

Felt Board Story Pattern Books and Websites

Book Tales by Joan Hilyer Phelps, Fort Atkinson, WI: Upstart Books, c2004
Has patterns and rhymes for **Bark, George, Caps for Sale, The Cat in the Hat, Circle Dogs, Goodnight Moon, Is There Room on the Feather Bed, Lily's Purple Plastic Purse, Mouse Paint, Silly Sally,** and **Where the Wild Things Are** among others. There are patterns for take-home crafts too. This book has a seven page introduction with excellent information on all aspects of flannel board and story preparation and presentation.

Finger Tales by Joan Hilyer Phelps, Fort Atkinson, WI: Upstart Books, c2002
This book focuses on fingerplays and mitts with which to perform them, but can be used for flannel patterns as well. Includes booklists, rhymes and craft ideas for complete storytimes.

The Flannel Board Storytelling Book, 2nd edition by Judy Sierra, New York: H.W. Wilson, c1997. This is the standard to which new flannelboard books compared to. There is extensive information on making boards, using patterns to make flannel story pieces, and presentation of flannel stories. The patterns and accompanying texts are divided into three sections: Rhymes, Chants and Songs for the Youngest Children; Poems, Songs and Stories for Children Three and Older; and Stories for Children Five and Older.

Flannelboard Stories for Infants and Toddlers by Ann & Mary Carlson, Chicago, IL: ALA, c1999. This book is intended for the librarian to trace the pages onto Pellon interfacing or to photocopy and color in the figures. Patterns are of coloring book quality. Audience is toddlers 12 to 30 months of age. "This Little Pig" pattern may be useful (modern pig eats bread and jam!).

Preschool Favorites: 35 Storytimes Kids Love by Diane Briggs, Chicago: ALA, c2007. Among the great storytime plans are flannel patterns for songs such as "Down by the Bay," "Five Green Apples," and "Little Bunny Foo Foo." There are also flannel patterns for stories such as **Elephant in a Well, Wolf's Chicken Stew,** and **Moonkey.** You will also find patterns for poems and rhymes like "A Pizza the Size of the Sun" and "Five Little Squirrels."

Stories That Stick: Quick and Easy Storyboard Tales by Valerie Marsh, Fort Atkinson, WI: Upstart Books, c2002. Twenty-two traditional rhymes, songs, fables and folktales are presented with illustrations for the librarian or teacher to photocopy, color, laminate and mount for use with flannel or magnet board. Examples of the works included are: "In a Dark, Dark House," "Lion and the Mouse," "Little Red Hen," "Magic Fish," and "Boy Who Cried Wolf." There are a couple of rhymes for toddlers like "Eensy, Weensy Spider, but this book is best for use with ages 4 and up.

Teddy Bear Storytimes: ready-to-go flannel and magnetic storyboard programs that captivate children by LaDonna Yousha, New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, c2009. This book contains original flannel stories about Teddy Bear and his family that teach little life lessons and basic concepts through games. Patterns for creating characters and props are provided on the accompanying CD as well as in print.

Toddler Storytimes II by Diane Briggs, Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, c2008. Among the twenty-five storytime themes for toddlers you'll find weather, colors, noisy stories, silly stories. Each theme chapter includes fingerplays, up-to-date booklists, song suggestions, craft ideas, and a pattern for a flannel story. In order to provide flannel patterns for recent works, Diane refers you to the book to learn the words, then provides illustrations created by her son. The simple line drawings can be easily created from flannel as well as paper. Titles include: **Roar and More, The Elephant and the Bad Baby, and Mother, Mother; I Want Another.**

In addition, many storytime planning books have a few flannel patterns in them.

Websites that offer free Flannel Story Patterns

DLTK's Crafts for Kids features a variety of fun, printable children's crafts, coloring pages and more including projects for holidays, educational themes and favorite cartoon characters. The felt board patterns can be printed out in black and white or color for quick and easy story pieces. This site is one family's hobby project. http://www.dltk-kids.com/type/felt_board.htm

Making Learning Fun

An early childhood education website filled with free printables designed to do just that, make learning fun. Here you will find educational printables and activities for children that are pre-kindergarten through second grade students. Flannel patterns for stories such as **The Seals on the Bus, The First Day of Winter, and Bill Grogan's Goat** can be found here.

<http://www.makinglearningfun.com/themepages/FeltBoardPrintables.htm>