

Assembling The Ghost's Dinner flannel story

Supplies

- In your kit: precut paper pattern pieces, story sheet, brown felt, either red or purple felt. Also precut felt pieces: tan or maroon tablecloth, Henry ghost in white, gold, and yellow, dinner guest ghosts in white, gold, yellow, and a single guest in orange.
- Supplies on the table: double-stick tape, black markers, paper scissors, fabric scissors, gel glue, white sticky-back felt, colored scraps of felt to be used to cut out arms, bowls, spoons, etc.

Skills to practice

- Use paper scissors to cut out the bold black lines of the tablecloth pattern. Use double-stick tape, line pattern up with tablecloth, use black marker to draw in folds of the tablecloth.
- Use double-stick tape to stick ghost patterns to purple or red felt. Use fabric scissors to cut out story pieces without tracing, since the fabric is a dark color. Cut out arms for the ghost guests too. Repeat with the brown felt.
- Cut arms of corresponding colors for the ghosts. Also cut out cups, bowls, etc. using the paper patterns.
- Use black markers to add features to the ghosts. Change their facial expressions, draw open mouths or smiles, etc. Outline layered arms and utensils with marker to make them stand out. Make sure that the white ghosts are smiling (at the end of the story they need to look happy!)
- Onto the gold-colored ghost guests, glue the orange single ghost over the matching shape – that ghost had seconds on the soup, so he turned darker orange!
- Glue arms, bowls etc. to the front of the guest ghosts with gel glue, change their arm positions around to make them eat or drink. Here are the objects that match the scenes of the story: Juicy ghosts (purple or red) hold glasses – any color you like, not white. The gold/orange ghosts hold spoons and have bowls in front of them (glue right to their bellies at baseline so the bowls sit on the table). The cheesy ghosts don't hold anything, but you need to cut some Swiss cheese-like holes into the yellow ghosts. Avoid cutting holes in their face area. Brown ghosts hold mugs, or have mugs glued onto them at table level, look a little shocked (give them round mouths, surprised eyebrow lines, throw one hand up...). Cut features from white sticky-back felt, or plain white and attach with gel glue.
- Make Henry's trays and food from white felt, colored in, or layered with colored felt. You could also color in the paper pattern pieces, laminate them and add felt dots to the back.