



IZA TRAPANI

READING EXPERIENCE

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Directions: Listed in the box below are nine activities that can be completed after reading picture books by Iza Trapani. Choose the activities you like or try them all!

<p>Read <i>Row Row Row Your Boat</i> and play the “Row Row Row Your Boat” printable board game. *</p> <p>Who will row their boat back to home first?</p>	<p>Read <i>Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star</i> and make a gold star with lots of glitter! Then, hang the special star in your bedroom so it can watch over you at night. *</p>	<p>Read <i>Froggie Went A-Courtin’</i> and <i>The Wedding</i> by Eve Bunting (illus. by Iza Trapani) and plan a pretend wedding. Make veils, bow ties, and hats. Wear Mom and Dad’s shoes and clothes.</p>
<p>Read <i>I’m a Little Teapot</i> and plan a tea party. Invite your stuffed animals and special friends to enjoy treats and a tasty drink.</p>	<p>Iza Trapani came to the United States from Poland when she was a little girl. She learned English by reading Mother Goose Rhymes. Read and sing a few of your favorite rhymes with someone you love.</p>	<p>Read <i>Shoo Fly!</i> and make a homemade fly swatter. Then, play the “Shoo Fly” card game. *</p> <p>Who will collect the most colored crayons by swatting the flies?</p>
<p>Read <i>Haunted Party</i> and play “Pin the Bow Tie on the Ghost”. *</p> <p>Try the game with or without a blindfold!</p>	<p>Read <i>Mary Had a Little Lamb</i> and make a squeaky clean lamb with shaving cream (lamb shampoo!) and glue. *</p>	<p>Read <i>Baa Baa Black Sheep</i> and complete the “Baa Baa Black Sheep Retelling Lacing Card”. *</p>

* Additional printables or instructions are included in the Iza Trapani Reading Experience packet for this activity.

- This packet was developed to celebrate Iza Trapani’s birthday on January 12, 2013.
- Activities were created for children of preschool age or younger. However, older children would certainly enjoy many of the activities!

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"Row Row Row Your Boat" Board Game

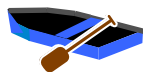
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ROW ROW ROW YOUR BOAT by Iza Trapani

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Directions:

1. Print game board and instruction sheet.
2. Find a die or game spinner.
3. Make your game pieces -- colored boats are provided below that can be taped or glued onto soda bottle caps.
4. Players begin by placing their colored boat on the Home space.
5. Read ROW ROW ROW YOUR BOAT by Iza Trapani.
6. Roll the die to move ahead. Watch for spaces with +2 and -2 spaces. Move ahead 2 spaces for +2 and move back 2 spaces for -2.
7. First player to return home is the winner.
8. Notice as you play that the game matches the events in the book.

Boat Game Pieces:



HOME

Row row
row your
boat

Gently
down
the
stream.

Merrily,
merrily,
merrily,
merrily,

Life is but
a dream.
+2



Having fun
with family.
+2



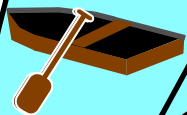
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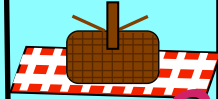
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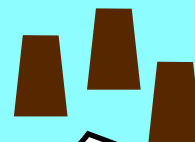
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Healthy
snack!



Beaver
Dam!



What a
clumsy crew!



SHOO FLY! CARD GAME

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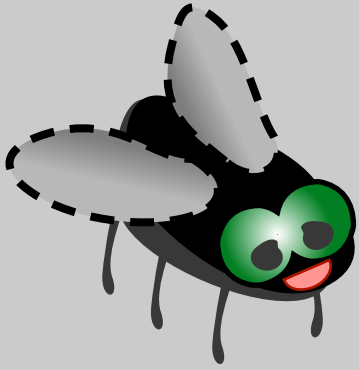
Directions:

1. Print the SHOO FLY and colored crayon cards on heavy cardstock paper. Or you can laminate or mount the cards on cardboard (i.e. a cereal box) to make the cards sturdy. Lastly, cut the cards to size.
2. Find enough fly swatters for the number of players you expect to play. You could also make your own fly swatters with cardboard and a tongue depressor or paint stick.
3. Read *Shoo Fly!* by Iza Trapani. Notice in the last illustration that the mouse's bedposts are made of crayons!
4. Shuffle all the crayon and SHOO FLY cards together. Place in a stack in the middle of the group.
5. Each player takes a turn flipping over one card for the group to see by placing it next to the stack. If it is a colored crayon then the group names the color. If it is a SHOO FLY card, all players try to be the first to swat the fly. The player who swats the fly gets the SHOO FLY card and all the colored crayon cards underneath.
6. Play continues until the stack is finished.
7. You may declare the player with the most cards the winner.

Note: A parent or teacher could flip over the cards for the children to allow them to focus completely on swatting!

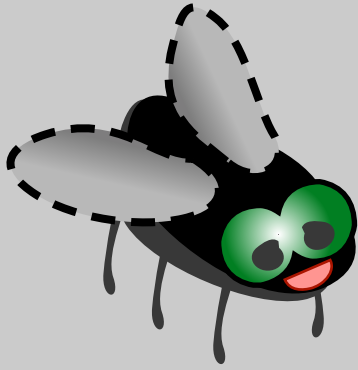


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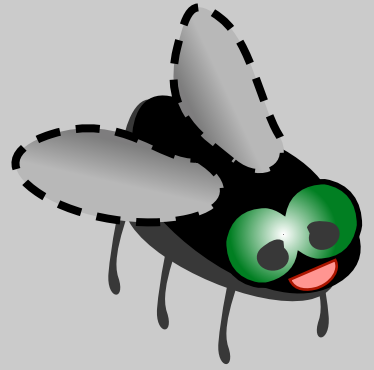
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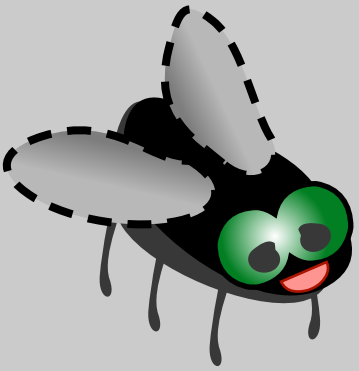
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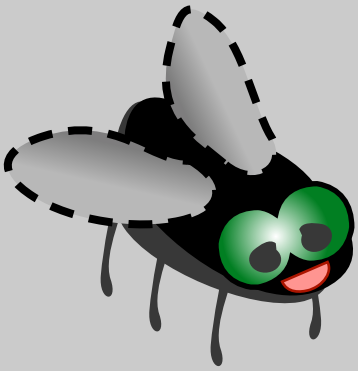
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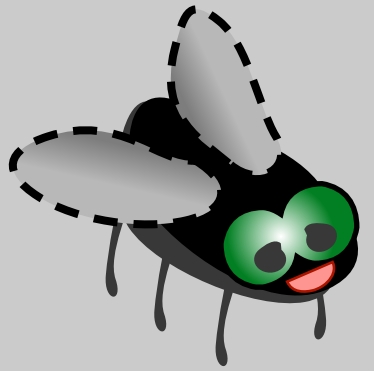
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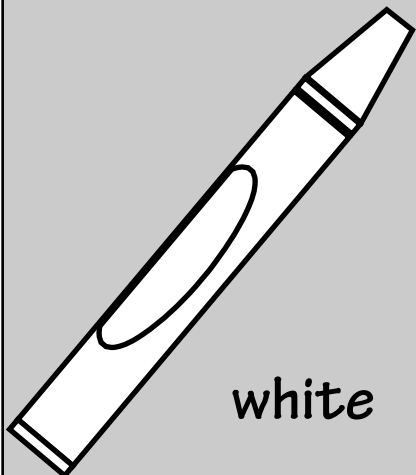


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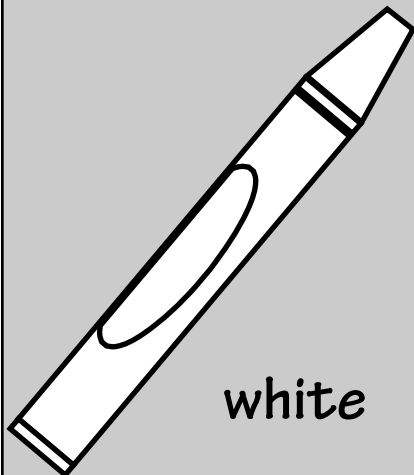
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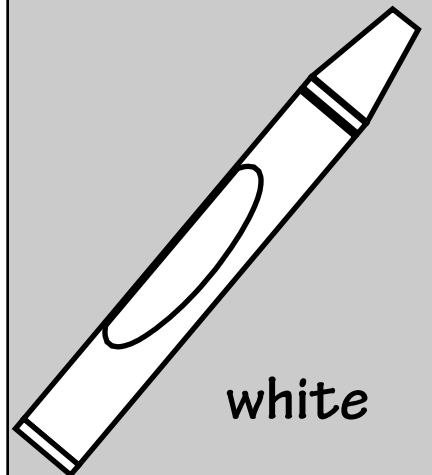
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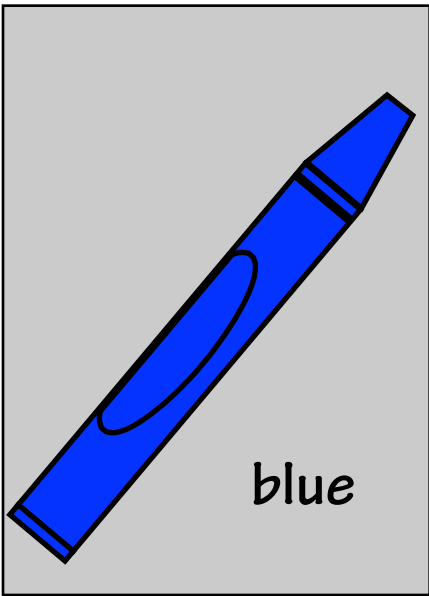
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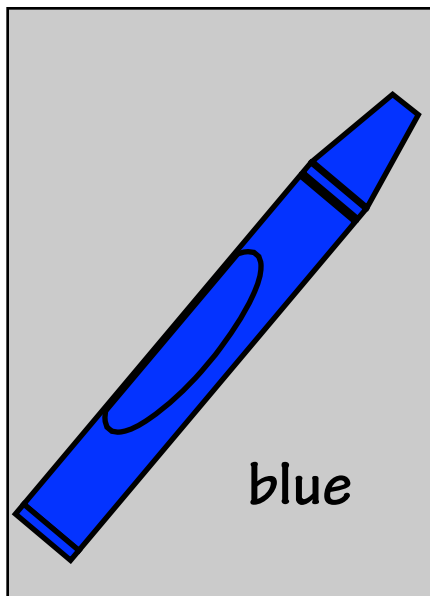
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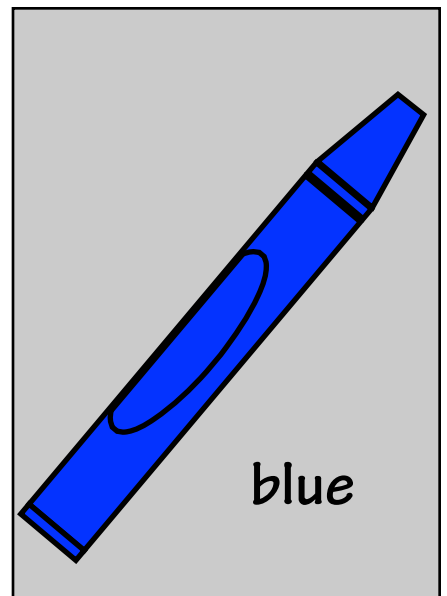
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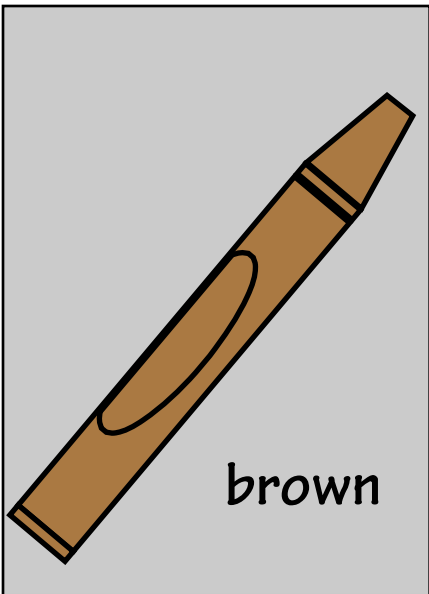
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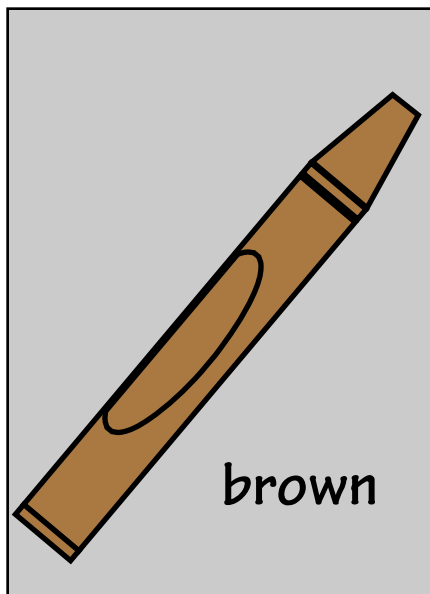
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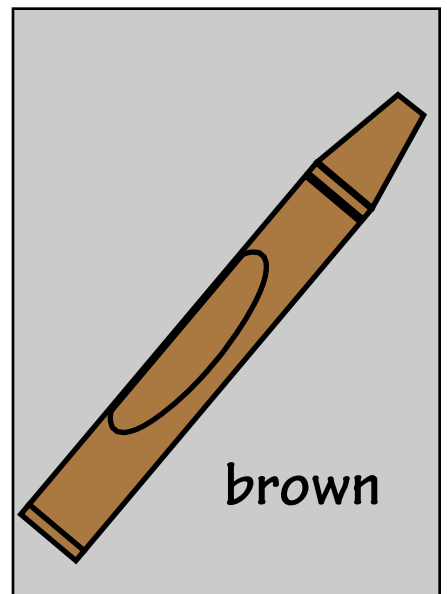
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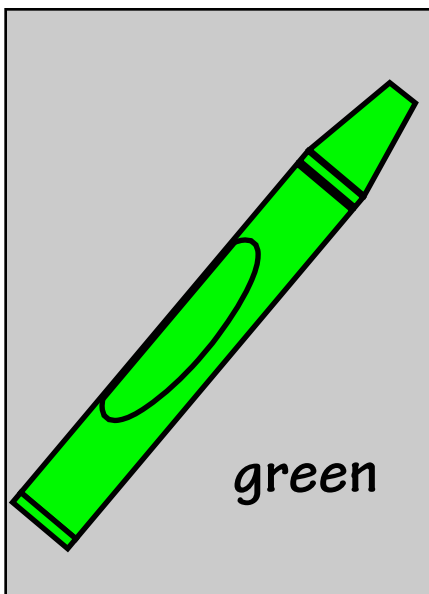
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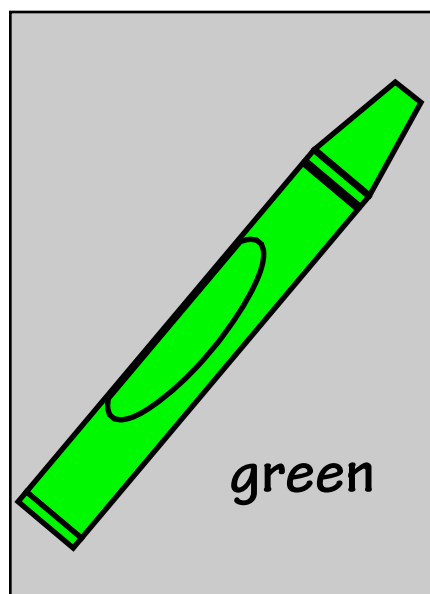
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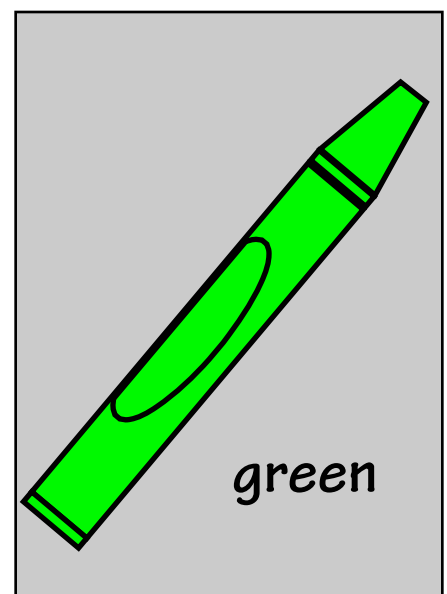
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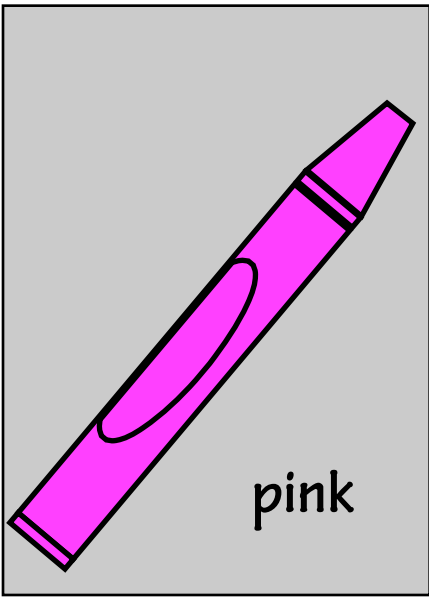
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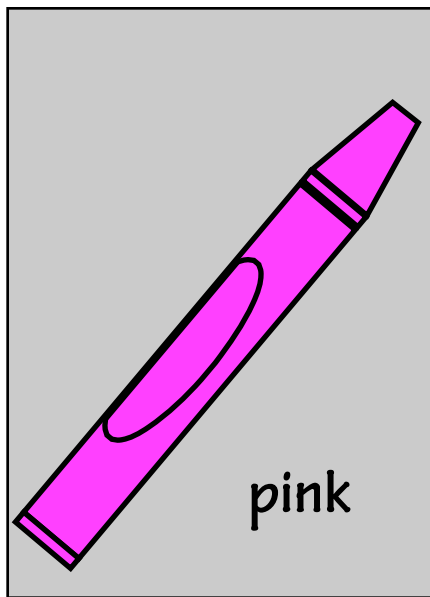
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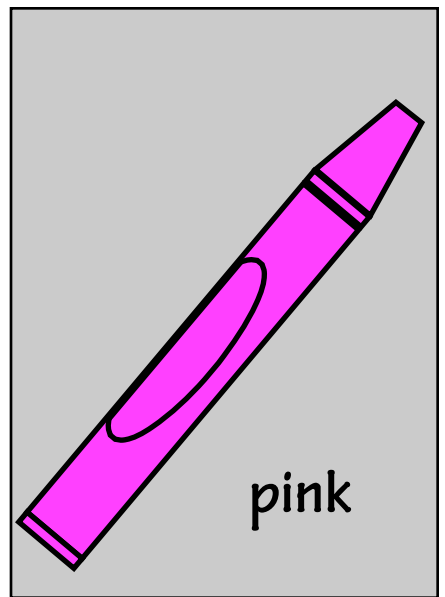
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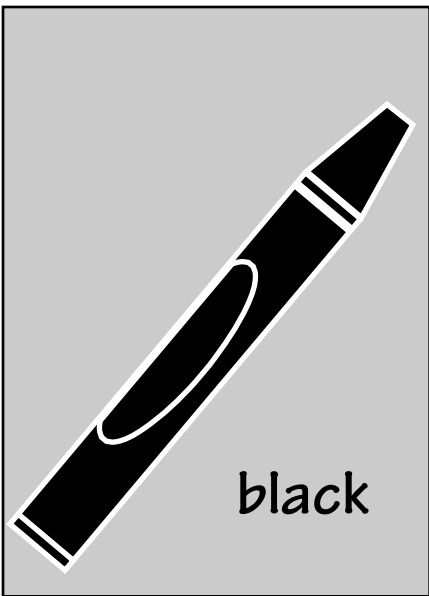
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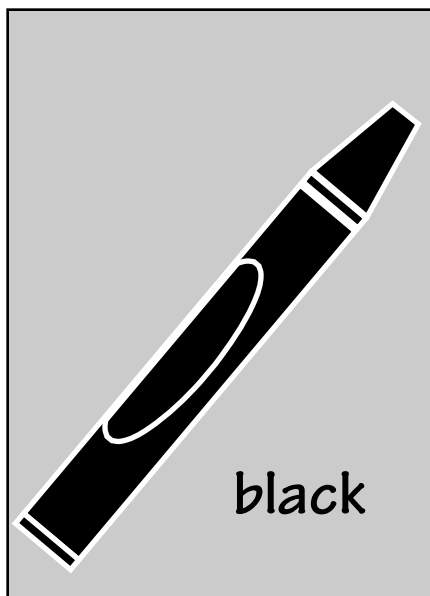
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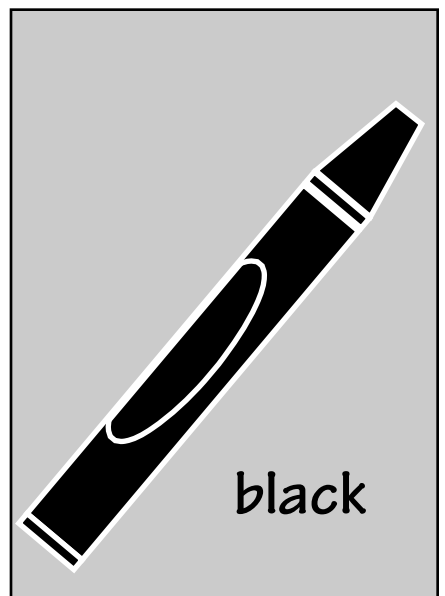
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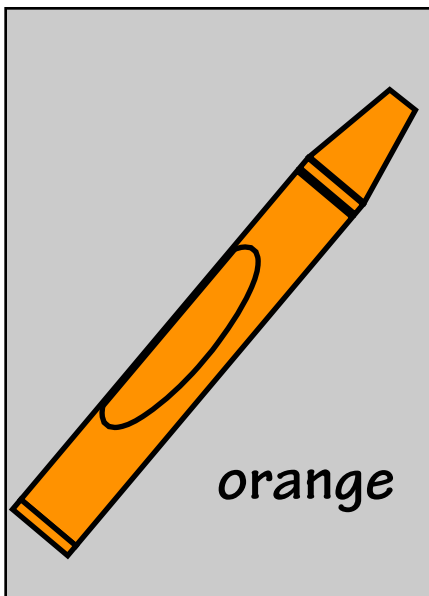
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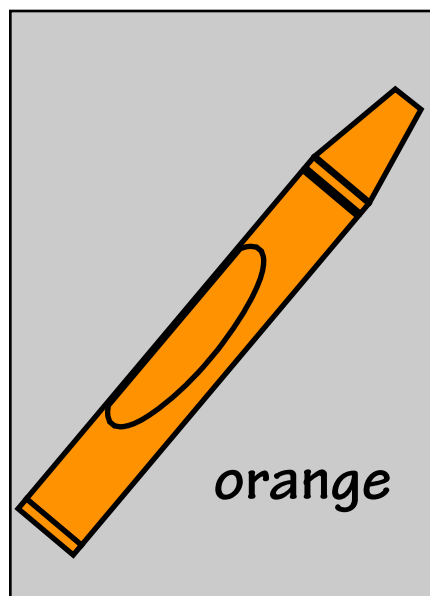
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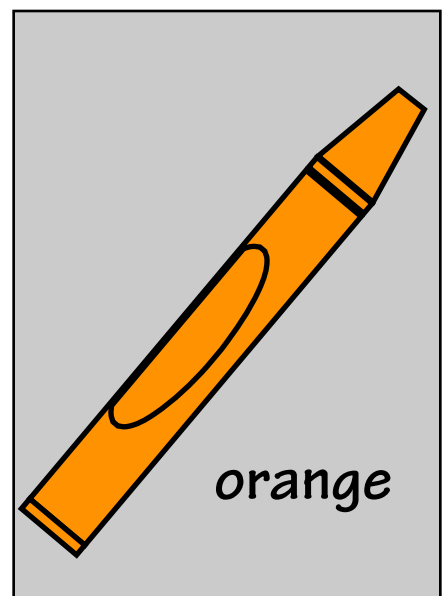
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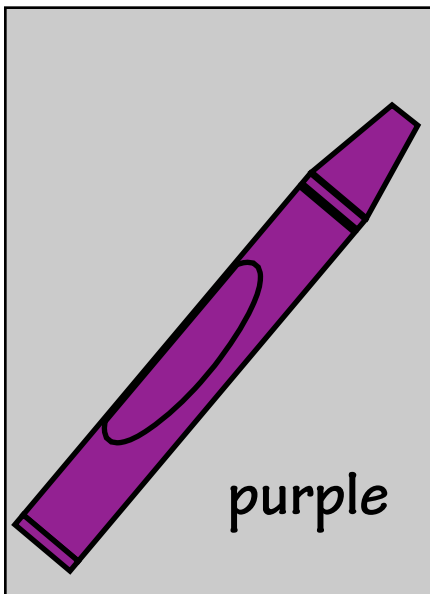
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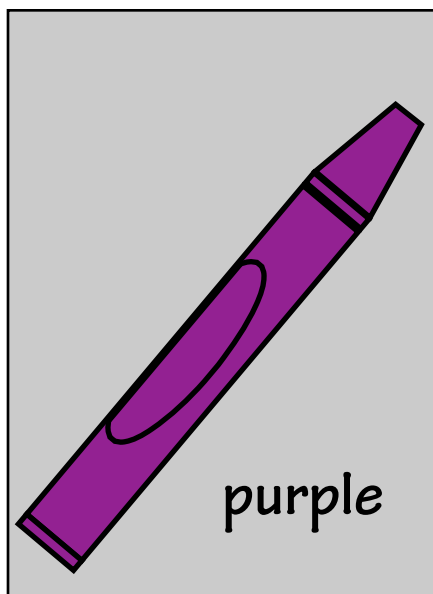
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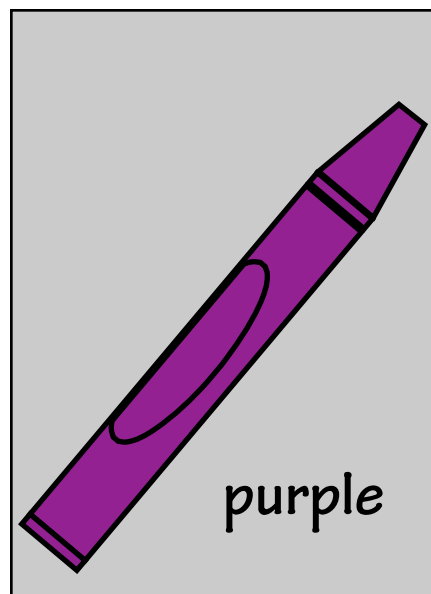
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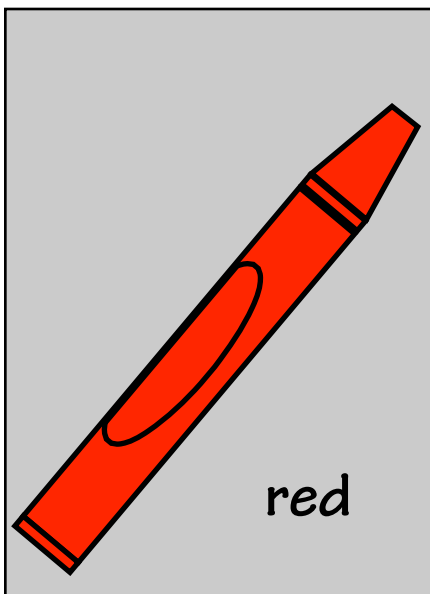
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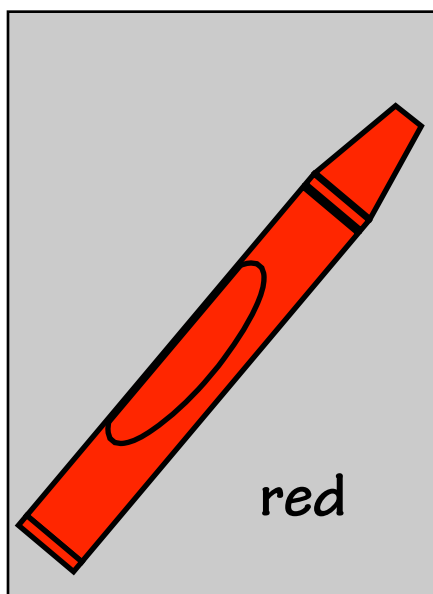
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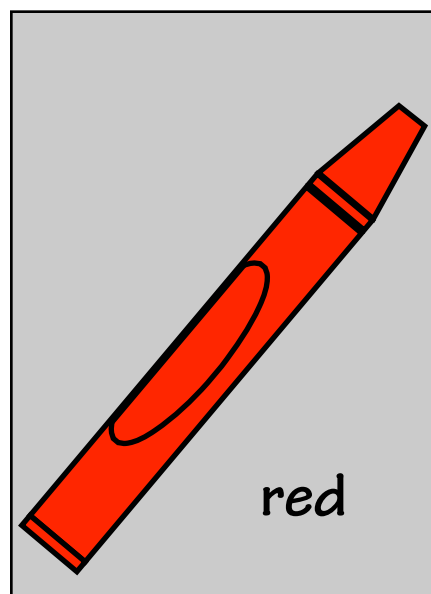
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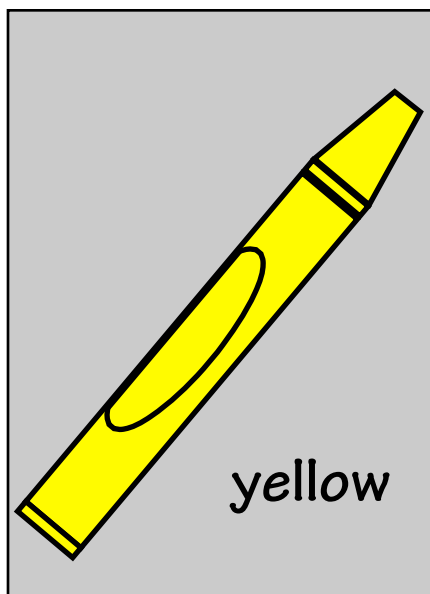
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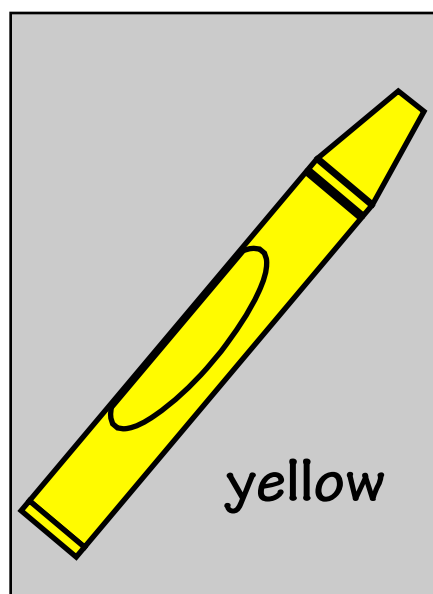
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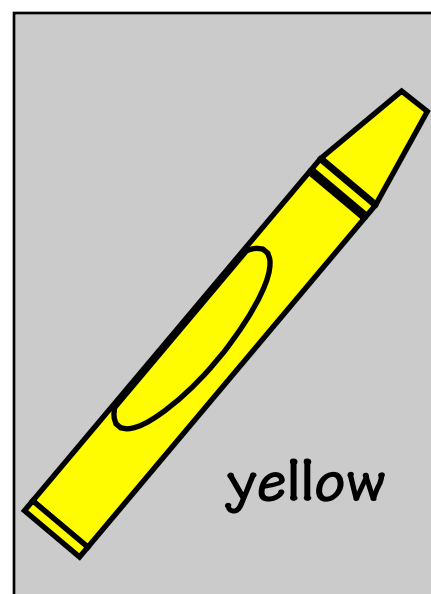
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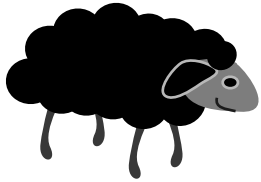
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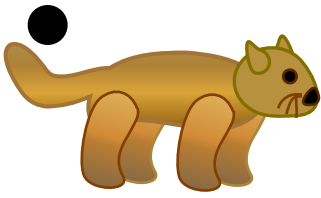
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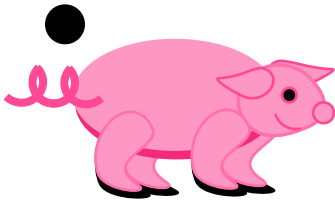
Baa Baa Black Sheep Have You Any...?



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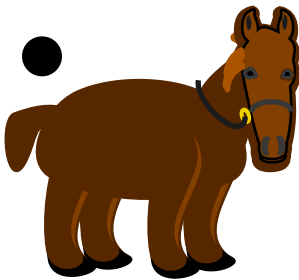
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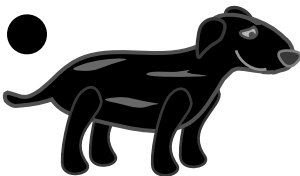
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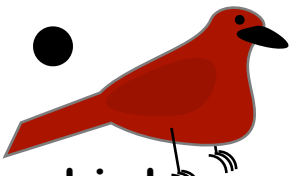
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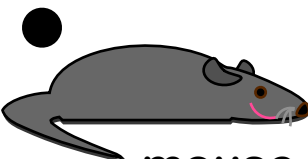
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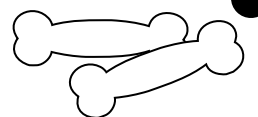
bird



cheese



mouse



bones

Directions:

1. Print lacing card.

2. Cut out lacing card and mount on cardboard.

3. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper/ packaging tape.

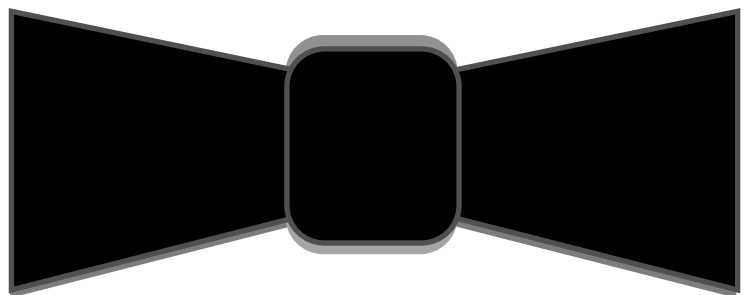
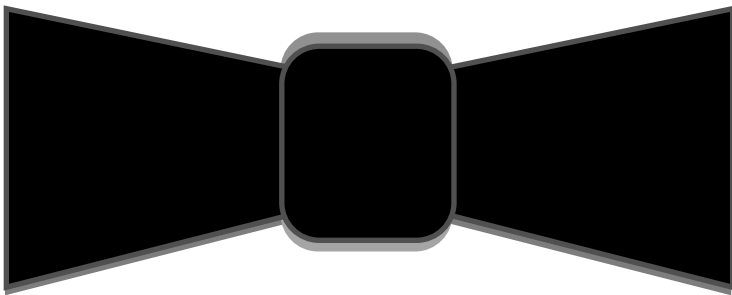
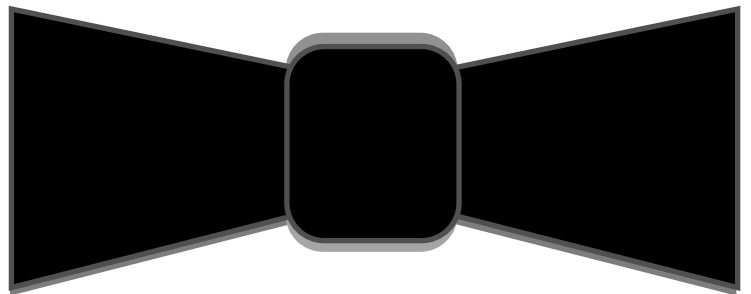
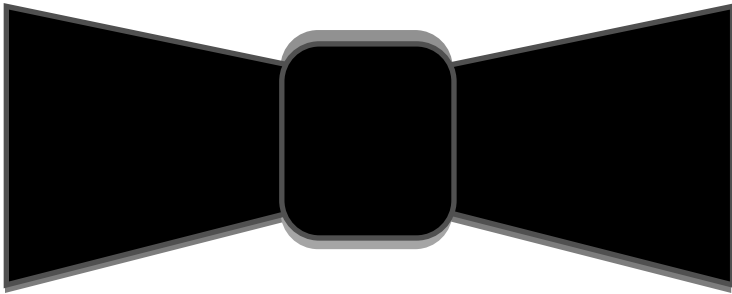
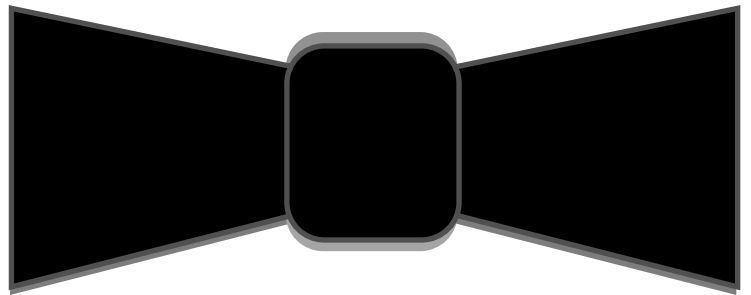
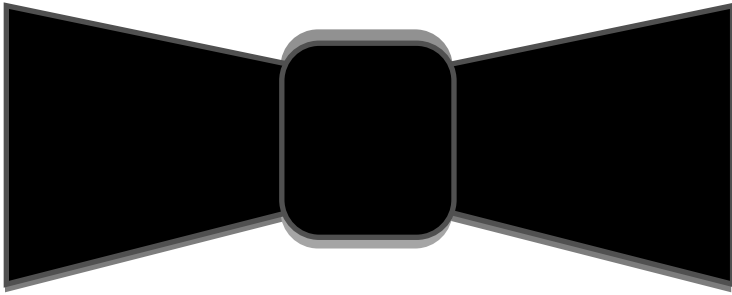
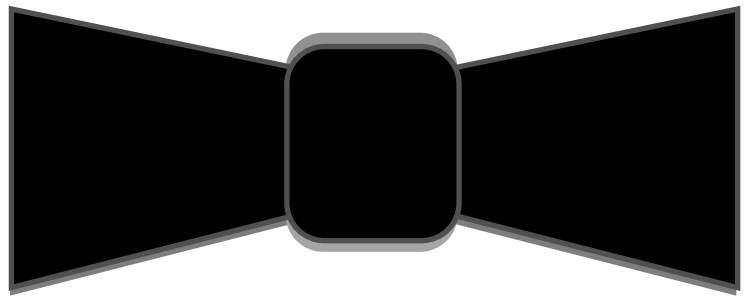
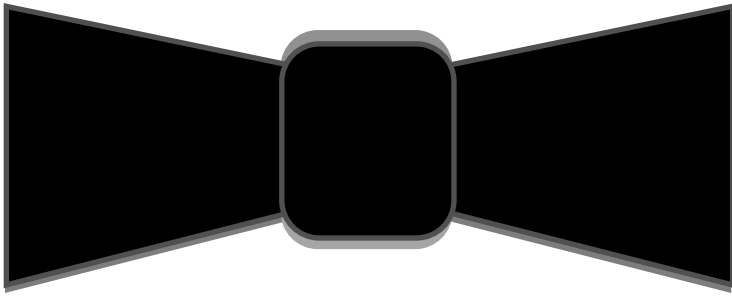
4. Punch holes near each image.

5. Tie a knot at the end of a piece of yarn to prevent it from being pulled through. Wrap a small piece of tape around the other end of the yarn so that it is easy to thread.

6. Read BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP by Iza Trapani.

7. Child will lace the string through the holes to show what each animal asked black sheep to give them.

Pin the Bow Tie on the Ghost



Directions:

1. Draw a ghost on large white poster paper and then hang on wall.
2. Print and cut out bow ties.
3. Loop tape on back of each bow tie.
4. Read HAUNTED PARTY by Iza Trapani.
5. Play Pin the Bow tie on the Ghost. (blindfold not necessary.)

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TWINKLE-TWINKLE-SPRINKLE-WITH-GLITTER STARS

Directions:

1. Read **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star** by Iza Trapani.
2. Draw and cut a star out of cardboard. I suggest using a cereal box as it is just the right thickness.
3. Be creative in decorating your Twinkle-Twinkle-Star, but don't forget to sprinkle with glitter. Kids love glitter!

Note: It is advised to laminate or cover the star with clear packaging tape to prevent glitter from falling off the star.



SQUEAKY CLEAN LAMBS

Directions:

1. Read **Mary Had a Little Lamb** by Iza Trapani
2. Cut out a section of a brown paper grocery bag.
3. Draw the shape of a lamb with a black Sharpie.
4. Mix $\frac{3}{4}$ cup shaving cream (lamb shampoo) with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup white glue in a bowl. Make sure you place the shaving cream in the bowl first and then add the glue for easier mixing.
5. Use your hands to add the gooey mixture to the lamb drawing.
6. Allow the mixture to dry. It will stay puffy!
7. Add details to your lamb – googily eyes, ears, legs, etc.

