



# Crafts

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## Color and Make a Story

### Materials:

- White Paper
- Scissors
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- Construction Paper
- Glue Stick
- Color and Make a Story Sheet
- Stapler

### Talk About It:

#### Once Upon a Time

Ask your child about his or her favorite story. What happens? Explain to your child that every story has a beginning, a middle, and an end. With this in mind, talk about other ways your child's favorite story could start or end. For example, what if a dancing elephant visited the three bears of instead of Goldilocks? Try mixing up different stories to see what silly tales you can tell!

### Make it:

#### Step 1: Things You'll Need

Collect the items from the materials list.

**Little Hands Tip:** Do you have any favorite lines from stories? How about, "I'll huff and I'll puff . . . !" or "Let the wild rumpus begin!"

#### Step 2: Print It Out

Print out the Color and Make a Story Sheet.



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## Step 3: Pick Your Story Parts

Read through each of the Color and Make a Story cards. Choose a beginning, middle, and an end for your silly story—the funnier, the better!

## Step 4: Add Color

After you've made your choices, color them in!

## Step 5: Make the Story

Carefully cut out each story card and put them in order.

## Step 6: Glue It

Take out three sheets of blank paper. Glue one story card to each sheet of paper.

## Step 7: Set the Stage

Every story has a setting. A setting is where the story happens. Create a setting for each part of your story. Your story can happen anywhere—a beach, a playground, or even the moon!

**Little Hands Tip:** Tell a story about yourself on the moon, in a forest, or in a castle.

## Step 8: Cover It

Make a cover for your story. When you're finished, make up a title and write it on the front cover. And don't forget to put the author's name on the cover—that's you!

## Step 9: Bind It

When each page of the story has a picture, staple the book together with two staples on the left side.

## Silly Story Time!

Next time it's story time, read the book together! Or, give the book as a gift to someone special!