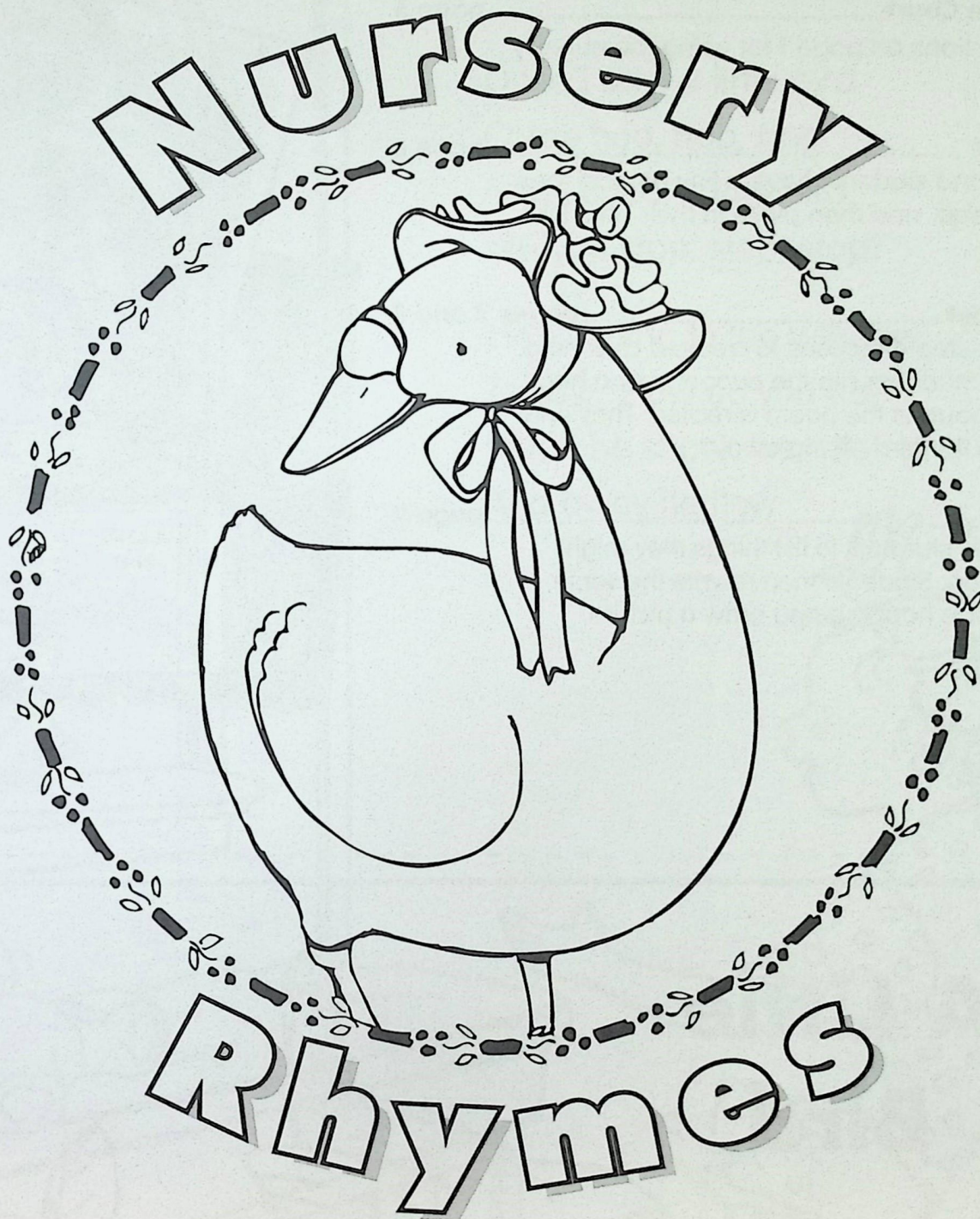
- Make an overhead transparency of the page. Read the rhyme to students. Talk about the vocabulary and the rhyming words. Point out the words that you would like students to begin to recognize.
- Reproduce a copy for each student to follow along as you read and recite the verse together. Place the copies in the students' individual pockets.
- Mount the page on construction paper and post it on a nursery rhyme bulletin board. When your nursery rhyme study is complete, bind the charts into a cover to create a book for the class library.

# Bibliography

Share other nursery rhymes with your students. There are hundreds of nursery rhyme books available in libraries and bookstores. You will find books containing nursery rhymes from around the world as well as classic nursery rhymes. Here is a sampling of the good books you might use.

- The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose* by Arnold Lobel; Knopf, 1997.
- Babushka's Mother Goose* by Patricia Polacco; Philomel Books, 1995.
- Big Fat Hen* by Keith Baker; Voyager Picture Book, 1999.
- A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes* by Kady MacDonald Denton; Larousse Kingfisher Chambers, 1998.
- Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes* by Robert Wyndham; Paper Star, 1998.
- The Completed Hickory Dickory Dock* by Jim Aylesworth; Aladdin Paperbacks, 1994.
- Father Gander Nursery Rhymes* by Douglas Larche; Advocacy Press, 1986.
- Five Little Ducks: An Old Rhyme* by Pamela Paparone; North South Books, 1995.
- The Glorious Mother Goose* by Cooper Edens; Atheneum, 1998.
- Grandmother's Nursery Rhymes/Las Nanas De Abuelita* by Nelly Palacio Jaramillo; Henry Holt, 1996.
- Half a Moon and One Whole Star* by Crescent Dragonwagon; Aladdin Paperbacks, 1990.
- Hey Diddle Diddle & Other Mother Goose Rhymes* illustrated by Tomie dePaola; Paper Star, 1998.
- The House That Jack Built* by Jeanette Winter; Dial Books for Young Readers, 2000.
- If All the Seas Were One Sea* by Janina Domanska; Simon & Schuster, 1987.
- I Scream, You Scream: A Feast of Food Rhymes* by Lillian Morrison; August House Little Folk, 1998.
- James Marshall's Mother Goose* by James Marshall; Farrar, Straus & Giroux Inc., 1986.
- Los Pollitos Dicen/The Baby Chicks Sing* by Nancy Abraham Hall and Jill Syverson-Stork; Little, Brown and Company Inc., 1999.
- Mary Had a Little Lamb* by Sarah Josepha Buell Hale; Orchard Books, 1995.
- Mother Goose* by Brian Wildsmith; Oxford University Press, 1987.
- My Son John* by Jim Aylesworth; Owlet, 1997.
- Nightfeathers* by Sundaira Morninghouse; Open Hand Publishing Inc., 1990.
- Nursery Rhymes from Mother Goose: Told in Signed English* by Harry Bornstein and Karen L. Saulnier; Gallaudet University Press, 1992.
- Off to the Sweet Shores of Africa and Other Talking Drum Rhymes* by Uzoamaka Chinyelu Unobagha; Chronicle Books, 2000.
- Old Mother Hubbard and Her Wonderful Dog* by James Marshall; Sunburst, 1993.
- The Real Mother Goose* illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright; Cartwheel Books, 1998.
- The Rooster Crows: A Book of American Rhymes and Jingles* by Maud Petersham; Aladdin Paperbacks, 1987.
- Skip Across the Ocean* by Floella Benjamin; Orchard Books, 1995.
- Three Little Kittens* illustrated by Paul Galdone; Houghton Mifflin Company, 1999.
- To Market, To Market* by Anne Miranda; Harcourt Brace, 1997.
- Tortillitas Para Mama and Other Spanish Rhymes* by Margot C. Griego; Henry Holt & Company, Inc., 1987.

Note: Reproduce this cover decoration for students to color, cut out, and glue to the cover of their Nursery Rhymes books.



Name

Nursery Rhymes

# Pocket 1

## A Little Bird

### Nursery Rhyme Chart.....page 5

Follow the directions on page 1 for using the nursery rhyme chart.

### Folded Booklet .....page 6

Just two folds and students have a tiny book of their own to color, read, and then place in their Little Bird pockets.

### Bird Mitt Puppet.....pages 7 and 8

Follow step-by-step directions to create a charming “mitt” puppet. Students slip the puppet over a hand and move it about as the poem is recited. They end the poem with the bird “flying away.”

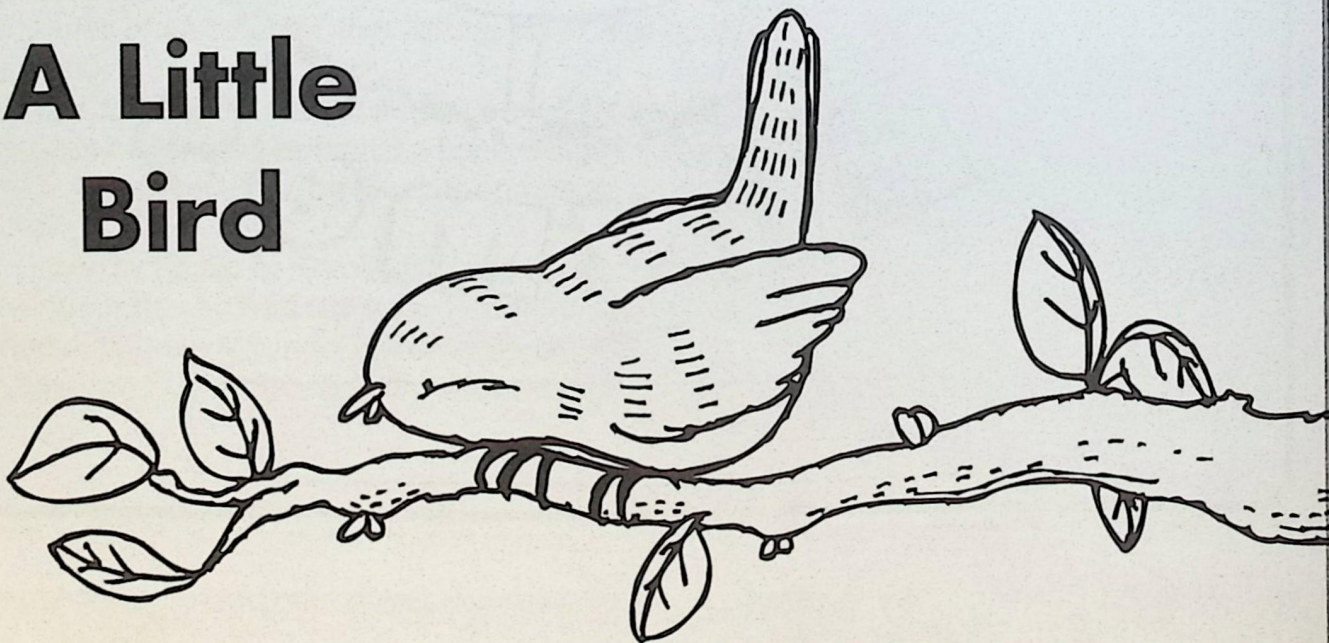
### A Little \_\_\_\_\_ .....page 9

Brainstorm with students to list things they might see that can hop. Students then rewrite the verse, changing what is hopping and draw a picture.



### Pocket Label

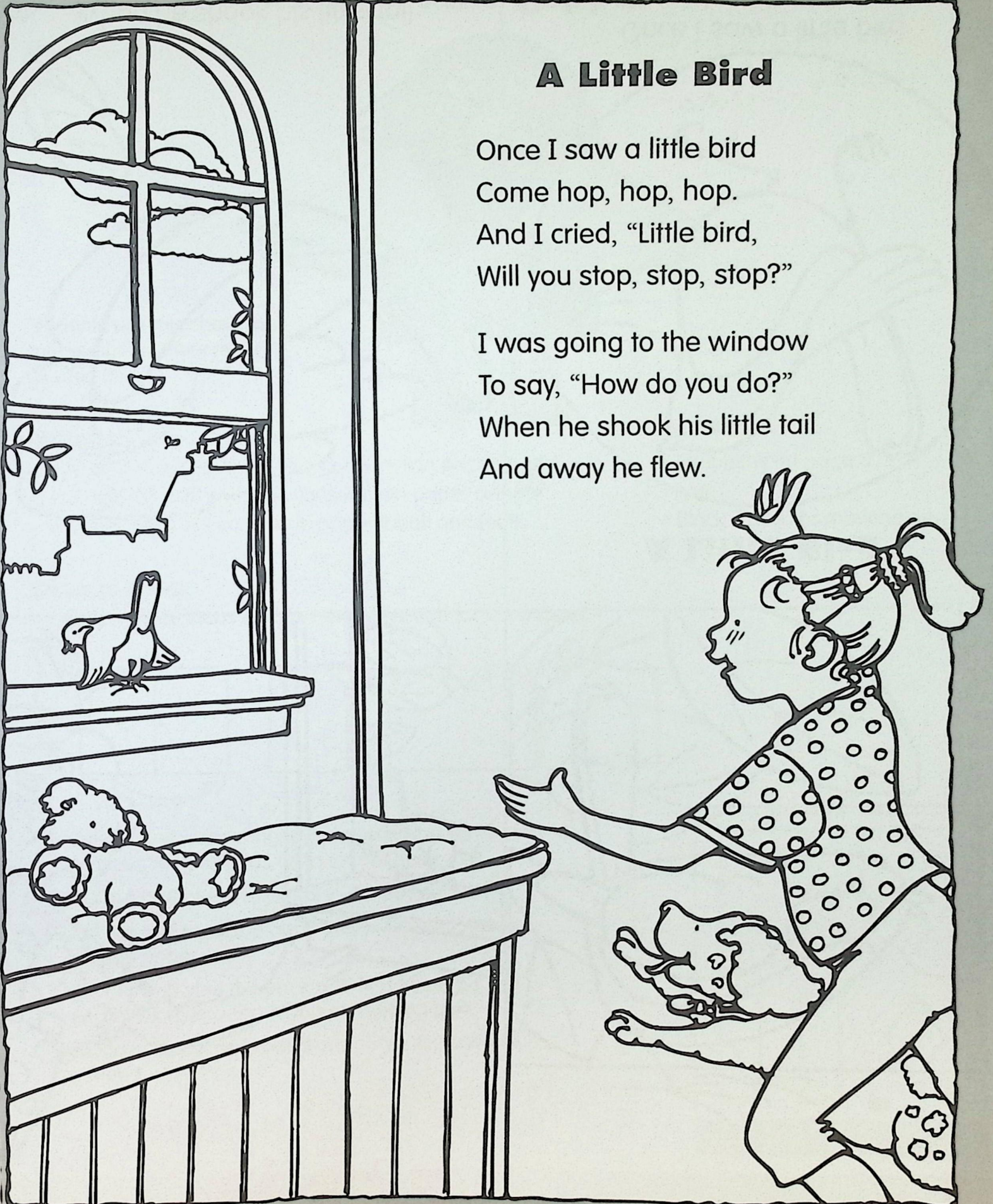
# A Little Bird



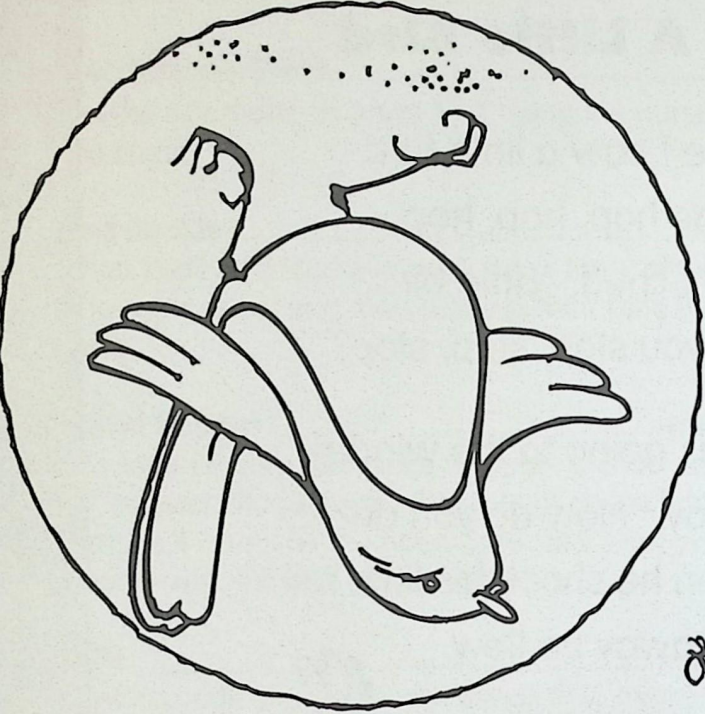
## A Little Bird

Once I saw a little bird  
Come hop, hop, hop.  
And I cried, "Little bird,  
Will you stop, stop, stop?"

I was going to the window  
To say, "How do you do?"  
When he shook his little tail  
And away he flew.



Once I saw a little bird  
Come hop, hop, hop.



### A Little Bird

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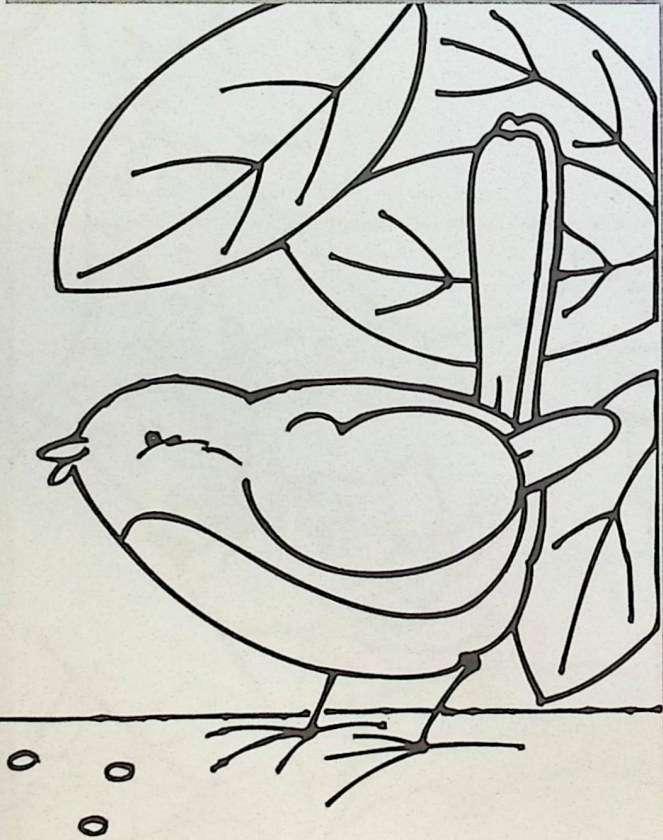
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When he shook his little tail  
And away he flew.

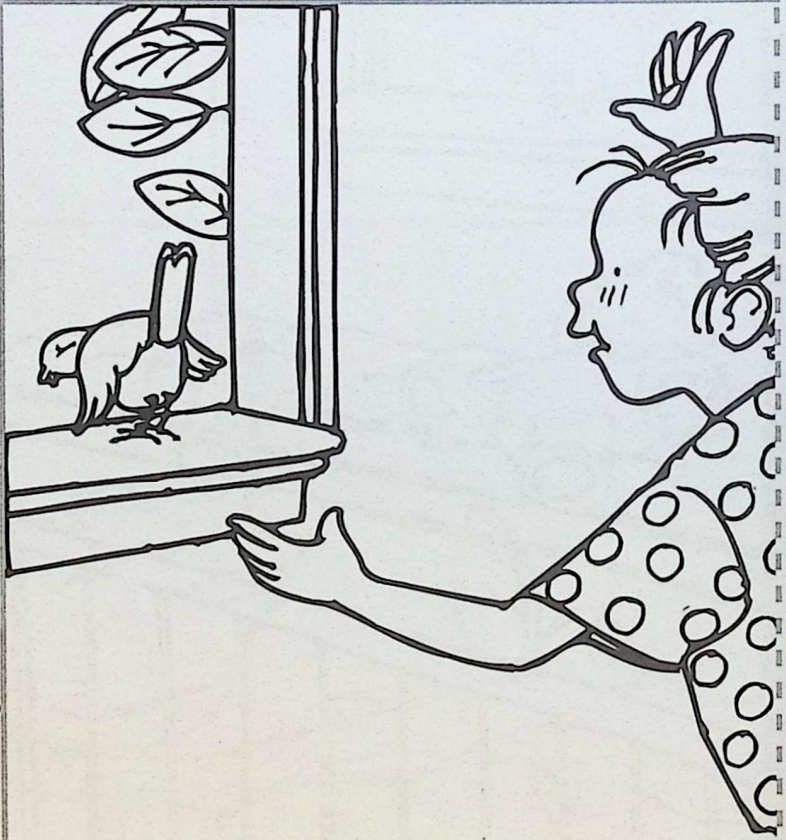
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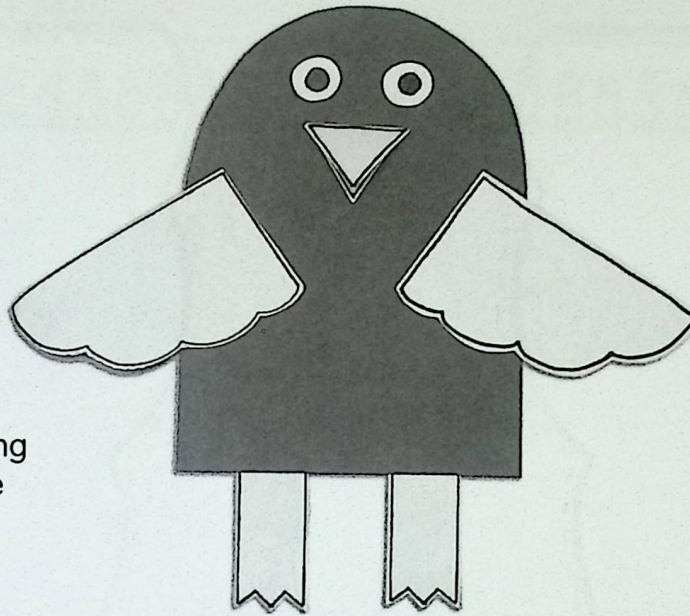
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Will you stop, stop, stop?"



3 I was going to the window  
To say, "How do you do?"



# Bird Mitt Puppet



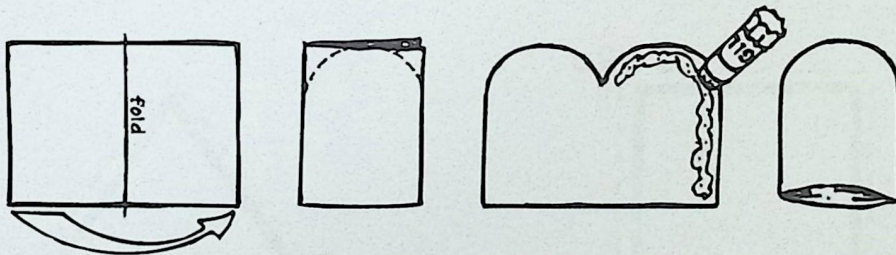
Students use this charming mitt puppet as they recite "A Little Bird."

## Materials

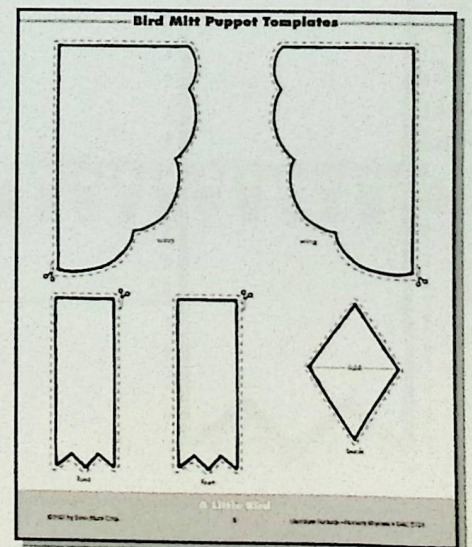
- 9" x 12" (23 x 30.5 cm) blue construction paper (body)
- 6" x 9" (15 x 23 cm) blue construction paper (wings)
- 4" x 6" (10 x 15 cm) orange paper (beak and feet)
- templates on page 8
- glue
- black crayon or marking pen

## Steps to Follow

1. Follow these steps to make the basic mitt for the puppet.

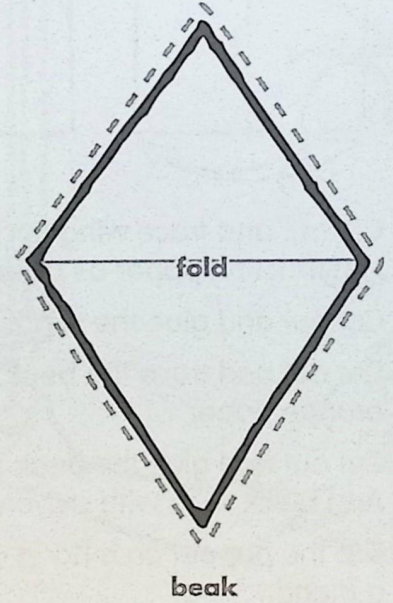
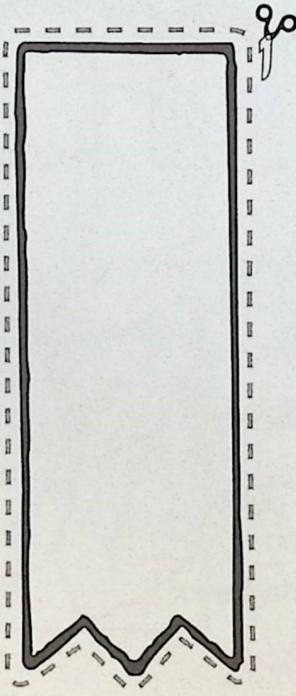
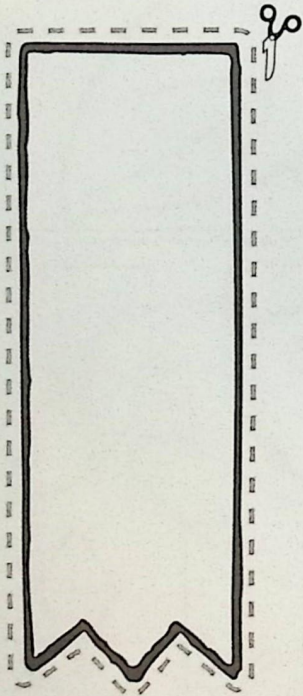
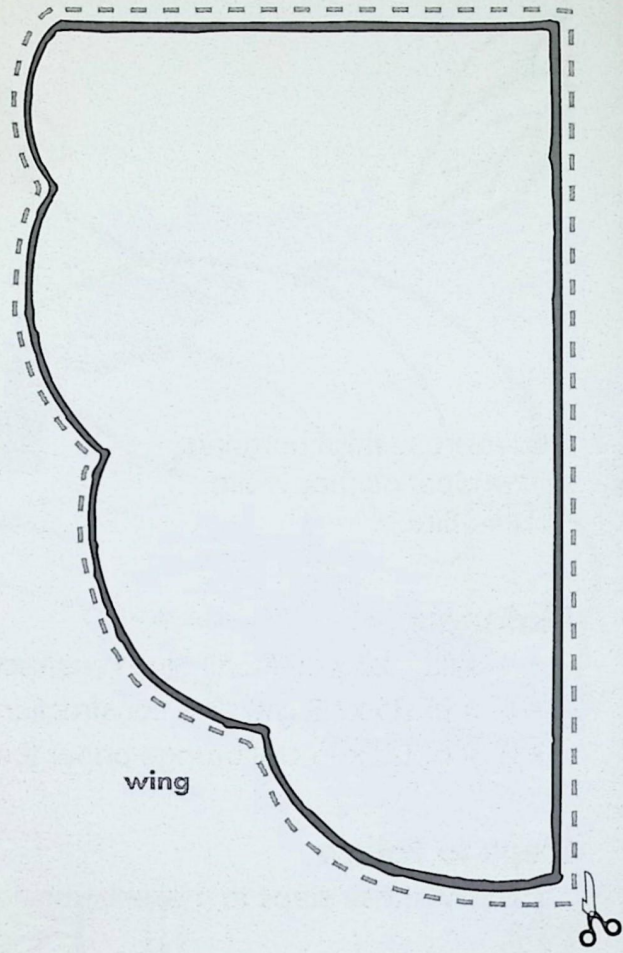
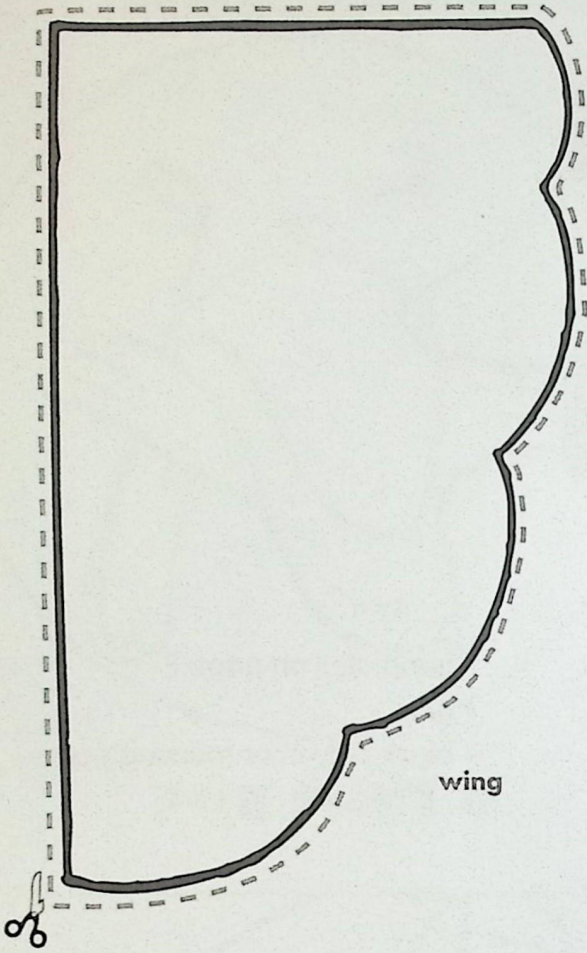


2. Cut out and trace wing templates on the same color construction paper as used for the basic mitt.
3. Cut out and glue the wings to the puppet.
4. Cut out and trace the beak and feet templates on orange paper.
5. Cut out and glue the beak and feet to the puppet. Add black eyes with crayon or marking pen.
6. Slip the puppet on a hand and recite the rhyme for a friend.



## A Little Bird

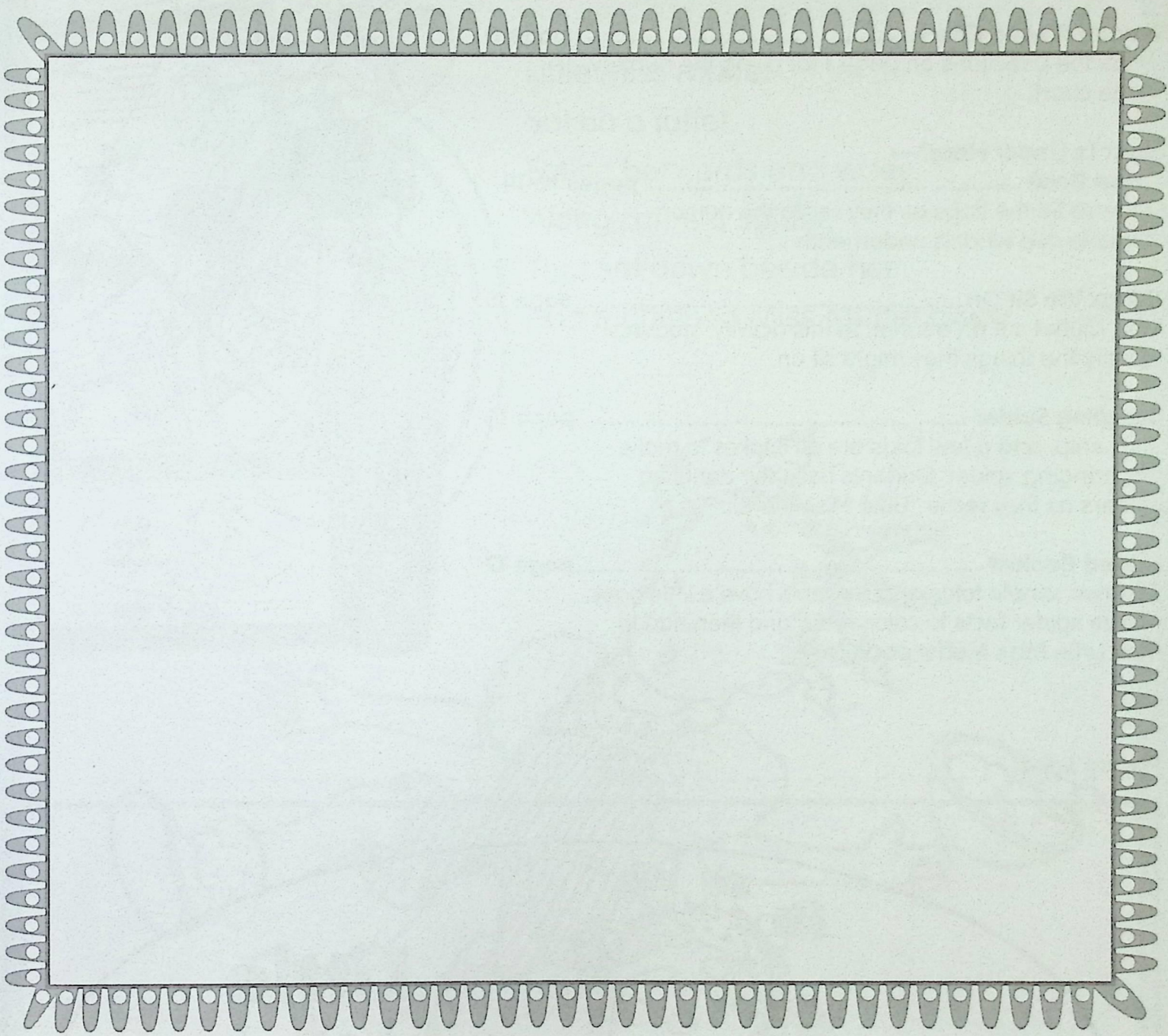
# Bird Mitt Puppet Templates



## A Little Bird

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# A Little \_\_\_\_\_



Once I saw a little \_\_\_\_\_  
Come hop, hop, hop.

And I cried, "Little \_\_\_\_\_,  
Will you stop, stop, stop?"

# Pocket 2

## Little Miss Muffet

**Nursery Rhyme Chart**..... page 11

Follow the directions on page 1 for using the nursery rhyme chart.

**What Is Under Here?—**

**A Flap Book** ..... pages 12–14

Students lift the flaps as they recite the nursery rhyme to see what is underneath.

**Things We Sit On** .....page 15

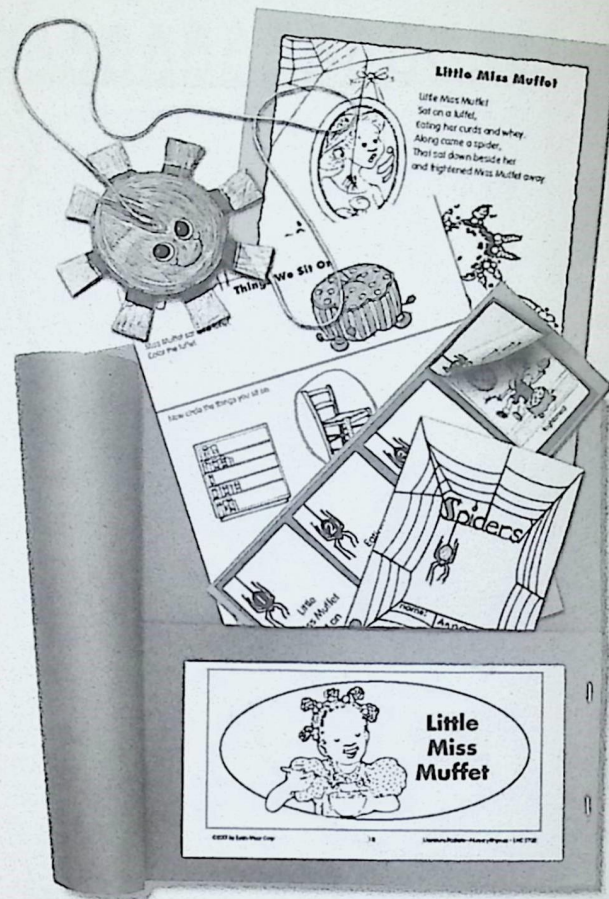
Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet. In this activity, students identify the things they might sit on.

**Dangling Spider** .....page 16

Snip, snip, and a few folds are all it takes to make this hanging spider. Students use their dangling spiders as they recite “Little Miss Muffet.”

**Folded Booklet** .....page 17

Just two simple folds and students have a little book of true spider facts to color, read, and then add to their Little Miss Muffet pockets.



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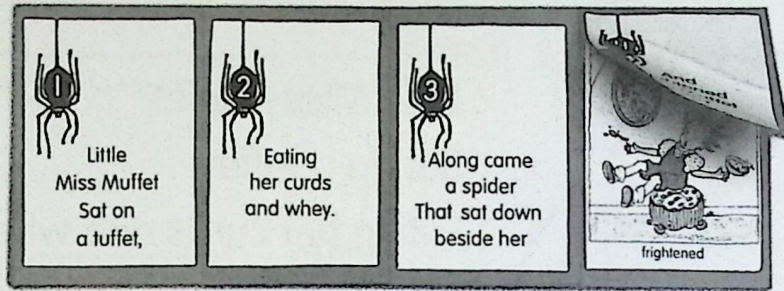
## Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on a tuffet,  
Eating her curds and whey.  
Along came a spider,  
That sat down beside her  
and frightened Miss Muffet away.



# What Is Under Here?

## A Flap Book



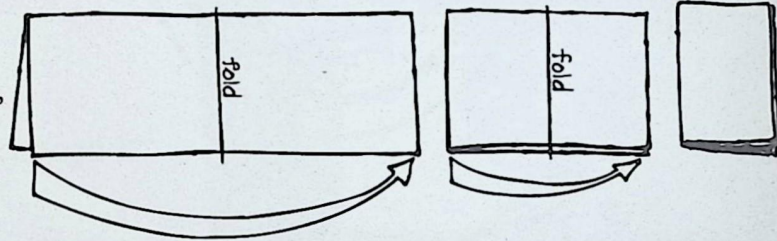
Students lift the flaps as they recite the nursery rhyme to see what is underneath.

### Materials

- 9" x 12" (23 x 30.5 cm) assorted colored construction paper
- pages 13 and 14, reproduced for each student
- glue
- crayons
- scissors

### Steps to Follow

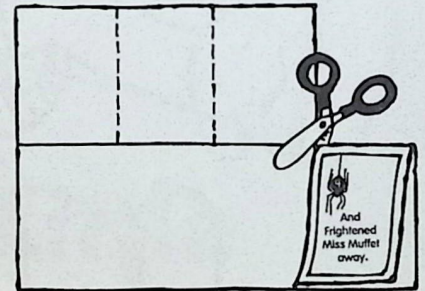
1. Fold the construction paper in half lengthwise, then fold it in fourths as shown.



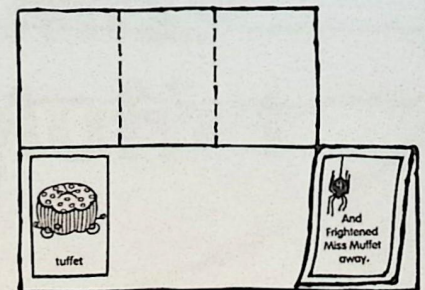
2. Cut out and glue the poem parts in order on the sections of construction paper as shown.



3. Cut the poem sections apart along the fold lines, stopping at the center of the page.



4. Color and cut out the pictures. Flip each section of the poem open and glue the correct picture under it.



## Little Miss Muffet



Little  
Miss Muffet  
Sat on  
a tuffet,



Eating  
her curds  
and whey.



Along came  
a spider,  
That sat down  
beside her



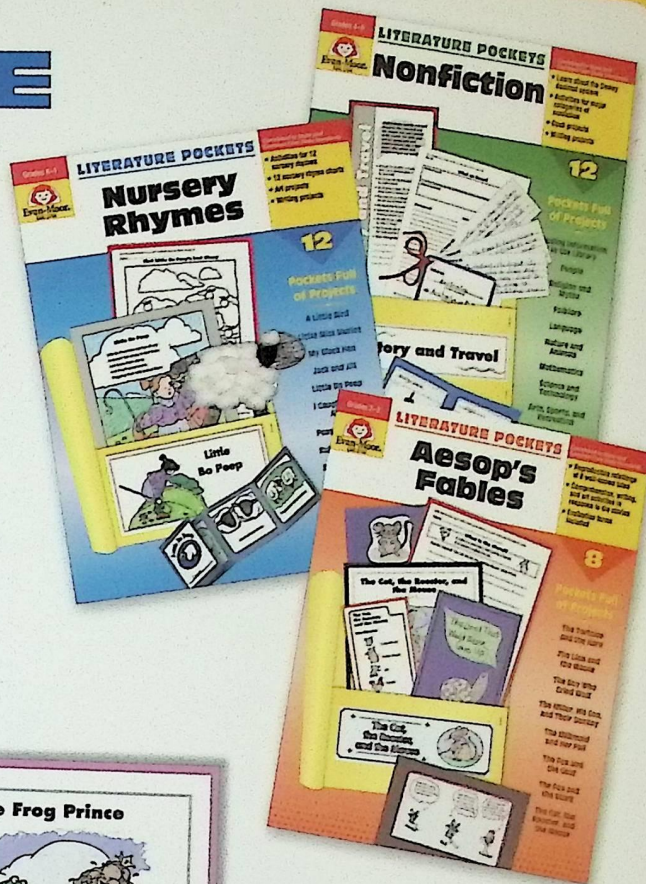
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### Little Miss Muffet

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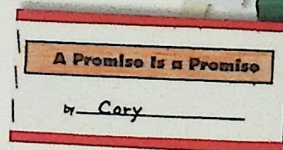
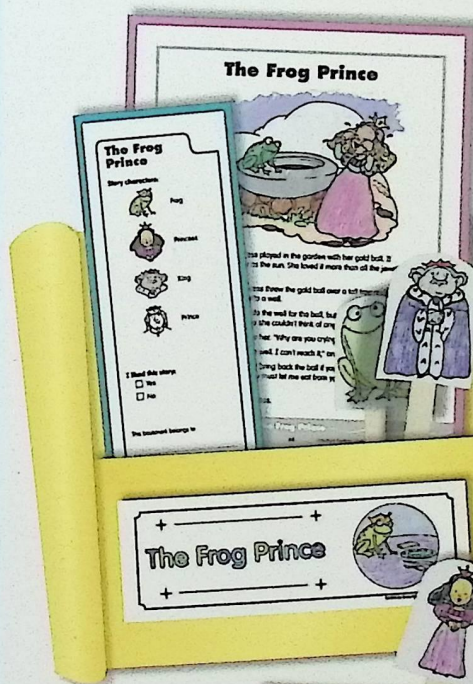
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