Alphabet Plus Blends & Digraphs!

46 Fun Paper Bag Puppet Patterns!

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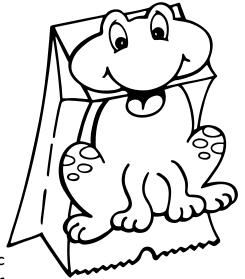


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Making the Most of This Book!

Teach and practice important phonemic awareness and emergent reading skills with the help of these simple puppet patterns!

In this book you will find a pattern to make paperbag puppets for each letter of the alphabet in addition to several blends and digraphs. Young children love making these creative, cute puppets and learning each letter's distinctive sound. With the use of puppets, children will be motivated to practice phonemic skills both at school and home. Here are a few suggestions for making and using these puppet patterns:



Making the Puppets - All of the patterns are reproducible. Simply copy the patterns on to art paper or colored construction paper. Cut along the heavy lines. The children can color, cut, and glue the patterns to small paper lunch bags to make each puppet. Glue the upper part of the pattern to the bottom flap of the paper bag. Then lift the flap and glue the lower part of the pattern to the bag. Encourage the children to embellish their puppets by adding glitter, sequins, etc.

Letter of the Week - Introduce each letter (or blend or digraph) by designating the specific letter as "Letter of the Week!" Have each child make his or her own "letter" puppet. Children can use their puppets to orally participate during phonics or reading lessons. After each letter, blend, or digraph has been mastered, the puppet can be taken home as an award and shared with family members.

Reinforcement and Practice - Encourage the students to find the specific letter, blend, or digraph wherever they can in their environment. Point out the initial letter sound words in reading books, charts, labels, etc. List these words on your class word wall.

Other Ways to Use the Puppets - Many of the puppets can be used in a variety of other ways. Try these ideas:

• Teach about specific animals using the animal puppets.

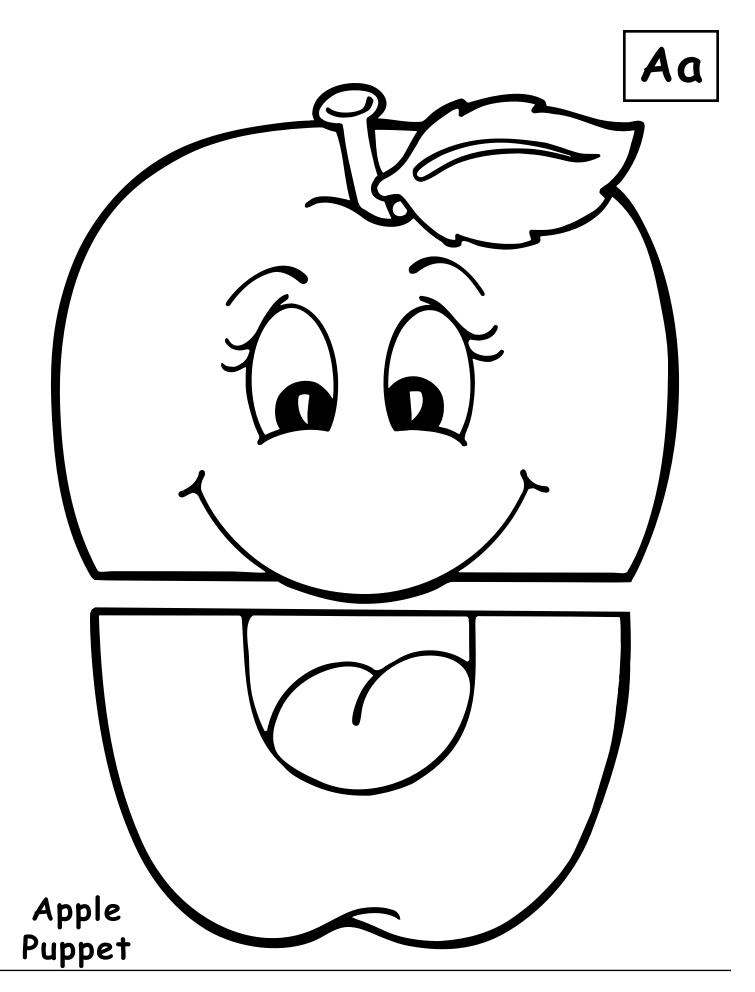
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Birds: duck, chicken

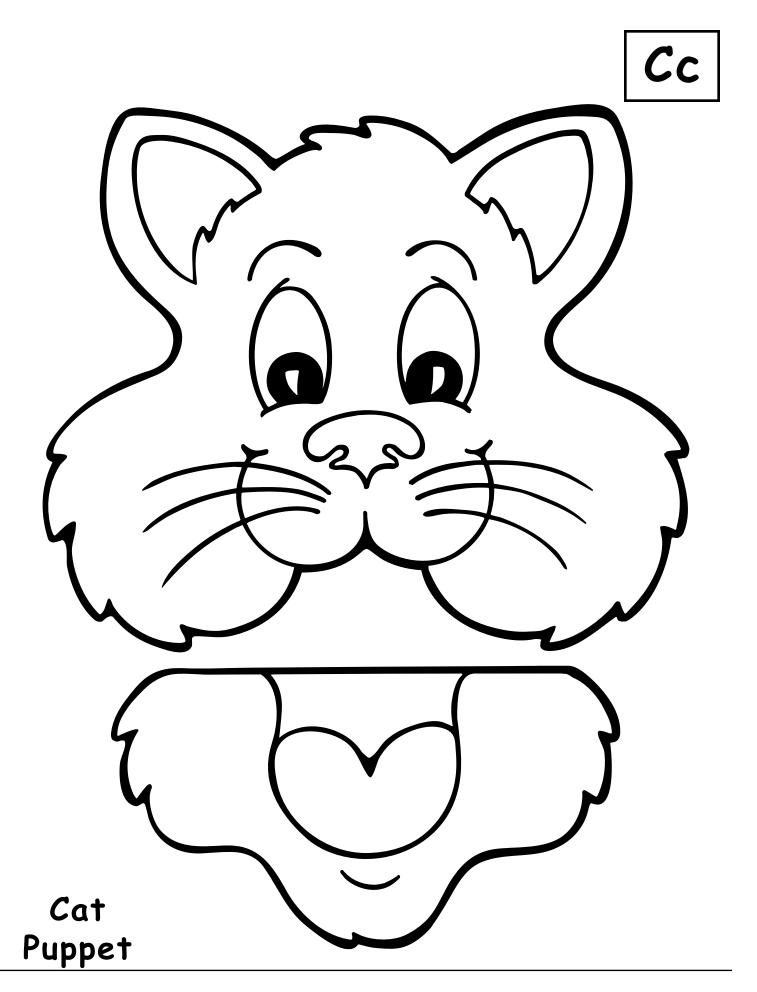
Ocean Animals: crab, fish, octopus, whale

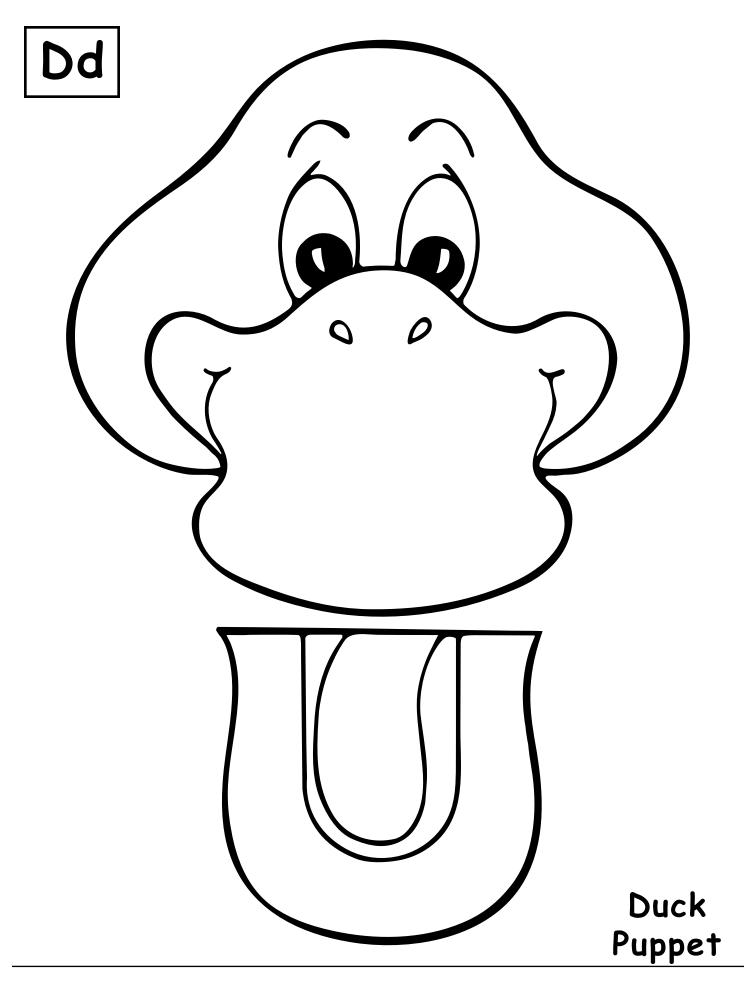
Reptiles and Amphibians: frog, snake, and turtle

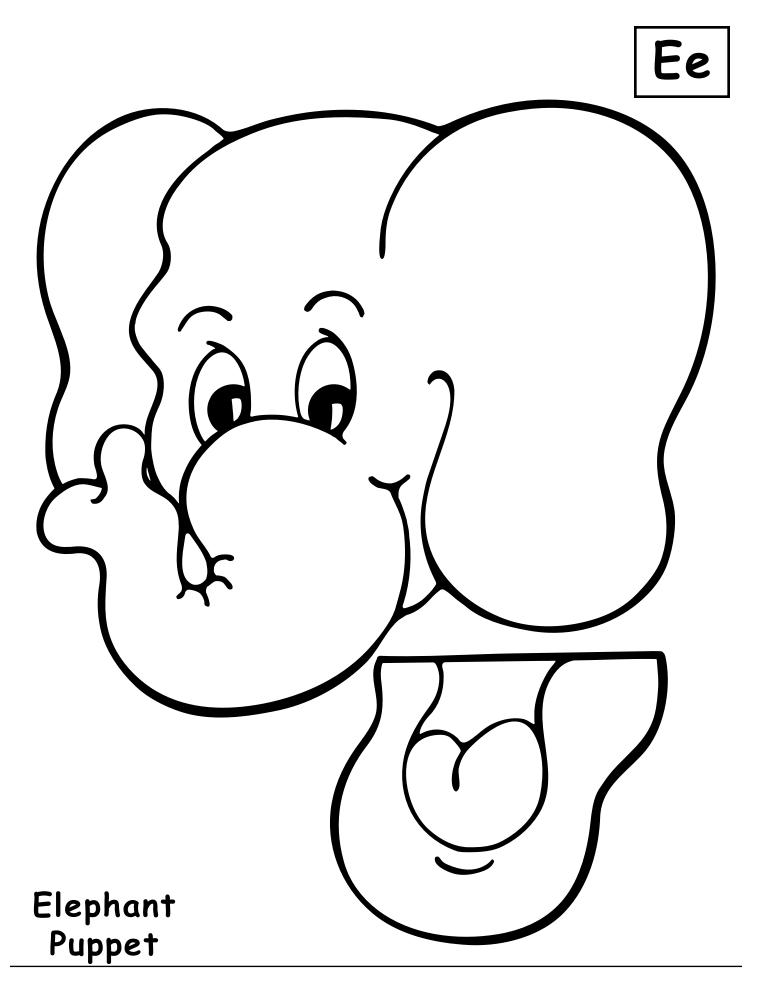
- · Teach about the weather using the sun and umbrella puppets.
- Teach about nutrition using the apple, ice cream, nut, and grapes puppets.
- Encourage students to create simple plays and skits that can be acted out using the paperbag puppets.

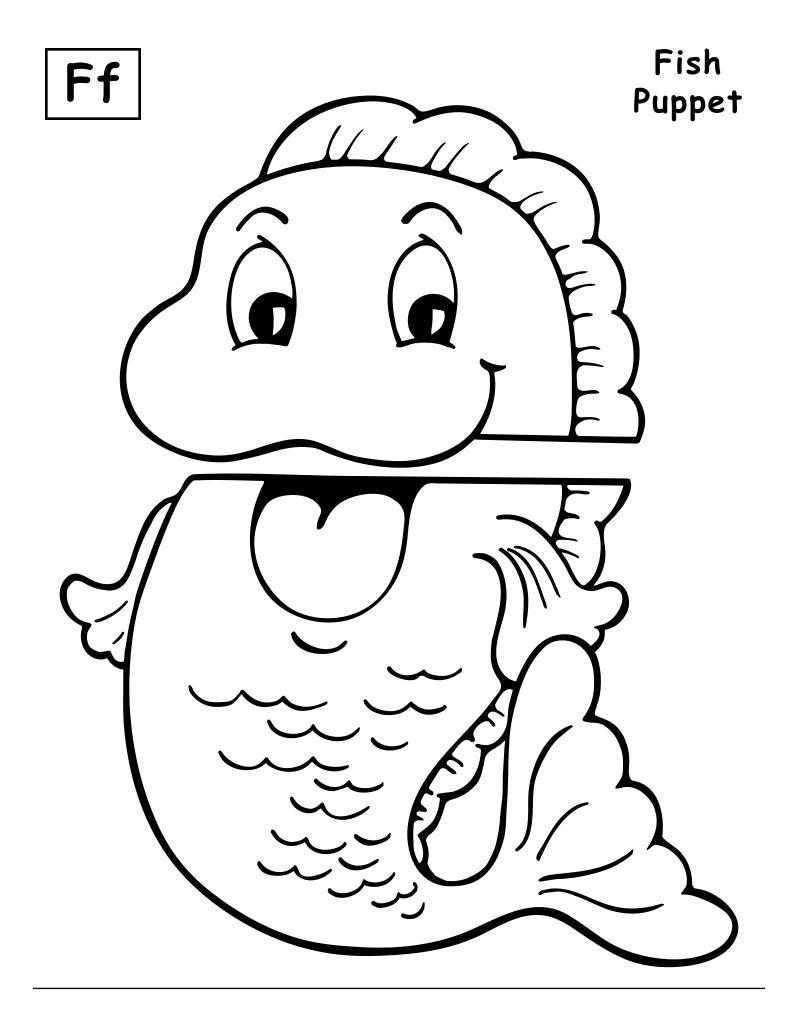


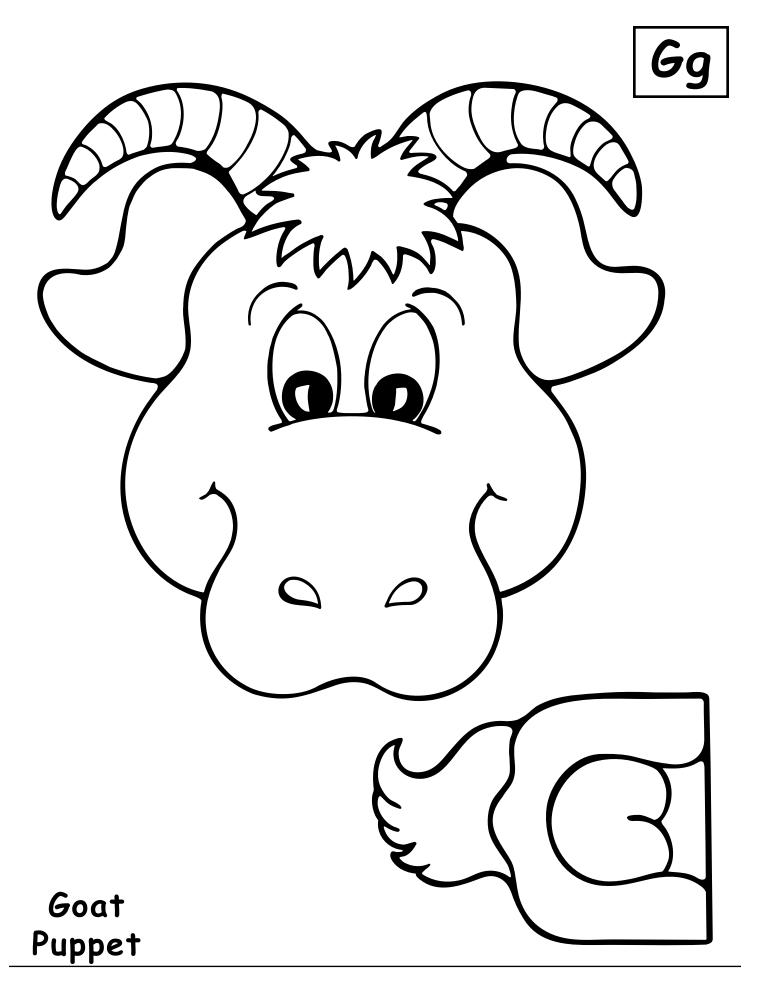


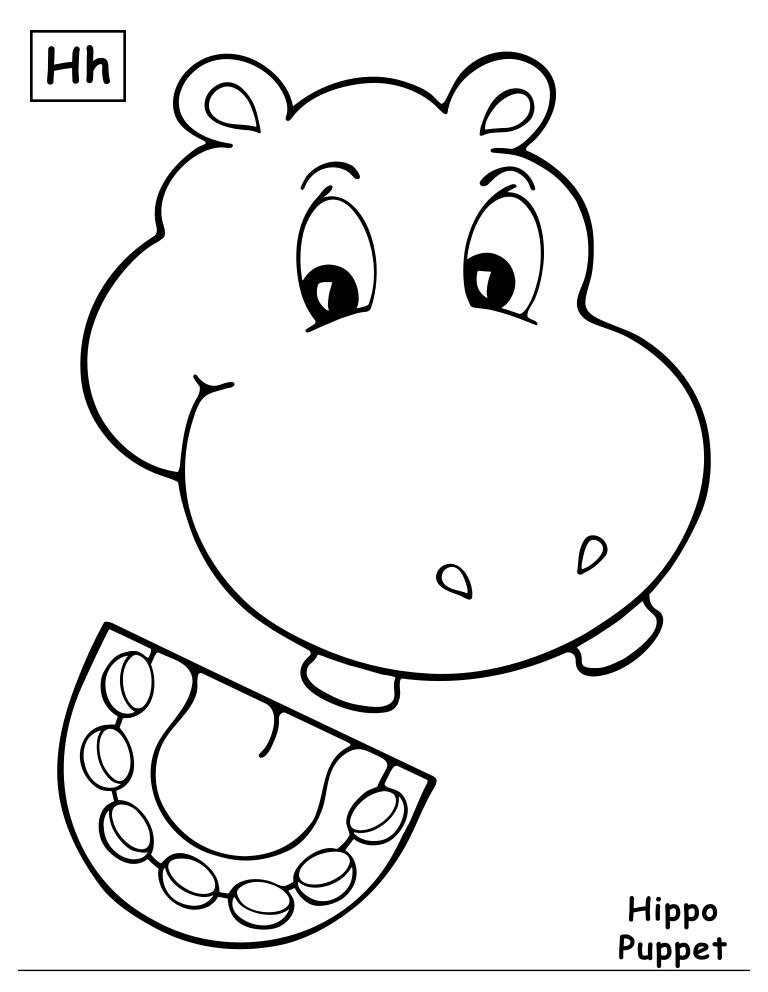


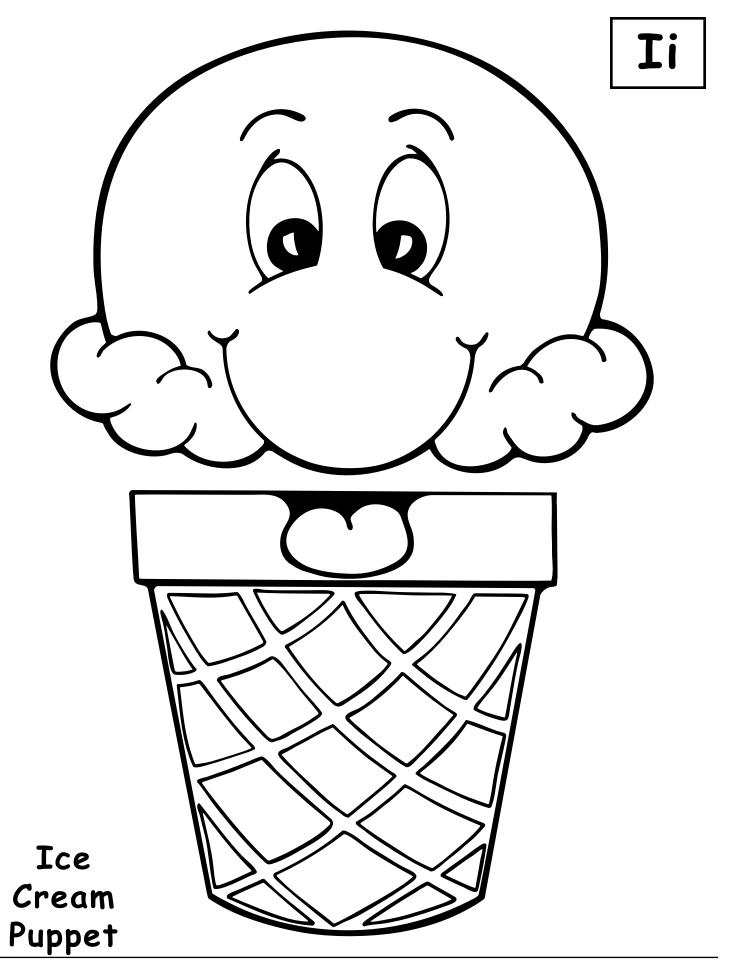


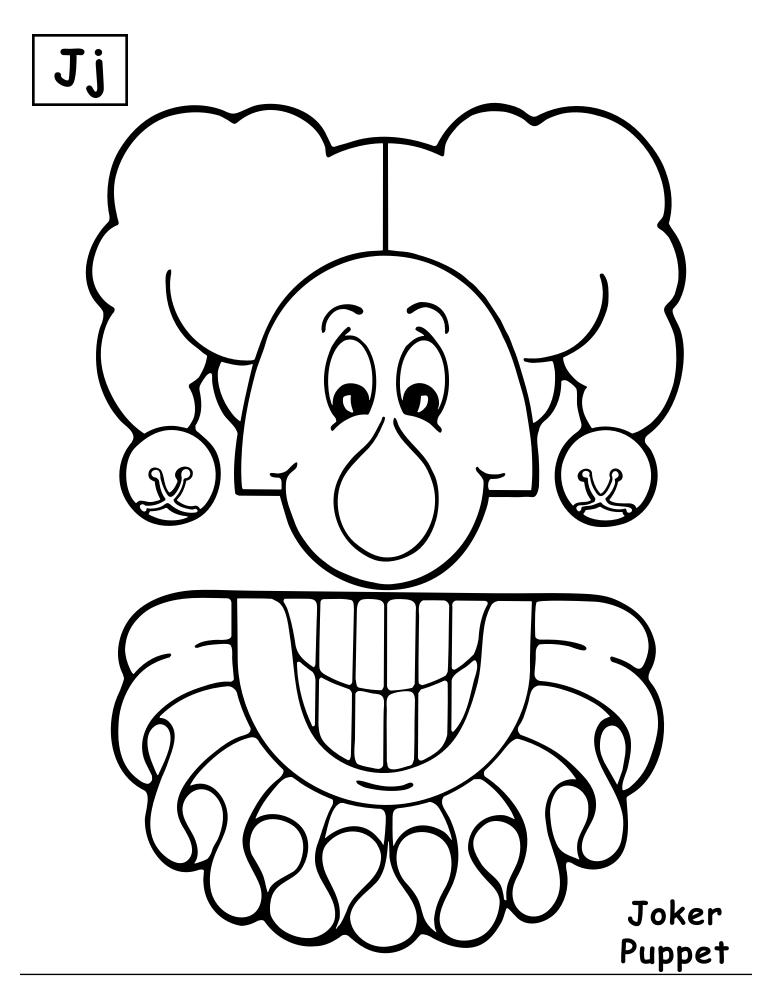


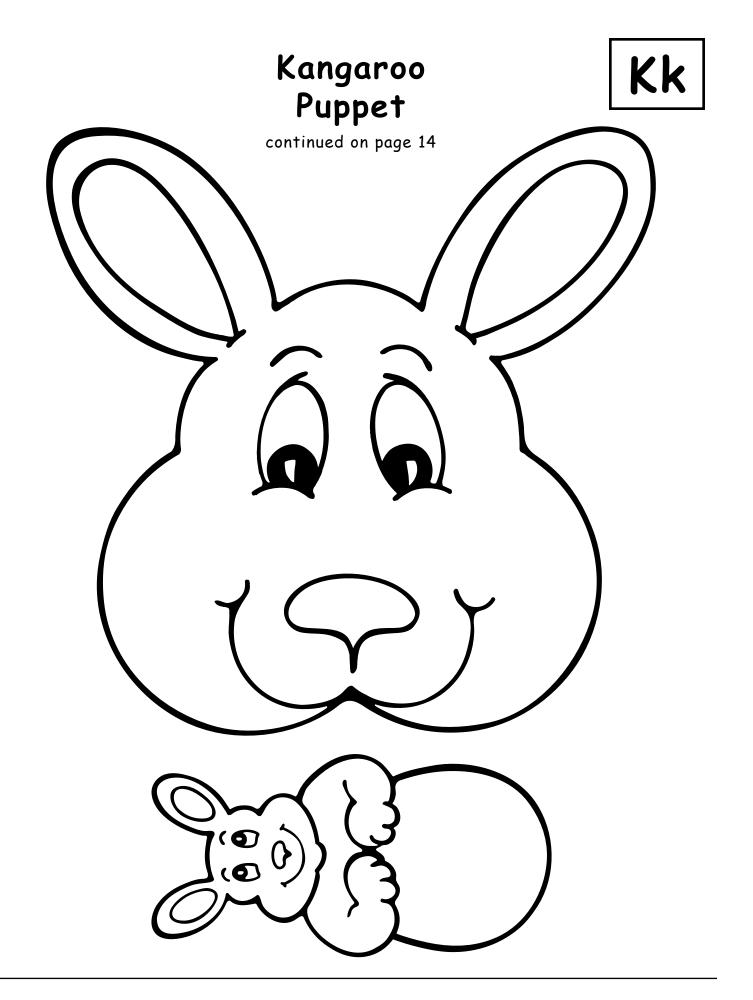








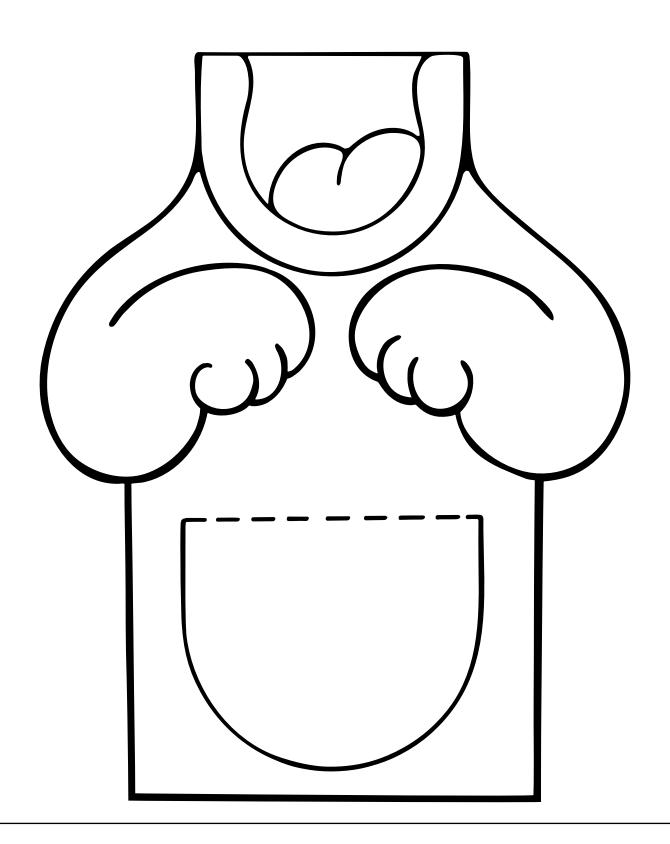


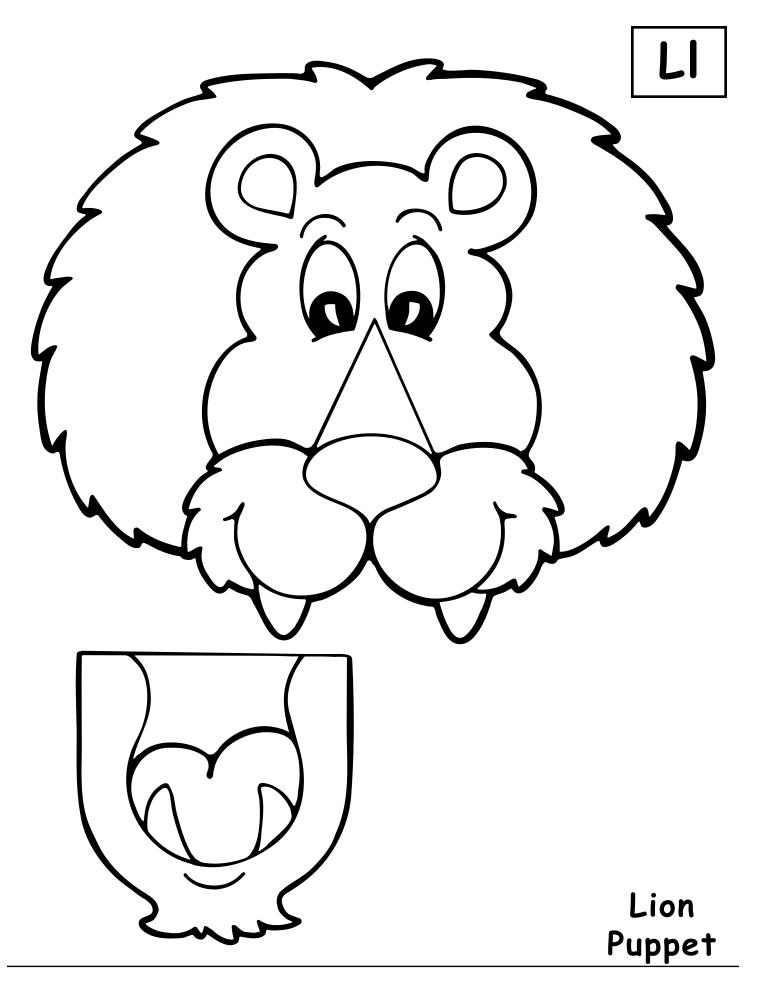


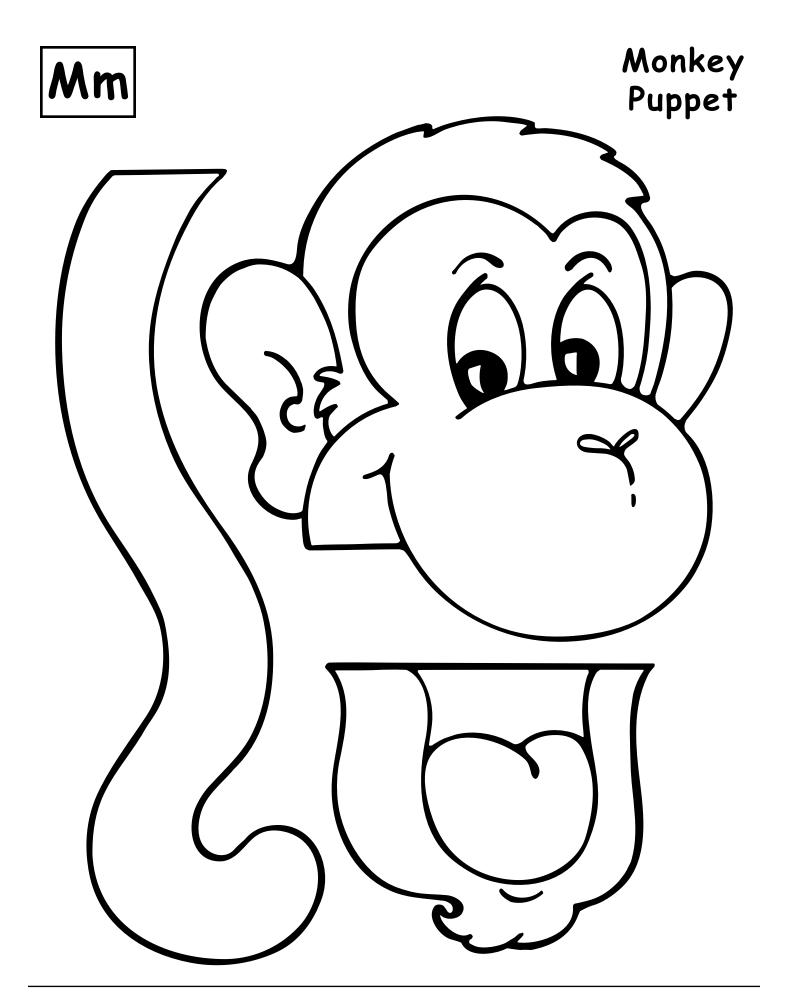


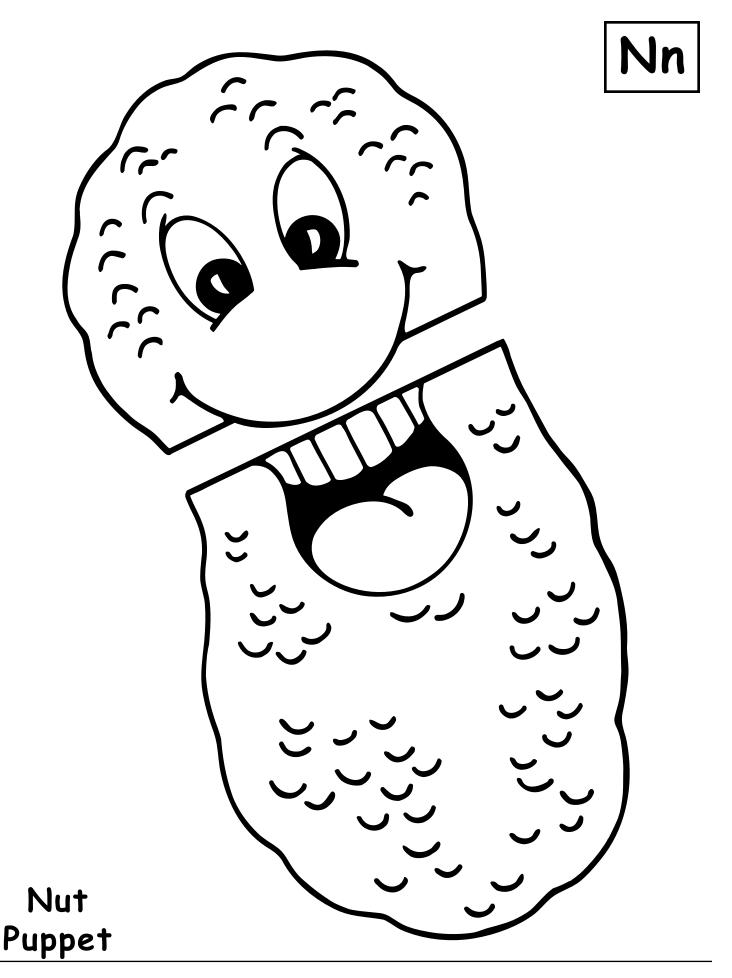
Kangaroo Puppet

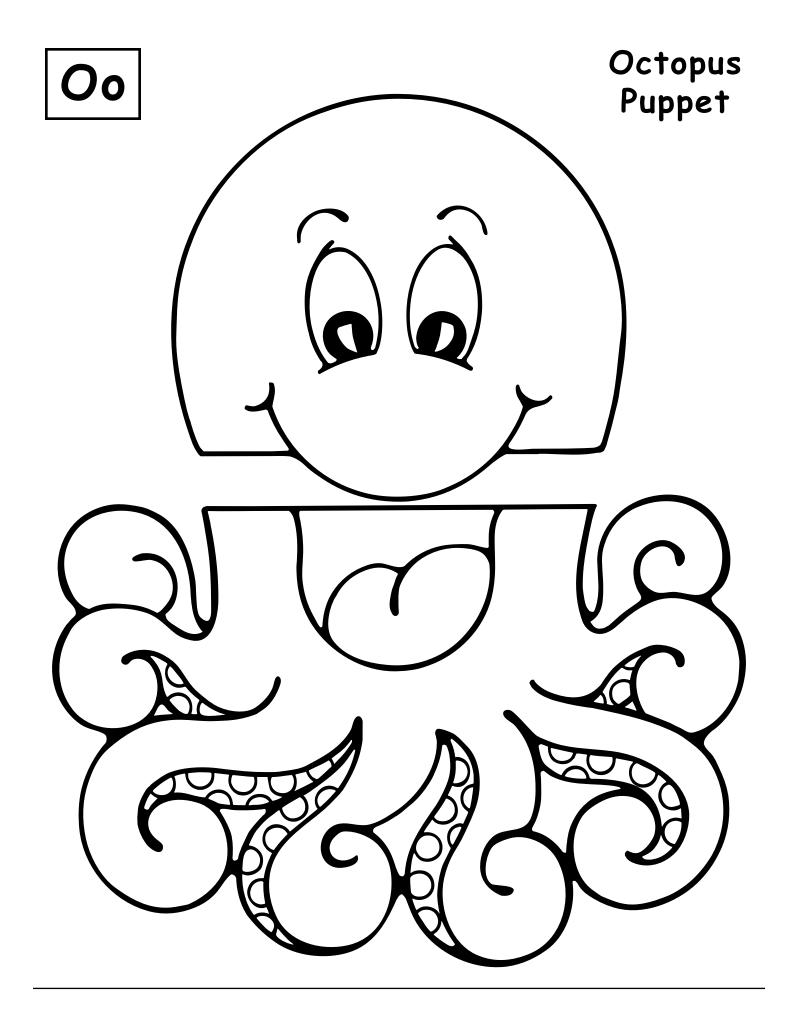
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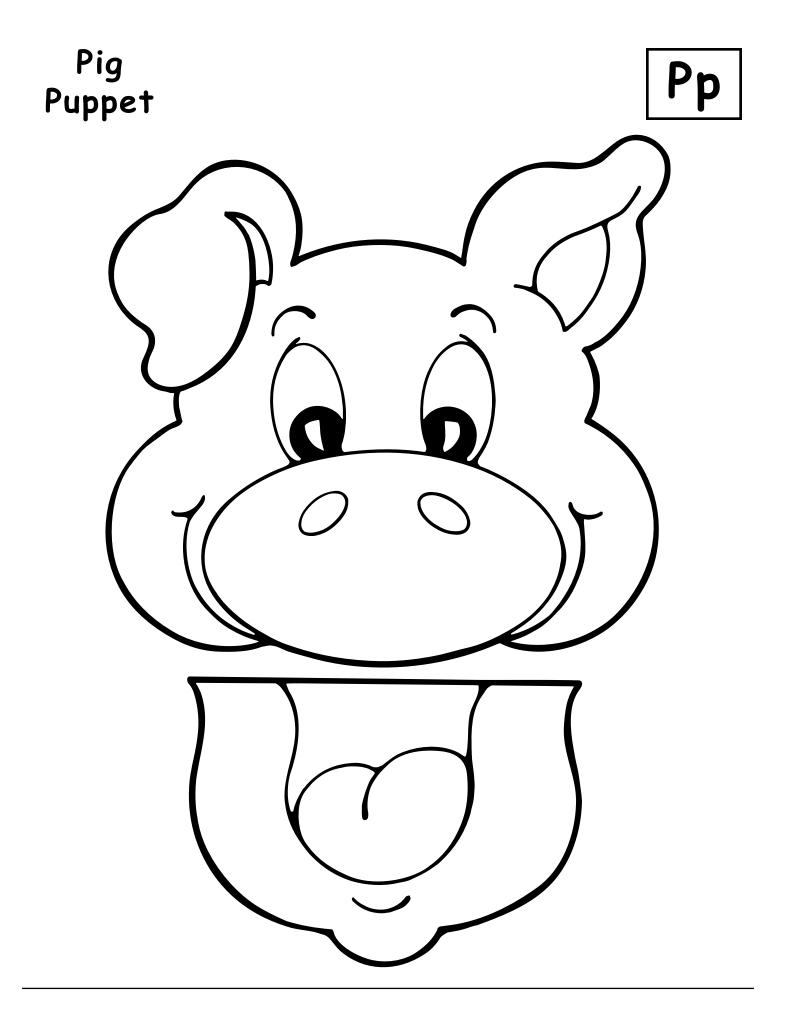














Raccoon Puppet



