Fine Motor Skills Development Activities

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How to use it:

We, at Solve Learning Disabilities, LLC have designed these projects with an emphasis on enhancing fine motor development. In addition, the use of scissors and glue also encourages hand eye coordination, motor planing, sequencing, language processing skills and scissor skills.

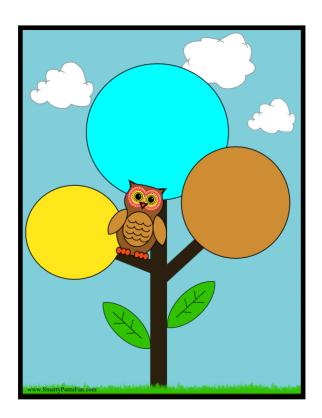
We made the projects short and simple, so as to keep the child's interest, with engaging designs and colors. These skills are the stepping stones of development in the child's future. We have simplified the instructions with pictures to engage the child in 'next step' planning. Most projects are meant to be done together in about 15 minutes. This creates a feeling of success and triumph that adds to their self esteem.

We suggest letting the child do some or all of their own scissor work, according to their age, ability and attention span. Without the scissor work, these projects will still build fine motor skill and more. If it is a little too much for them, they can learn by watching your scissor techniques as well.

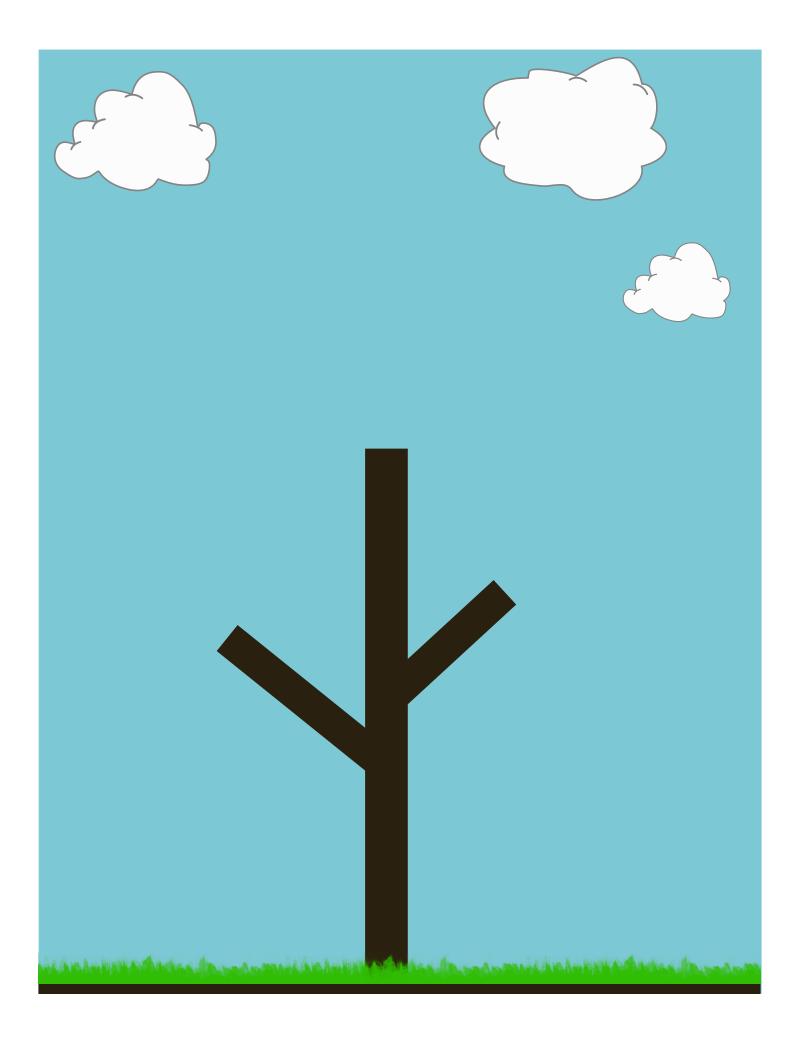
We also encourage letting the child help determine the next step of the assembly. Discuss what they think should be the next step and why it is important. This encourages planning, sequencing and boosts language skills. Enjoy!

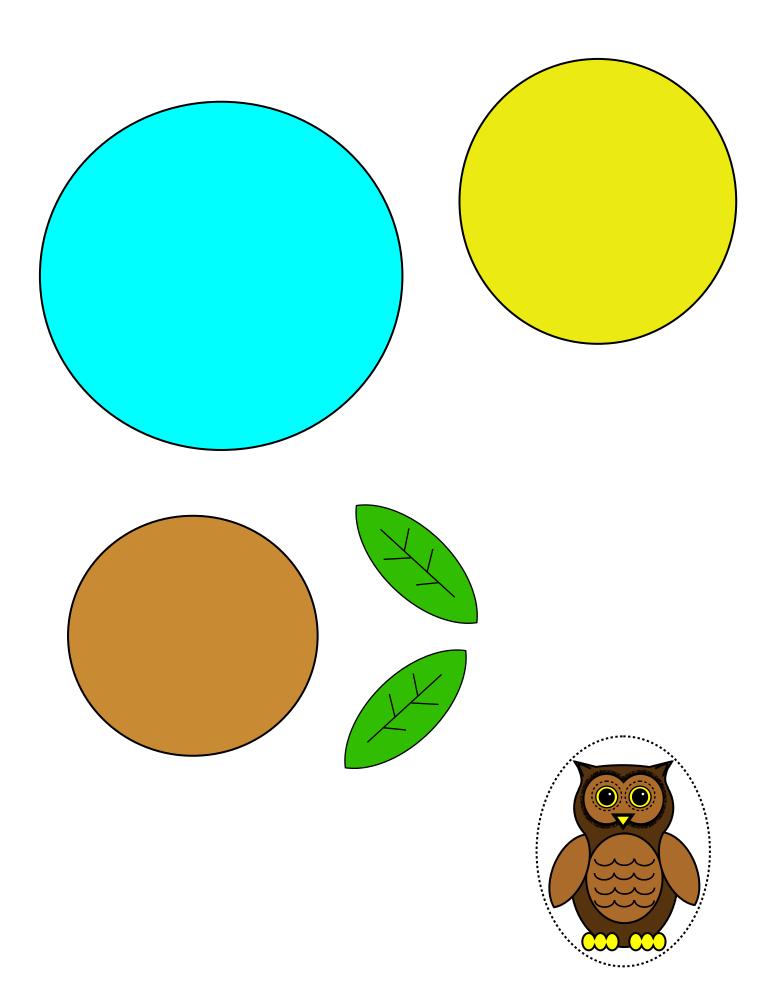
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OWL IN TREE



- 1. If printed in black and white, color or paint and let dry.
- 2. Cut out the owl, the circles, and leaves.
- 3. Glue the circles onto the tree branches.
- 4. Glue the leaves to the trunk.
- 5. Glue the owl onto one of the branches. (See figure A)





Treat Sack-Ocean and Boats

- If printed in Black and White, color or paint and dry.
- Cut out all items.
- Roll or fold up paper stick pieces from one long side to the other to create sticks to glue boats on. You can use straws instead. (See Figure A)
- Glue Boats at the top of each stick and let dry.
- •• Fold and crease all four sides upward so color is on the outside. (See Figure B)
- Fold all four tabs inward at line and glue to the inside of the side that is next to it, to create a sack. (See Figure C & D)
- •• Put something in the sack. Such as jelly beans, a treat or wrinkled up tissue paper to fill the bag. (See Figure D)
- •• Put the boat sticks in the bag and push down to the bottom of the bag, letting the contents of the bag hold them upright. (See Figure E)



Figure E



Figure A



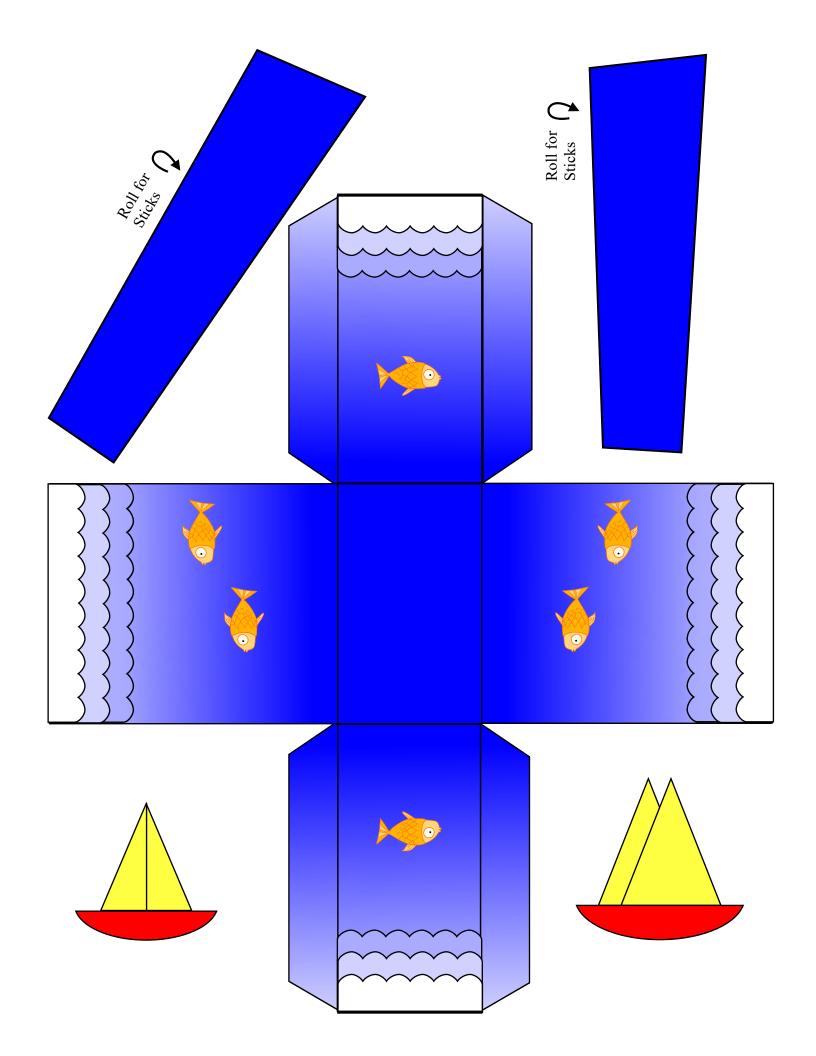
Figure B



Figure C



Figure D



Colorful Turtle

- 1) Cut out all items.
- 2) Fold legs back and forth at dotted lines. (See Figure A)
- 3) Glue the designed tiles onto the turtle's back. (See Figure B)
- 4) Glue turtle's head and tail to the underneath of the shell.
- 5) Glue turtle's legs to the underneath of the shell. (See Figure C)

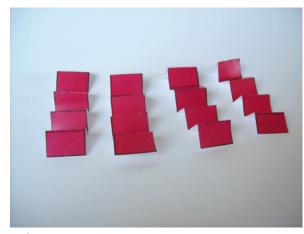


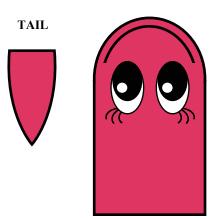
Figure A



Figure B



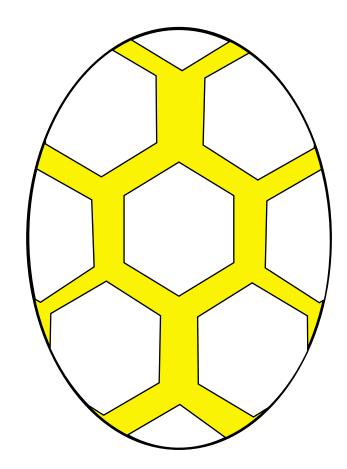
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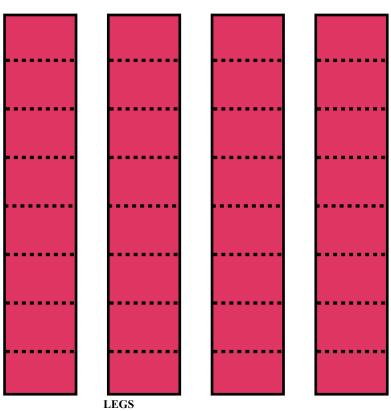
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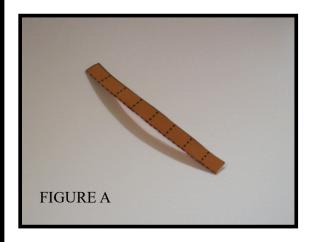


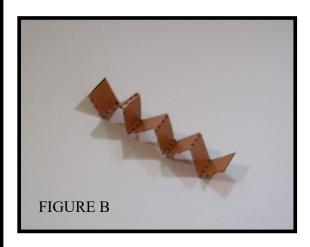
Colorful Turtle



SHELL



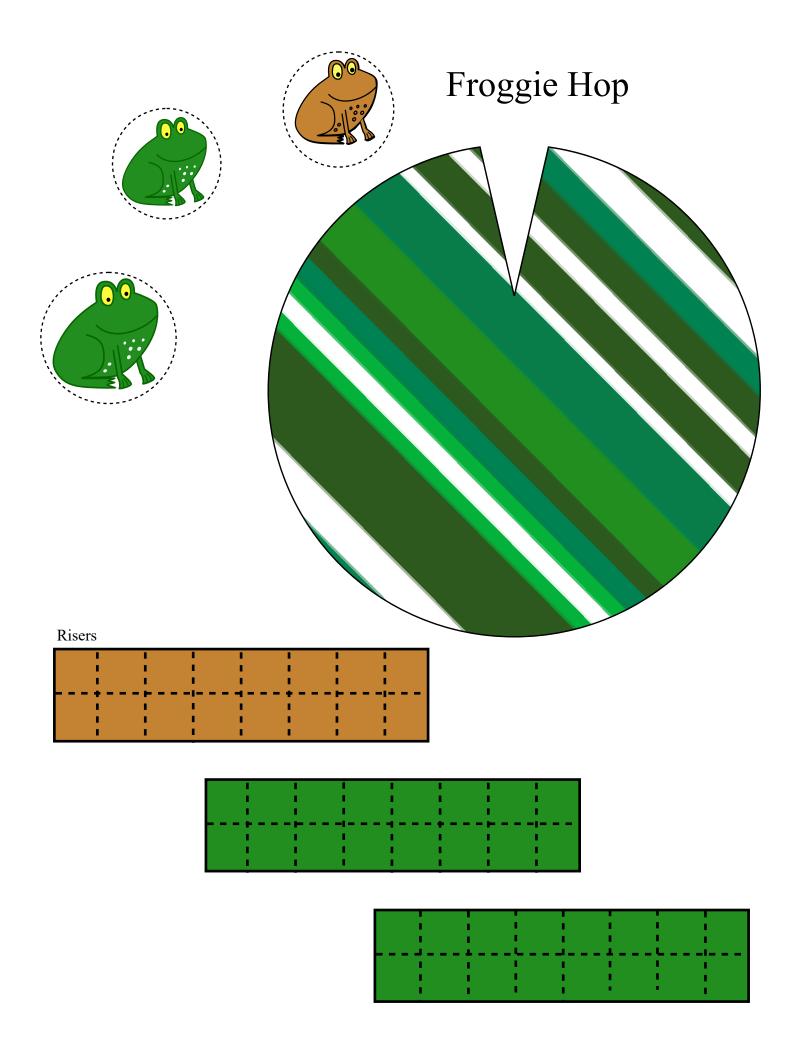


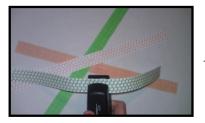




BOUNCING ABOVE

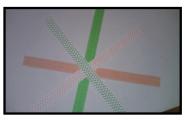
- 1. If printed in black and white, color or paint and dry.
- 2. Cut out the frog, lily pad, & three risers.
- 3. Fold each riser long ways down the center at the dotted line so dotted lines are facing out and glue the inside closed. (see figure A)
- 4. Glue lily pad to some kind of base to make it more rigid. (Ex: You can use post card, the side of a cereal box, or another sheet of paper)
 Then trim off the excess around the edge of the lily pad.
- 5. Once the glued risers are dry fold each dotted line back and forth (see figure B)
- 6. Glue one end of each riser to the lily pad a couple of inches apart.
- 7. Glue frogs to the top of each riser. (See figure C)





В

A

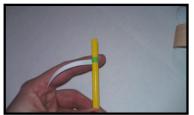




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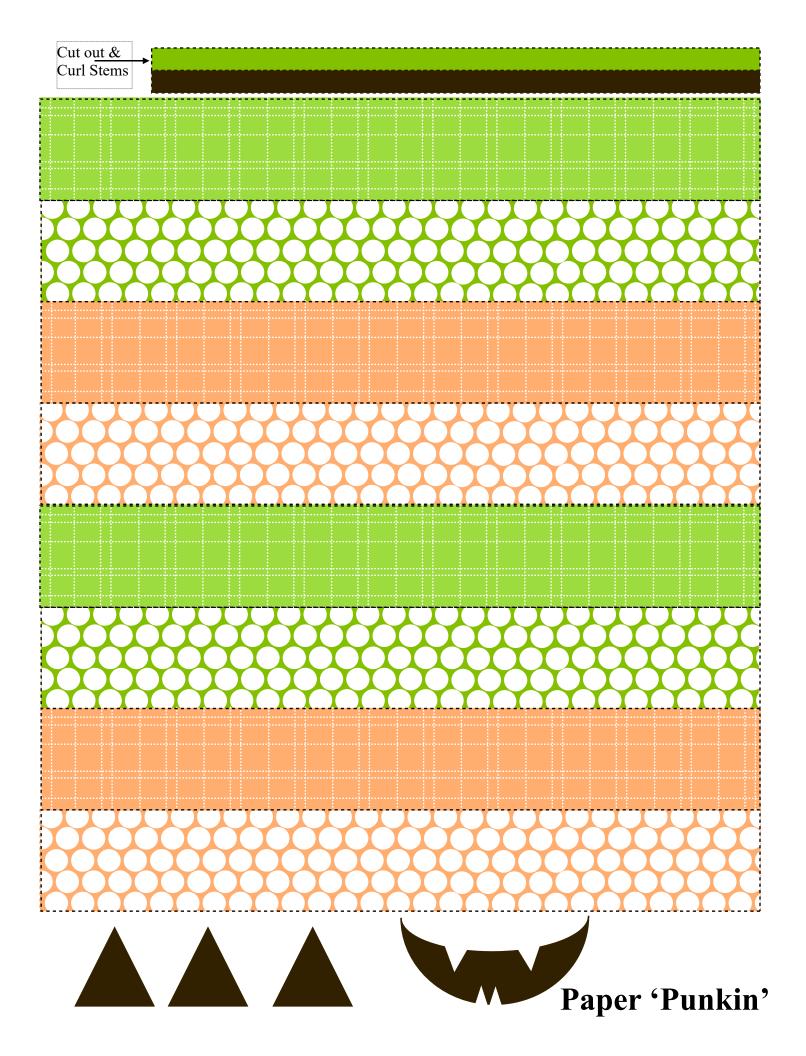


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Paper 'Punkin'

- 1. If printed in black and white, color or paint and dry.
- 2. Cut out each patterned strip, stems and face.
- Staple or glue like strips together overlapping about one inch. See Figure A
- 4. Place all joined strips crisscross as seen in figure B and staple through all in the middle.
- Turn over so patterns are down and bring ends of joined strips together one at a time so each forms a circle. See Figure C
- 6. Once all strips are circular, bring together in the middle, slip stapler through one of the openings and staple through all. See Figure D
- 7. Curl each end of the stems to the middle of the stem by wrapping around a pencil.
- 8. Glue stems to top of pumpkin. See figure F
- Glue face pieces to the strips to form a jack -o-lantern if desired. (Optional)





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