

## How To Make Feltboard Characters THE KING WITHOUT A TRADE

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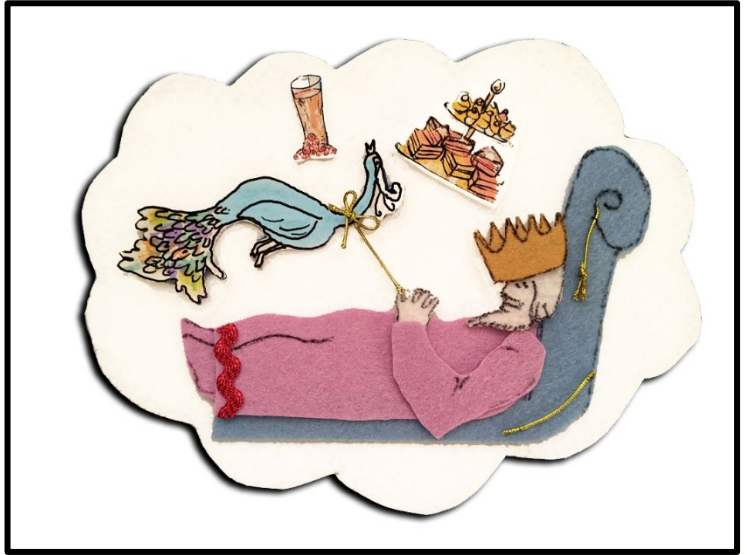
1. Felt: white, purple, brown, red, green, gold, orange, blue, turquoise, yellow, and others as desired
2. Good all-purpose glue or craft fabric bonding glue.
3. Markers, fine point: black; and medium point different colors
4. Scissors
5. White or light-colored cardstock or art paper
6. Yarn, ribbon, rick-rack, lace, sequins, fabric scraps, foil

### KING, PRINCESS, & OTHER CHARACTERS:

1. Using the patterns below, or from the book's illustrations, draw and cut out **all** parts of the king, peacocks, princess, etc., from available felt. Assemble the parts and glue onto a piece of white felt, then cut out around the pieces.  
**Other option:** Photocopy or draw the pieces on white or colored cardstock, color or paint as needed. Glue the parts together. When dry, glue onto a piece of white felt & cut out.
2. Decorate the clothing pieces & other pieces as desired. (Allow to dry.)
3. **Reminder:** when assembling the pieces, be aware of the placement, such as the hair and headdresses go on top of the face/head, the shoes and hands go under clothing, etc.

### HOUSES, FURNITURE AND OTHER OBJECTS:

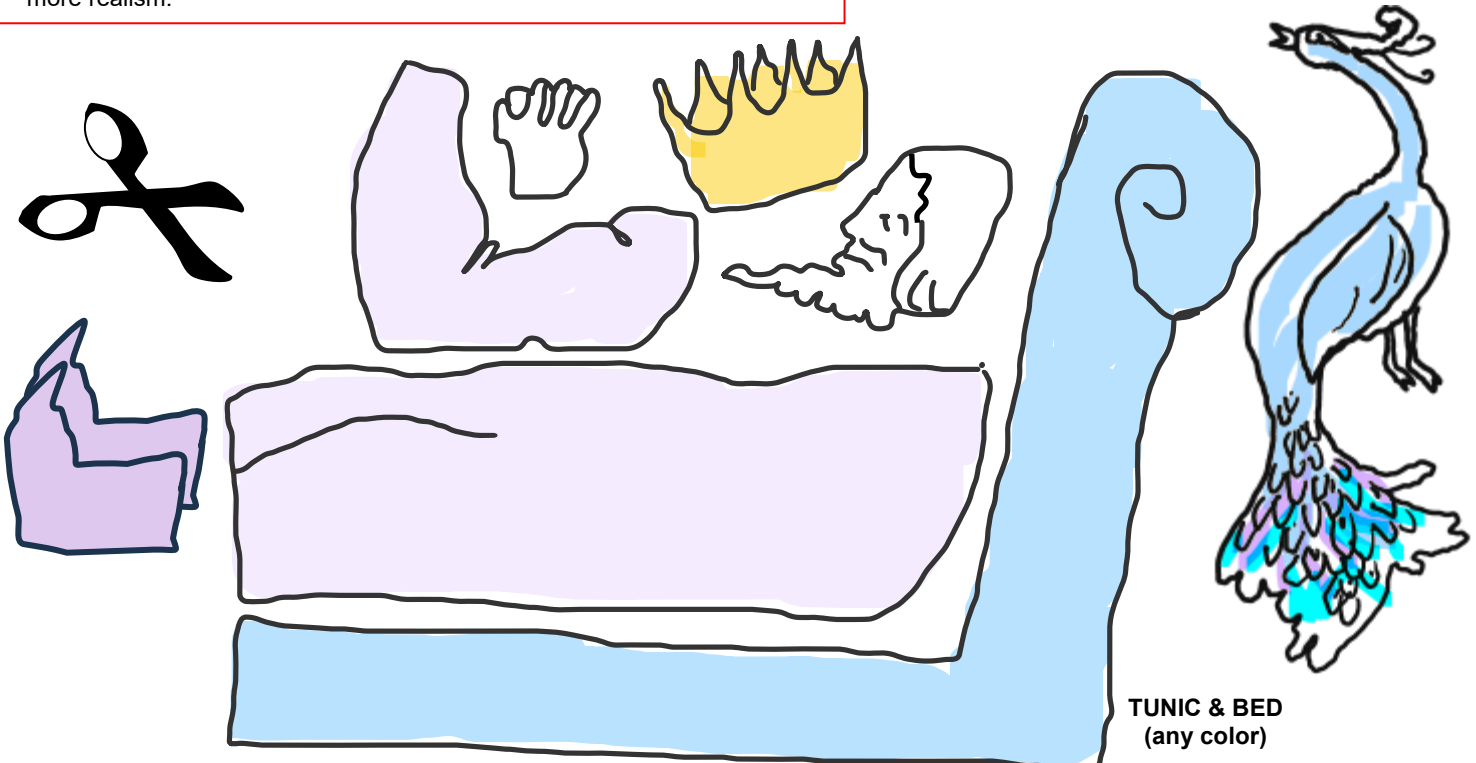
1. Draw paper patterns, pin onto colored felt and cut out all the pieces. Assemble the felt pieces into place on the feltboard. If the pieces do not stick so well, use small pieces of double-stick cellophane tape. (See **Other option** above for another method of constructing the pieces.)
2. Add other items, such as trees, shrubs, out-buildings, farm machinery, farm animals, fish, looms, yarn rolls, etc.
3. **For the Loom:** using the illustrations in the book or on these instructions, draw or make a photocopy of a loom onto white or light-colored art paper. Glue this piece (or pieces) onto white felt, and when dry, cut out the piece.  
**Optional:** Use real yarn strands or woven piece on the loom structure for more realism.



See below for pattern pieces that you can copy and use for making this scene. See next page for other ideas.

For help on making a feltboard, go to

[www.hoopoebooks.com](http://www.hoopoebooks.com).



TUNIC & BED  
(any color)



**BACKGROUND/SETTING:**

- Suggested Scene Project:** Assign groups of 3-4 children to help design and make the various scenes. Each group can be responsible for one scene. Allow the children to use their own imagination on what they want to design and construct. Place each group's finished product on the feltboard as the story is read or recited and have them explain what the scene represents from the story.



Cover a feltboard with light-colored felt (such as light to medium gray or blue). If a feltboard is not available, tape the felt background onto the wall in easy reach of the children. Apply the characters and articles as the story is read or recited. For a larger scene, increase the size of the pieces by the same percentage.

1. Children may want to learn about weaving. Check local libraries for books and stories about weaving. Point out how many peoples from all over the world weave as part of their cultures.
2. The children may want to weave a piece for the feltboard. Search libraries or the internet for simple weaving projects, such as weaving a "friendship bracelet." (See: [DIY Friendship Bracelets for Beginners - YouTube](#), for example.)
3. Gather all the materials needed for the project and have them available for the children to use.

**Draw or photocopy other objects to place on the feltboard. Items such as food, yarn rolls, tools, etc.**



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