Crafts from the Cat’s Corner

Truffula Handprint Trees

Materials: scissors
pencil
glue
construction paper
straws

Step 1: Trace your hands and cut them out

Step 2: Put glue on one of the hands

Step 3: Place the straw on the glued hand and place the other hand on top of it.
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Make a Butterfly!

Materials:
- Paper (cut into 6 inch squares)
- Scissors
- Markers or Crayons
- Stapler or Tape
- Pipe cleaner

Step 1: Starting with 2 paper squares, decorate your butterfly wings! Use markers, crayons, or any other craft supplies you have!

Step 2: Accordion fold each paper starting at a corner.

Step 3: Stack the 2 pieces of folded paper on top of one another. Using a stapler or tape, attach them in the middle.

Step 4: Fluff out the wings. Wrap a pipe cleaner around the middle and bend into the shape of antennae.

Recommended Reading:

*Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?* by Dr. Seuss

What sound does the butterfly in the book make?
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Make a 3D Cat!

Materials:
- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or Crayons

1. Start with a standard piece of paper. Hold the paper the long way, and measure 3 inches. Cut it out. This will be your cat’s body.

2. Cut a square out of the bottom of the strip of paper to give your cat some legs. Color the body any way you would like!

3. Put glue on the end of the strip. Wrap it under and make a tube shape.

4. Using the remaining paper, draw a face and tail for your cat. Cut them out.

5. Glue the face and tail onto the body!

Suggested Reading:
*The King’s Stilts* by Dr. Seuss

If you had a kingdom, would you use cats to protect it like King Birtram of Binn?
Crafts from the Cat’s Corner:

Paper Tube Fox

**Materials:**
- toilet paper tube
- construction paper
- scissors
- markers
- glue

1. Start by pushing the top of the tube down as shown.
2. Push down the other side of the tube. Now your fox has ears!
3. Create your fox’s face and tail out of construction paper. Cut them out!
4. Glue the face and tail onto the body! Decorate the rest of your fox any way you want!

**Suggested Reading:** Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss

How many words can you find in the story that rhyme with “fox”?
Crafts from the Cat’s Corner:

Crazy Daisy

1. Start with a square piece of paper. Fold it in half as shown above to make a triangle.

2. Fold in half again.

3. Fold in half one more time.

4. Draw a petal shape. Make sure the corner of the petal is the same corner where the folds meet. Cut it out.

5. Unfold. Cut out one of the petals. Add some of your personal style by coloring your flower petals!

6. Glue the petals with the space between them on top of one another. This will make your daisy pop!

7. Stick the pipe cleaner through the center of the flower.

8. Work the cupcake liner through the pipe cleaner to complete the craft!

Suggested reading: Daisy Head Mayzie by Dr. Seuss

What would you do if a flower grew out of the top of your head?
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Paper Plate Whale!

Materials:
- Paper Plate
- Markers or Crayons
- Paper
- Scissors

1. Fold the paper plate in half.

2. Draw a whale shape on the plate as shown. Then cut it out!

3. Decorate your whale!

4. Cut out a piece of paper about 3 x 5 inches. Cut lines into it along the long edge.

5. Roll up the paper and stick it in the whale’s blow hole! Fluff out the paper to make it look like water!

Suggested Reading:
McElligot’s Pool by Dr. Seuss

According to the story, what is bigger than a whale?
1. Start with a square piece of paper. Fold the paper in half on a diagonal.

2. Fold one corner to the point. Then do the other side.

3. Unfold.

4. Fold one layer from the center point up.

5. Fold the corners into the inside of the center fold.

6. Use any craft materials you have to decorate your bookmark to look like a turtle!

Suggested Reading: *Yertle the Turtle* by Dr. Seuss

What does Mack do to get the turtles off his back?

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Crafts from the Cat’s Corner:

Harmonica

1. Cut the straw into 4 pieces. (You will only need 2 pieces per harmonica)

2. Measure a piece of paper to be roughly the size of the popsicle sticks. Cut out.

3. Stack the materials in this order:

4. Wrap the rubberbands around the ends to secure all of the parts.

Suggested Reading: *Horton Hears a Who!* by Dr. Seuss

Play your harmonica for the Mayor of Who-ville!

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Apple Core Craft

Materials:
construction paper
popsicle sticks
 glue

1. Cut apple shape out of red or green paper

2. Cut in half

3. Draw seeds on popsicle sticks

4. Glue stem and popsicle sticks to back of the apple top and bottom

Recommended Reading:
10 Apples Up On Top by Dr. Seuss

Can you balance an apple on your head?

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Hot Air Balloon

materials: paper, paper tube, string, scissors, markers, glue

1. Cut out 4 circles of the same size. On each circle write a place that you would like to travel!

2. Fold the circles in half with the words on the inside.

3. Glue the circles on top of one another. Let the glue dry.

4. Wrap the two ends around and glue together.

5. (top view)

6. While the glue dries on the balloon, cut out a piece of tube for the basket.

7. (front view)

8. Attach 2 pieces of string to the bottom of the circles. Then attach the tube to the other end for the basket!

Suggested Reading:
Oh, The Places You’ll Go! by Dr. Seuss

According to the story, what are the chances you will succeed?

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King’s Crown

Materials: paper plate and scissors

1. Cut 4 lines into the middle of the paper plate as if it were a pizza, creating 8 equal triangles.

2. Pull the triangles out from the middle. (You may have to do some adjusting to make sure it fits your head.)

3. Using any craft materials you have, decorate your crown!

Suggested Reading:
King Loogie Katz by Dr. Seuss

What did little Zooie yell when he realized there were no more cats to hold up his tail?

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Crafts from the Cat’s Corner
Lucky Cactus

materials: green and brown paper, markers, scissors, glue

1. Trace and cut out your handprint on green paper.

2. Draw a shape of a flower pot on the brown paper. Cut it out. Then cut a small slit in the top.

3. Slip the handprint into the slit in the flower pot. Glue into place.

4. What are some things in your life that you feel lucky to have? Write them on the cactus!

Suggested Reading:
Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? by Dr. Seuss

What are some of the unlucky events happening to the characters in the story?
Crafts from the Cat’s Corner: Red Fish, Blue Fish

materials:
red and blue paper, scissors, glue

1. Start with a square piece of paper. Fold it diagonally. Then unfold.

2. Fold the corners to the center crease. Unfold again.

3. Fold the paper in half again. Cut from the folded edge to the crease. Draw on eyes.

4. Glue the two side flaps together so that one is on top of the other.

5. Bend the fish tail in a curved position so that it looks like a fish!

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Crafts from the Cat’s Corner: 
Paper Who-ville

Materials: paper towel rolls, construction paper, coloring supplies, scissors, glue stick or tape

2. Cut windows, doors, and roofs out of construction paper. What shapes will you use?
3. Using glue or tape, assemble your houses.
4. Make as many houses for your Who-ville as you would like! What sort of additions can you create to make your houses unique?

Suggested Reading:  
Horton Hears a Who! by Dr. Seuss

What other story features the Whos in Who-ville?

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Crafts from the Cat’s Corner:

Once-ler’s Wagon

1. Starting with a piece of paper, fold each of the sides in evenly. The larger the fold, the deeper your wagon will be.

2. Cut on the top and bottom creases, shown in red in the image.

3. Fold the sides of your wagon up. Glue the flaps into place so that it holds its shape.

4. Using paper or cardboard, cut out 4 circles for your wheels. Glue them on.

5. Bend and glue a piece of paper over the top of the wagon. What other features can you add?

Suggested Reading:
*The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

What does the Once-ler make out of the Truffula Trees?
Crafts from the Cat’s Corner: Paper Chain Train

materials: paper, scissors, glue or tape, markers

1. Cut an odd number of strips of paper out of construction paper.

2. Curl each strip of paper into a loop and tape or glue them together into a chain.

3. Cut small circles out of construction paper to make wheels. Make sure you have enough for both sides of each train car!

4. Glue on the wheels. Add a smoke stack to the front car by rolling up a piece of paper and gluing it in place!

Suggested Reading:
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

What words in the story rhyme with train?

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Crafts from the Cat’s Corner:
Duck Feet

materials: paper, scissors, crayons or markers, yarn, hole punch

1. Draw a pair of duck feet that are slightly larger than your own feet! Cut them out.

2. Using a hole punch or scissors, make holes on either side of the feet.

3. Tie a loop of yarn through the holes.

4. Slide your feet into your new duck feet! Can you waddle like a duck?

Suggested Reading:
I Wish That I Had Duck Feet by Dr. Seuss

If you could be any animal what would you be?