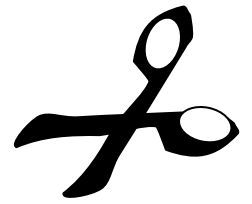


How To Make Feltboard Characters THE PALACE OF THE MAN IN BLUE



SUPPLIES:

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

CHARACTERS:

1. Using the patterns below, or from the book's illustrations, draw and cut out **all** parts of the characters, scenery, animals, 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 & 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.



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
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PALACE GATE AND WALLS 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, flowers, fruit, food, animals.
3. **For the Gate:** using the illustrations in the book or on these instructions, draw or make a photocopy of the gate onto white or light-colored art paper. Glue this piece (or pieces) onto white felt, and when dry, cut out the piece.



The Man in Blue: Trace the parts on white cardstock, color and cut out the pieces. Assemble the pieces onto white felt and cut around the pieces.
OR, Photocopy image(s) and glue on a piece of felt (any color) and cut around the figure.



FELTBOARD

BACKGROUND/SETTING:

1. Cut a rectangle piece of light colored felt large enough to fit all the assembled pieces. Use this as the background.
2. Cut out pieces of felt for the characters and scenes as you desire. **Optional:** Draw & color characters and other items on white art paper. Cut out the drawings and glue or tape onto white or light-colored felt and cut around the design. (This photo uses a combination of the different methods.)
3. Place the pieces on the background felt. (If the pieces do not stick well enough, use a small piece of double-stick tape or a small drop of craft glue on the back of the piece to fasten in place.)

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.

Other Objects, Animals & People

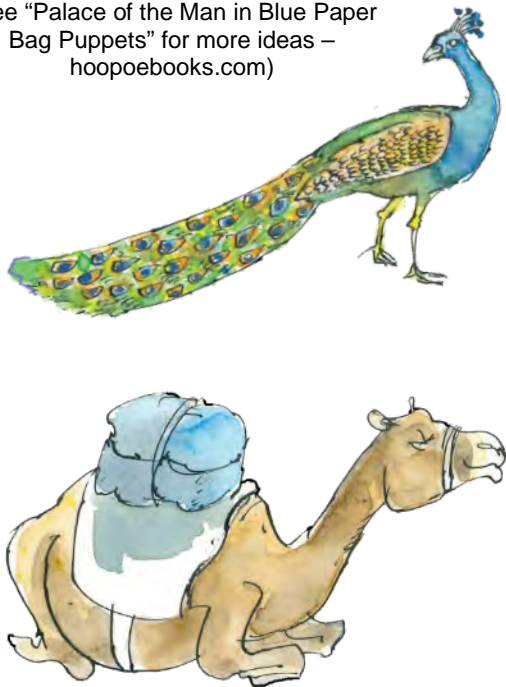
Draw or photocopy other pieces to place on the feltboard. Items such as food, flowers, fruit, merchants, the steward, crowds, etc.

(See "Palace of the Man in Blue Paper Bag Puppets" for more ideas – hoopoebooks.com)



Suggested Play:

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.



Have fun!



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