

## How To Make Felt-Board Characters

### *The Wisdom of Ahmad Shah: An Afghan Legend*

#### SUPPLIES:

1. Felt: bright blue, sky blue, brown, dark red, light peach, gold, light turquoise, gray, black, white
2. Good all-purpose glue or craft fabric bonding glue (works best!)
3. Marker, fine-point: black
4. Scissors

#### ANOTHER OPTION:

1. Make color copies of characters from the book
2. Glue them to felt and trim

#### HORSE:

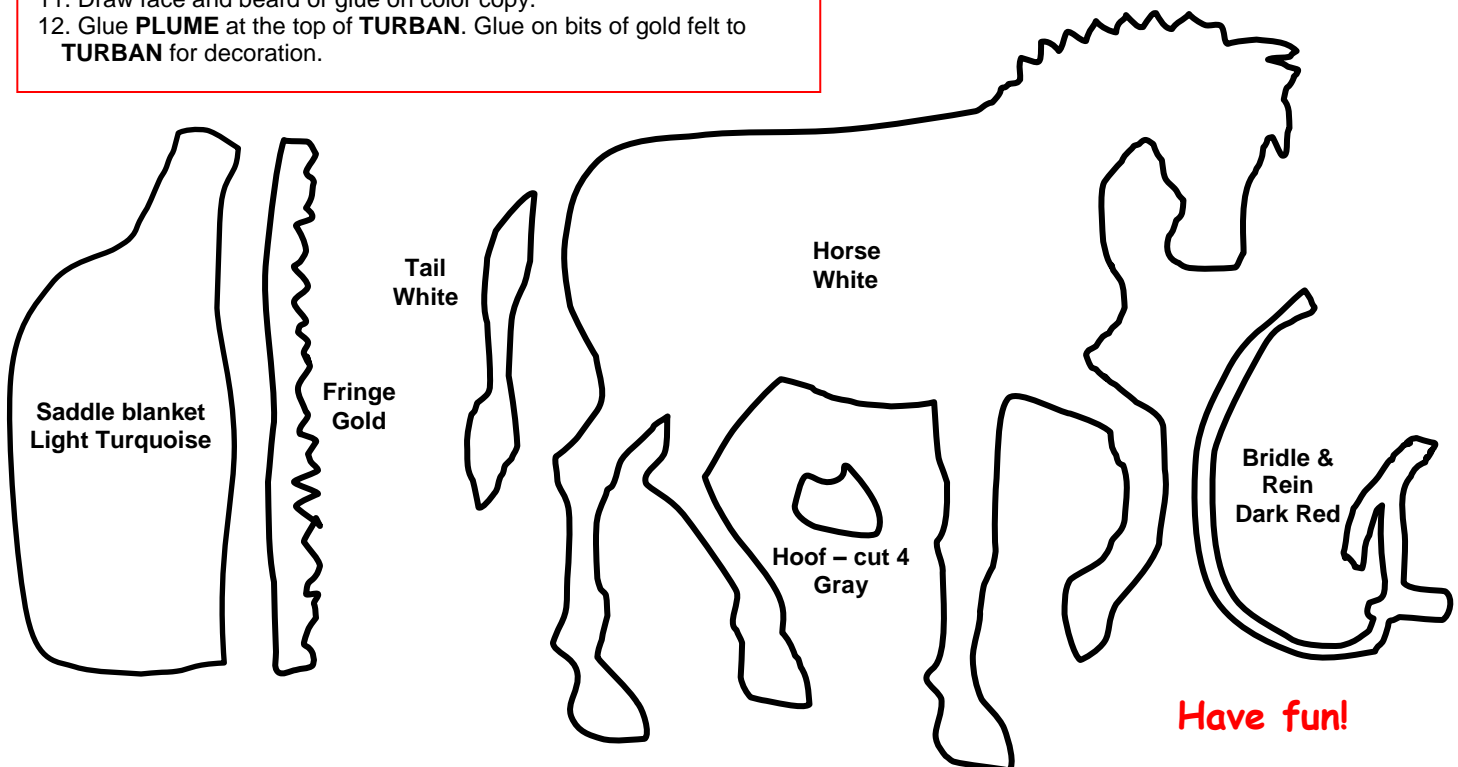
1. Cut out **HORSE** parts.
  2. Glue **TAIL** on back of **HORSE**.
  3. Glue **HOOF** on each leg of **HORSE**.
  4. Glue **BRIDLE** onto muzzle and neck of horse (do not glue the end of the rein at this point).
  5. Draw the **EYES, SNOUT, MOUTH, TIP of TAIL** with marker.
  6. Glue on **SADDLE BLANKET**. Glue on **FRINGE**.
- (Allow the horse parts to dry completely while assembling the rest of the scene.)

#### THE KING:

1. Cut out **all parts**.
2. Glue **BOOT** at the back of the **TUNIC** (as shown).
3. Glue **BELT** on **TUNIC** (as shown).
4. Glue **HANDS** on back of **ARM** pieces (as shown).
5. Glue **LEFT ARM/HAND** along right side of **TUNIC**.
6. Glue **RIGHT ARM/HAND** along left side of **CLOAK**.
7. Glue **CLOAK & ARM/HAND** along right side of **TUNIC**.
8. Glue **MANTLE** on top of the completed body piece (as shown).
9. Glue the **TURBAN** at the top edge of **MANTLE**.
10. Glue **FACE** over **TURBAN** and top of **MANTLE** (as shown).
11. Draw face and beard or glue on color copy.
12. Glue **PLUME** at the top of **TURBAN**. Glue on bits of gold felt to **TURBAN** for decoration.

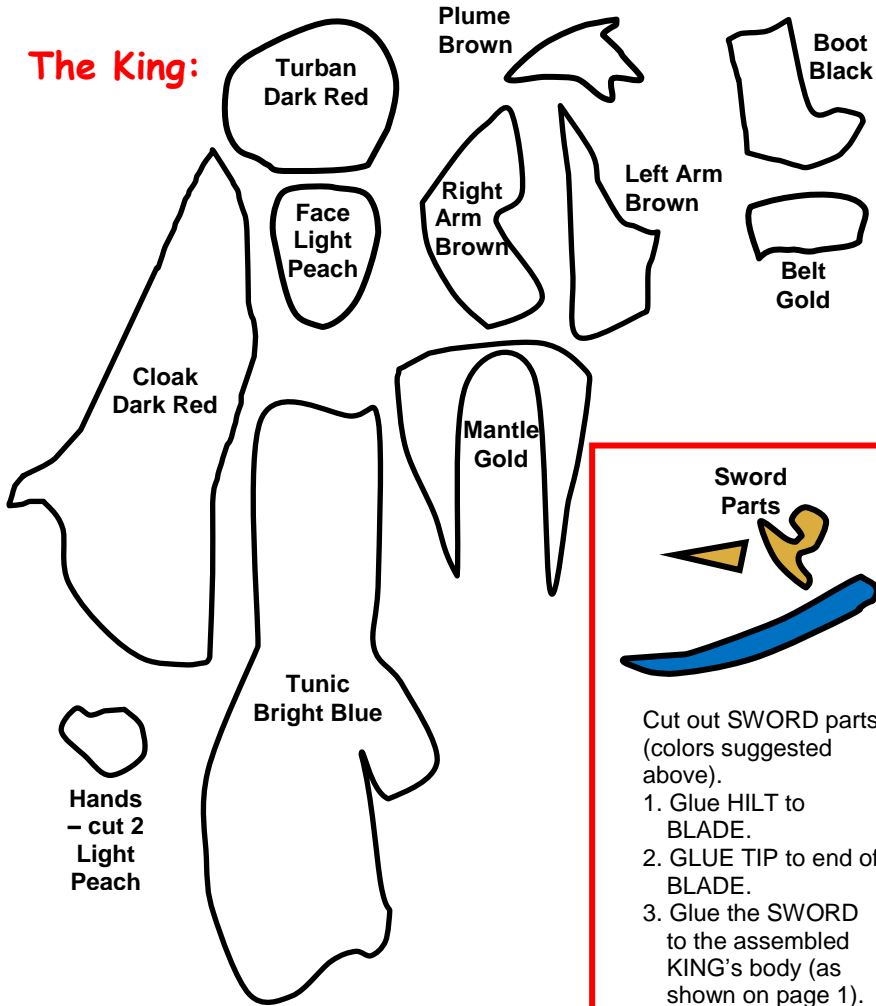


See below and next page for pattern pieces that you can copy and use for making this scene. For help on making a felt board, go to [www.hoopoekids.com](http://www.hoopoekids.com).



**Have fun!**

## The King:



### SUGGESTED SCENE ASSEMBLY:

Glue the entire assembled **KING** on top of the **HORSE** (as shown in image on page 1). Glue end of **REIN** to King's **LEFT HAND**. Cover a felt board with sky-blue felt, and apply the **LAND** piece at the bottom. (NOTE: the **LAND** piece can be shortened or lengthened to fit.) Place the **KING/HORSE** assembly to the board.

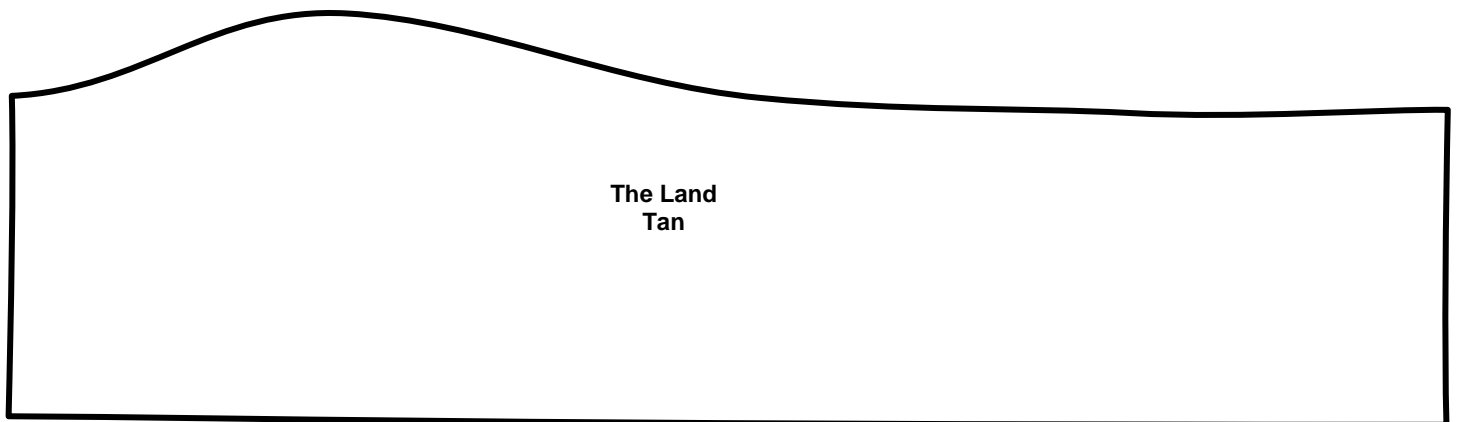
(*Optional:* Draw or copy decorative patterns from the book on a piece of felt (any color) and place on felt board scene for decoration.)

### OTHER CHARACTERS:

Photocopy or reproduce by drawing other characters and articles from the book. Cut these out and glue to felt, and trim.

Suggestions for other characters: **The Peasant Boy; The Old Water Woman; Soldiers; The Prisoner.**

Other articles: **Cobbler Shoes & Tools; Water Jugs & Carrier; Wooden Sword; Throne Chairs; Decorative Footstools & Pillows.**



**CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Adult supervision recommended, if necessary. This project includes cutting with scissors!