

Hoopoe Teaching-Stories™

How To Make Felt-Board Characters

THE BIRD'S RELATIVE

SUPPLIES:

1. Felt: dark red, brown, black, pink, green, dark brown, medium brown, beige, white, gold, purple, turquoise, orange and grey
 2. Good all-purpose glue or craft fabric bonding glue (works best!)
 3. Markers, fine-point: black
 4. Scissors
 5. Craft paint (if using)
- Optional decor for Robe:* gold braiding, ribbon, glitter paint, rick-rack, etc.

BIRD:

1. Using the patterns on the next page, cut out **all** parts of the BIRD.
2. Glue in place the COMB, EYE, and BEAK on the bird's head. Glue the WING on the left side of the BODY. Glue the TAIL under the lower BODY. (Set aside and allow to dry.)

MERCHANT:

1. Using the patterns below, cut out **all** parts of the Merchant. You may want to draw or paint on his eyes and nose on the FACE.
2. Glue the ARMS piece to the back of the DRESS aligning with the sleeves.
3. Glue on the TURBAN to the HEAD/FACE piece. (Set aside and allow to dry.)
4. While this piece is drying, decorate the ROBE's inner edge with pieces of different colored felt, ribbon, braiding, etc. Once this has dried, glue the ROBE to the sides of the DRESS (see illustration).
5. Glue the BEARD in place.

Option for Head: Photocopy the image on the next page and cut out the HEAD (TURBAN, FACE, and BEARD) and glue onto a piece of felt. When it dries, cut it out as one piece. Glue this piece onto the HEAD/ARM. Do this last, if you choose this option. Allow everything to dry before placing on Felt Background.

OTHER PROPS:

Cut out other felt props for the GILDED CAGE, RELATIVE, JUNGLE, SHIP. (Below and on the next page are some ideas and patterns.)



TREE:

1. Cut out the LEAVES and TRUNK. Draw or cut out pieces of black felt for the BRANCHES on the LEAVES.
2. Glue the pieces together. (Allow to dry before placing on Felt Background.)

BACKGROUND/SETTING:

1. Cut a rectangle piece of beige felt large enough to fit all the assembled pieces. Use this as the background.
2. Place the pieces in place. (If the pieces do not stick well enough, use a small piece of double-stick tape on the back of the piece to fasten in place.)

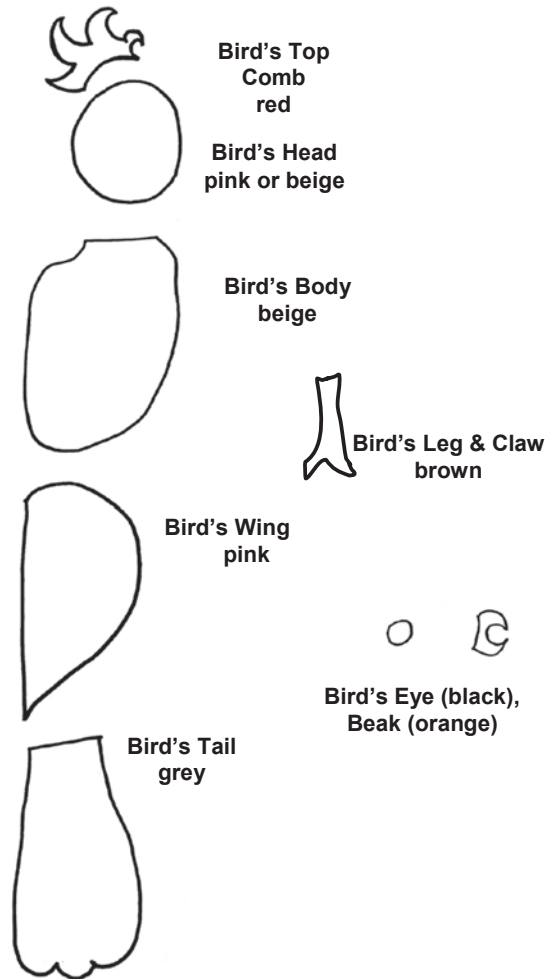
See below and next page for pattern pieces that you can copy and use for making this scene. For help on making a felt board, go to www.hoopoebooks.com.

The MERCHANT

Head/Arms = beige or color of choice;
Turban = white (with highlights of beige coloring);
Beard = dark brown;
Dress = white or gold;
Robe = dark red or purple



The BIRD:



IDEAS:

1. Draw and color images of the jungle, the gilded cage, other people from the village, other props. Glue the pieces onto felt and allow to dry. Then cut out the pieces for placing on the felt board as the story is retold.
2. If you want larger characters, using a photocopier, enlarge to the pieces to the size desired.
3. If you are using a larger felt board, have the children design a frame to fit around the frame for decoration. They may want to design it with trees or birds
4. Have the children use their imaginations and suggestions to create as many characters or objects they want for the story.

The TREE:

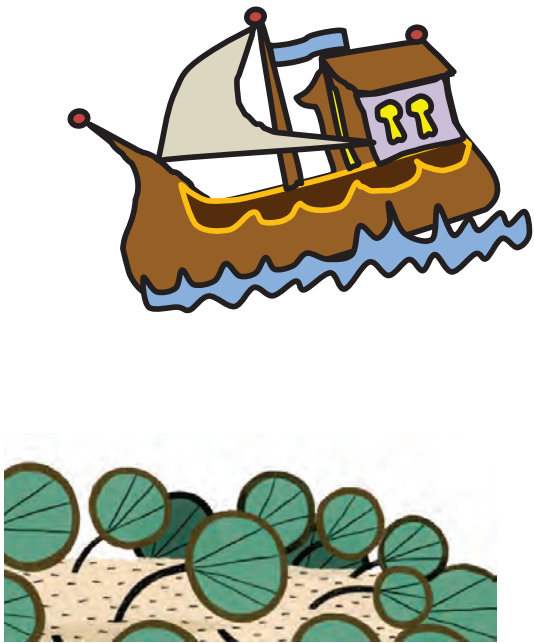


IDEAS for TREE:

Cut the outline of the TRUNK and the LEAVES in a dark color. Using a contrasting color, cut the TRUNK and LEAVES a little smaller, then layer the pieces to make a special effect.

Suggested Play:

Place the Background piece on a larger Felt Board or tape it to the wall within easy reach of the children. Apply the characters and articles as the story is read or recited.



Have fun!



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