

Mother Goose and Gosling Craft for Kids

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This is the pattern for the Mother Goose craft that appears on HeidiSongs' new CD, *Nursery Rhymes: Music with Mother Goose!* I made a little gosling (baby goose) to go along with it! I hope that you enjoy it! I would LOVE to see any photos of your students' work if you choose to make this craft. Thank you!

Preparation:

First decide if you would like to have your children trace around card stock patterns to make their goose or gosling, or if you would prefer to xerox all of the pieces for them ahead of time onto the paper. In my class, I usually make patterns for the kids to trace out of old file folders. That way, my students get practice in both tracing and cutting. Also, it saves me copies on the copy machine! However, the masters are provided if it is easier for you to simply make copies rather than make patterns for the children to trace. **For very young children, you may wish to make the body, neck, and head into one single pattern to cut out.**

After you decide, make copies of the goose's head, body, and wing on white paper. Then make copies of the beak and feet on orange paper. Cut 1" x 1" black squares for the eye.



Instructions:

Goose:

Show the children how to cut out all of the body parts, and then glue them together as shown, with the feet glued to the back. Note that the beak should be folded in half on the dotted line so that it can open! That way, your goose can talk! If that seems too hard, just cut that beak piece in half and skip the folding.



Mother Goose Bonnet

Eye: The eye is simply a one inch square of black construction paper with the edges rounded off. But a circle sticker would also work! (We just drew the eye with a marker onto the gosling.)

Note:

For very young children, you may wish to pre-cut some of the trickier parts to cut out, such as the feet. We have done this in the past in my kindergarten class if we had plenty of volunteers and didn't want the children to spend quite so much time on the project. Or, just give them triangles for the feet. See the instructions for the gosling for more info on this.

Bonnet:

Cut a piece of construction paper 5" x 2" in the color of your choice. Fold it in half the long way. Get some tissue paper about 2" x 8" and gather it together so that it looks like ruffles. Glue the tissue paper into the fold of the hat. Then glue the hat paper closed on both sides of the tissue.

Scarf:

The scarf is just a couple of pieces of tissue paper, cut about 12" x 4" and wound around the neck. Add an extra color of tissue for additional "flair" if you like!

Consider making some little yellow goslings by reducing the pattern sizes and changing the white paper to yellow!

Gosling:

The pattern for the gosling (baby goose) is also included, with two different ways for you to prep the project.

The gosling goes together the same way as the full grown goose, but the body is yellow and the eye is just drawn on with a black marker.

One way to do this project is to simply put construction paper in a copy machine, assuming that you have the type of duplicator that will accept construction paper. The masters are provided for you to prep the project



this way. However, this is my FAVORITE way to do a project like this: I just give my students pre-cut squares and rectangles rather than give them xeroxed copies to cut out. Then I just give them a pattern to trace for the objects that can not be made out of a square or rectangle, such as the head, feet and wings.

Another alternative is to give the children pre-cut triangles for the feet, rather than having them trace those complicated webbed feet patterns! I think it looks more childlike (and cuter!) anyway! (See the picture at the bottom of the page.)

To make the gosling this way, the cutting dimensions for the gosling are below: (Sorry, I didn't measure it out for the Mother Goose! Just for the baby.)

Gosling (Baby Goose)

Body Part	Color	Size	Number Needed Per Child
body	yellow	4.5" x 3.5"	1
wing	yellow	4.5" x 2.5"	1
head & neck	yellow	4" x 2.5"	1
legs	orange	.75" x 1"	2
feet	orange	1.25" x 1.25"	1 square, cut diagonally to form 2 triangle feet
beak	orange	1.25" x 1"	1 rectangle, pre-cut into a triangle (rounding the tip helps it look like a goose.)

Be sure to check the graphic on the next page that explains a bit more on how to cut and prep.

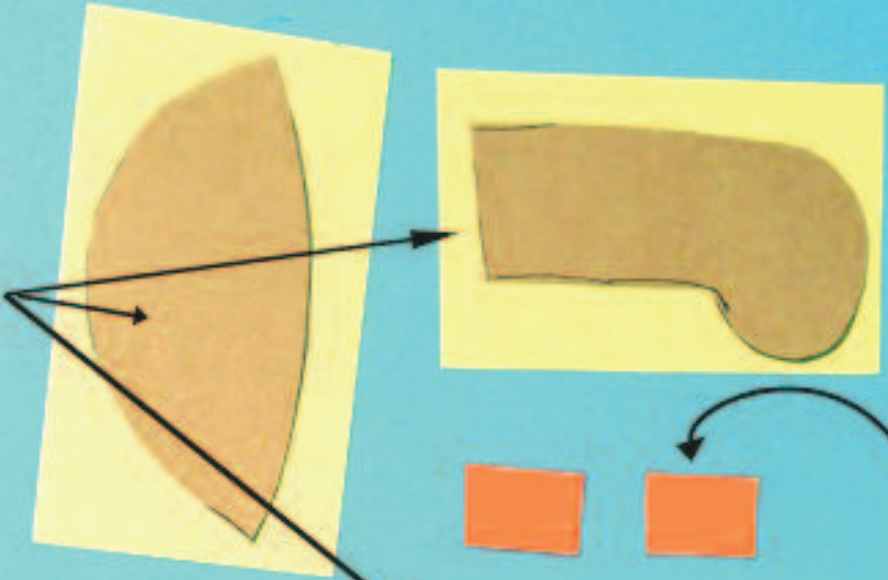
The picture on the right shows what the gosling looks like with feet cut from triangles rather than the pattern (to make it easier to cut.)

Enjoy! I had fun creating it!
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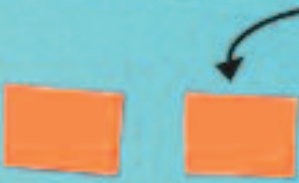


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Cut out patterns to trace for the wing, body, and head/neck.



Cut .75" x 1" rectangles for the legs.



How to Prep Mother Goose's Gosling

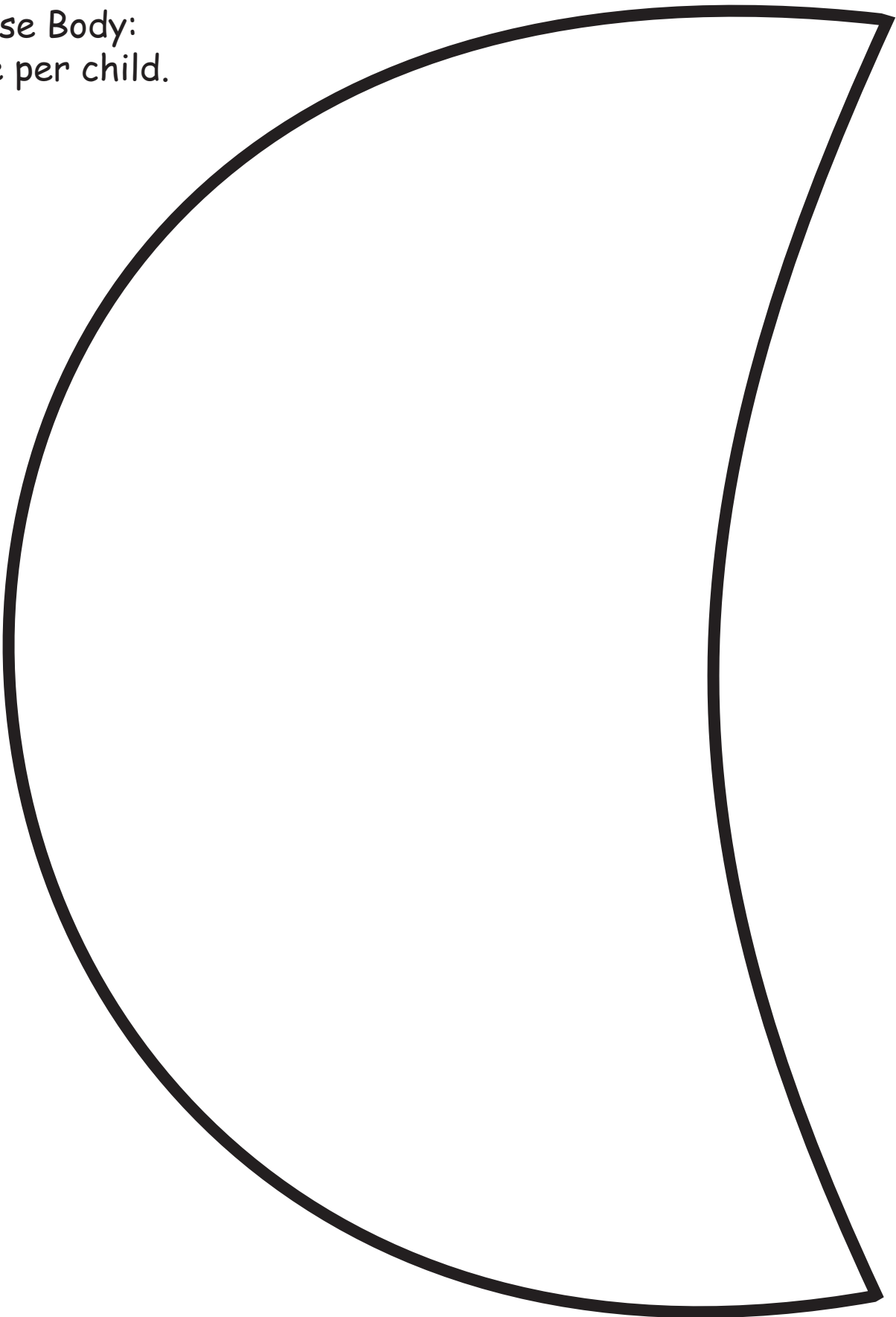
Cut a 1.25 x 1" rectangle into a triangle for the beak



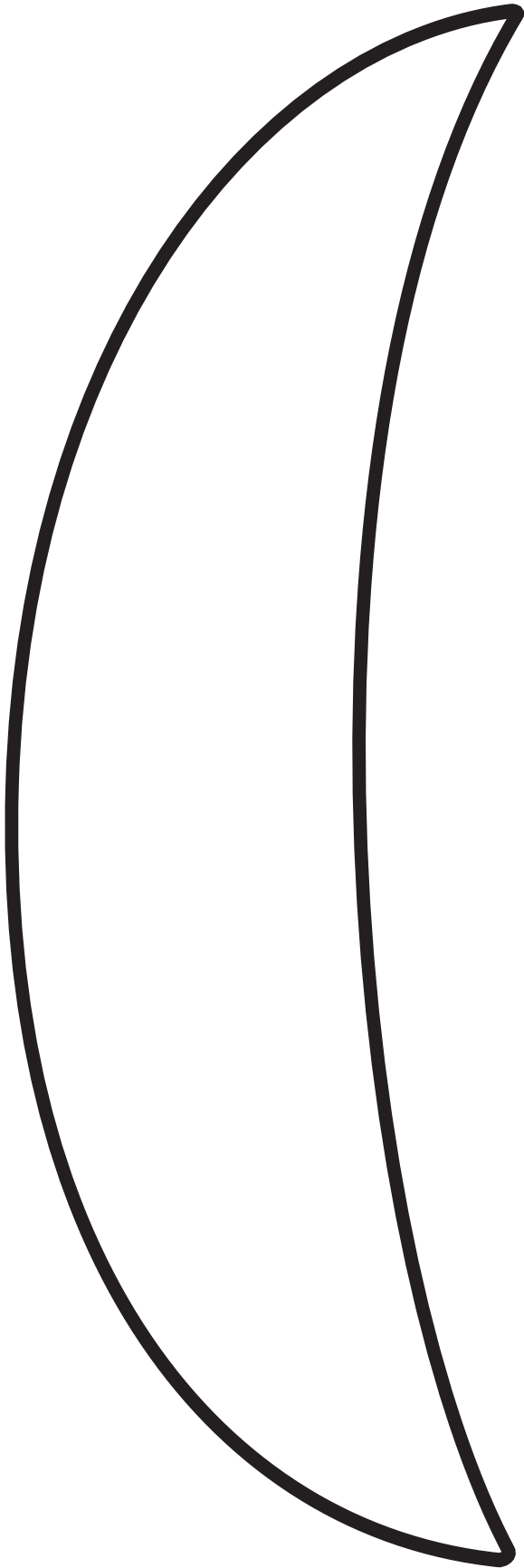
Cut a 1.25 inch square diagonally to make triangle feet



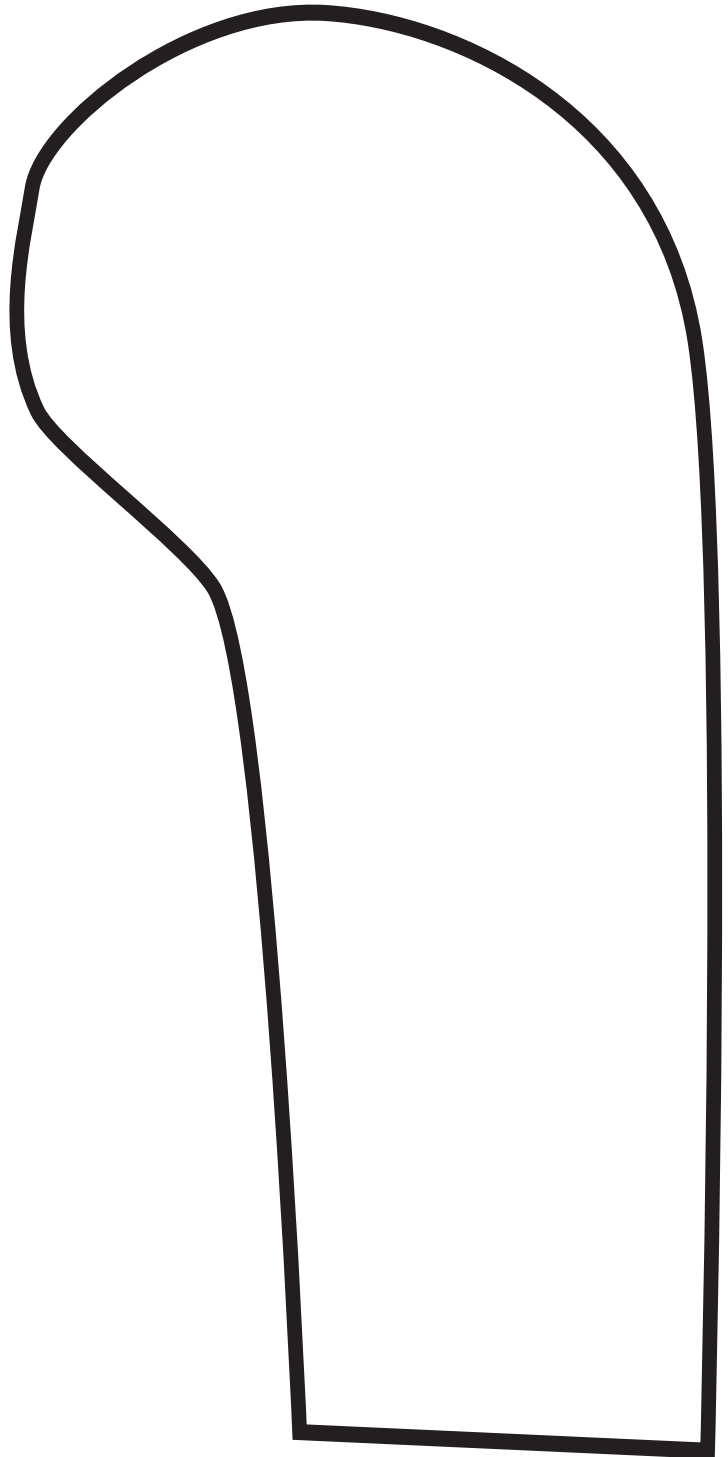
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One per child.

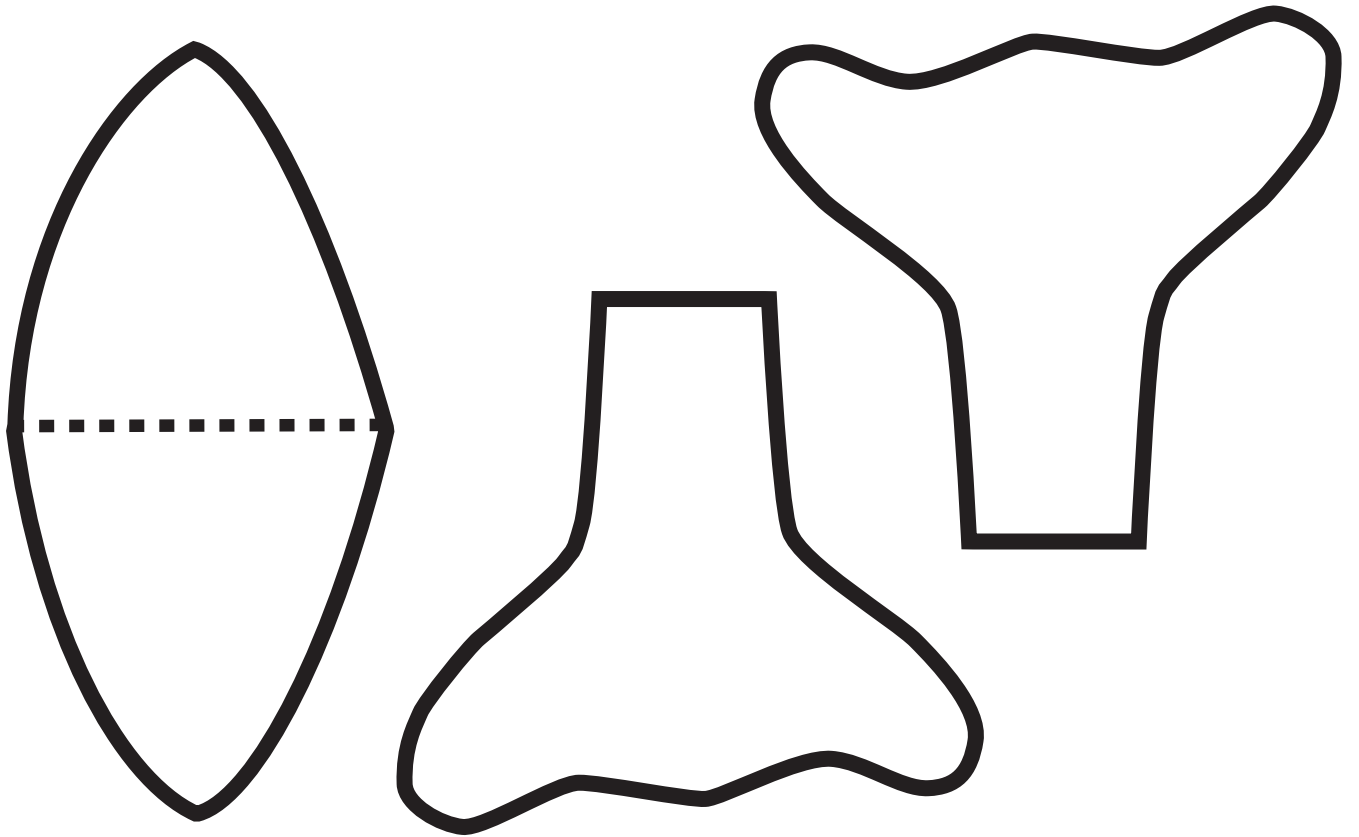


Goose Wing: One per child
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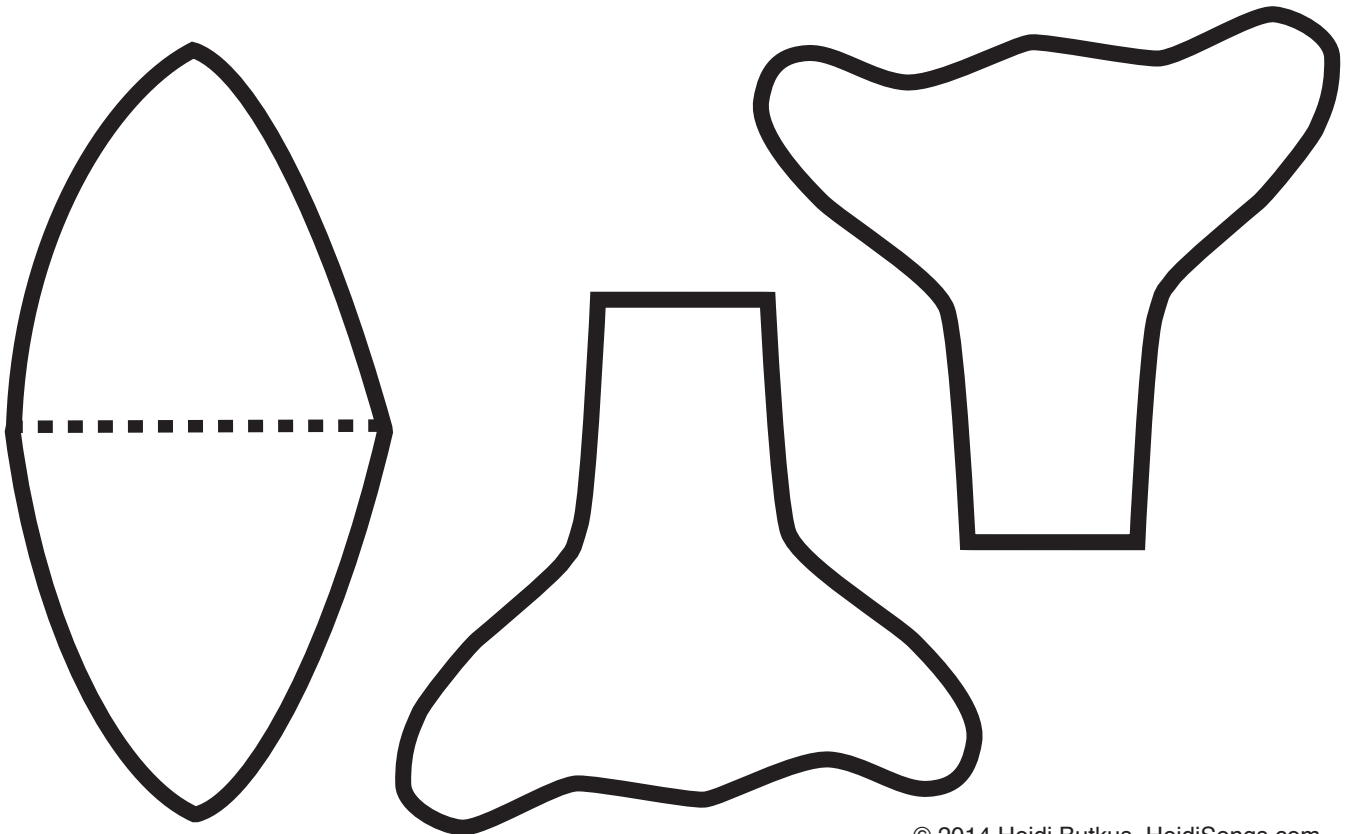


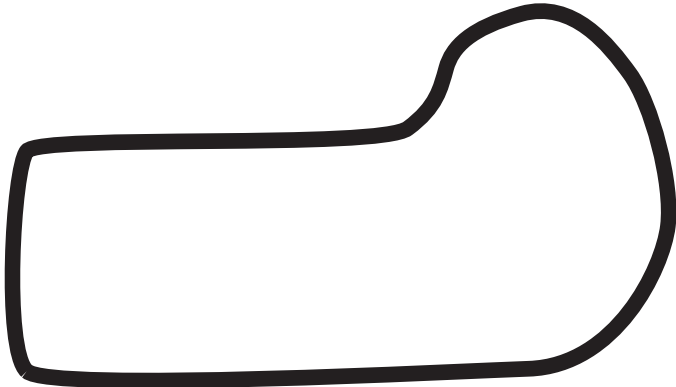
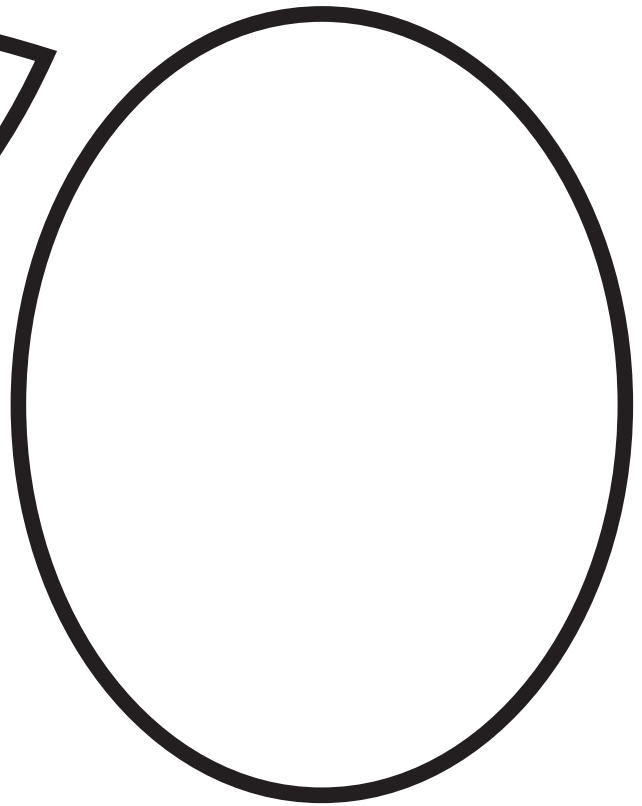
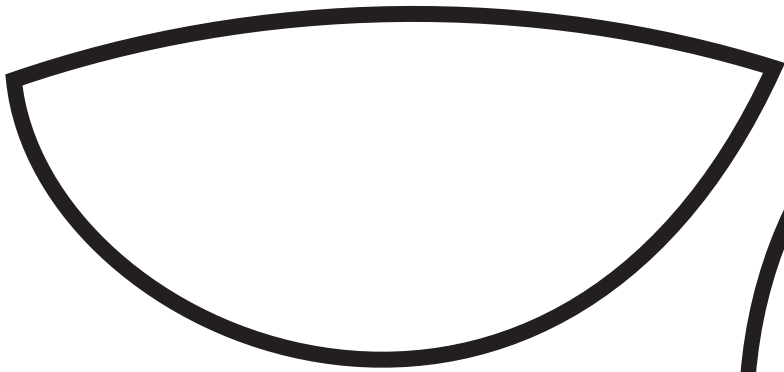
Goose Neck & Head: One per child
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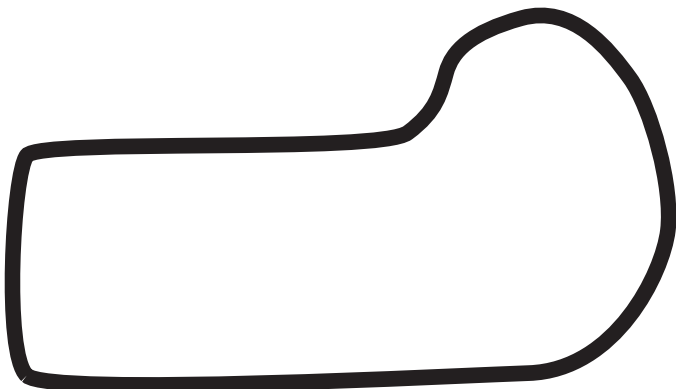
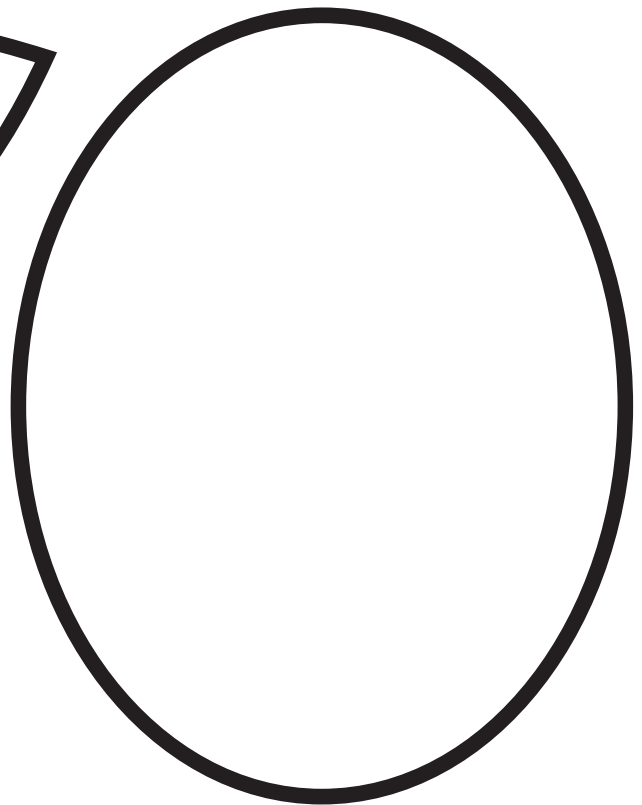
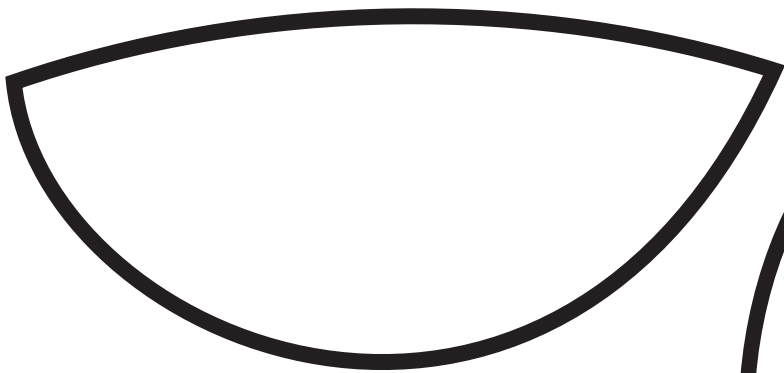


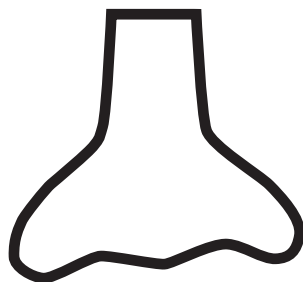
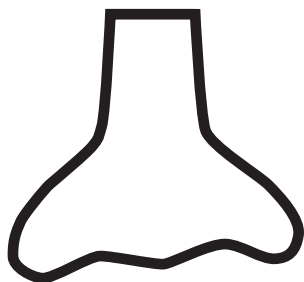
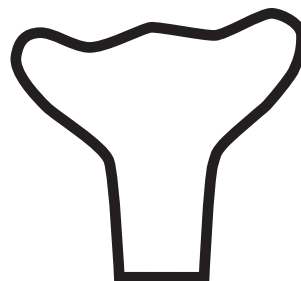
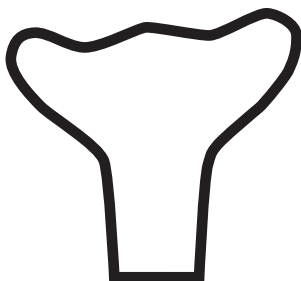
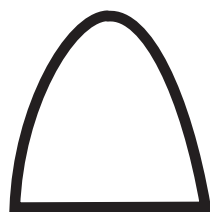
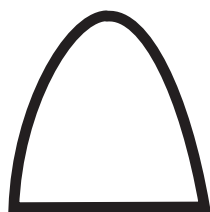
Goose Beak and Feet: One half sheet per child on orange.





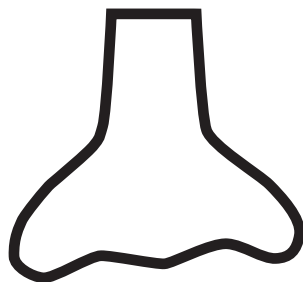
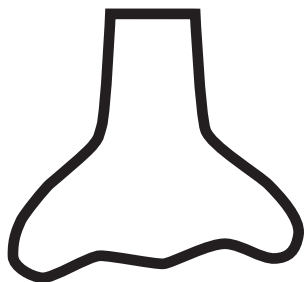
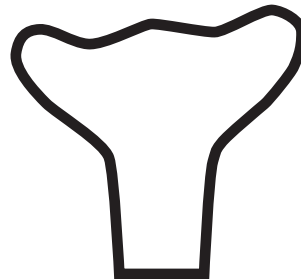
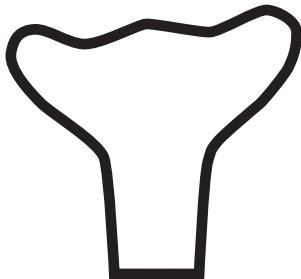
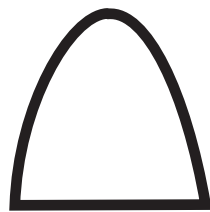
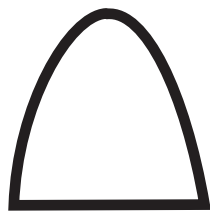
Gosling head, wing, and body: One half sheet per child on yellow.





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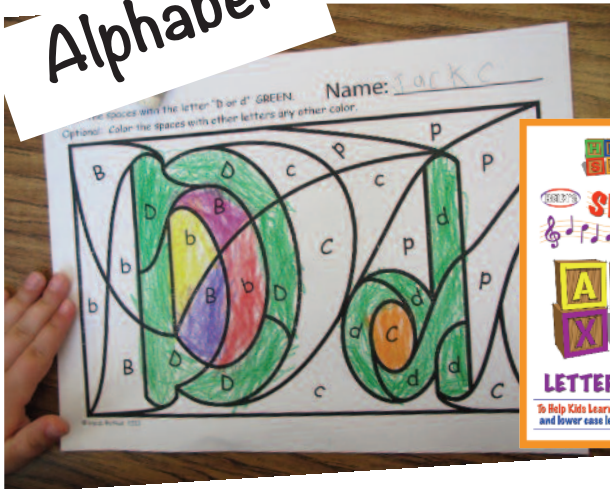


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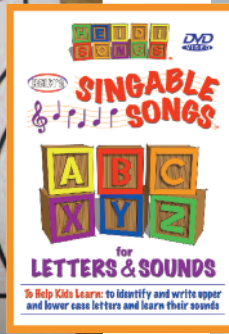
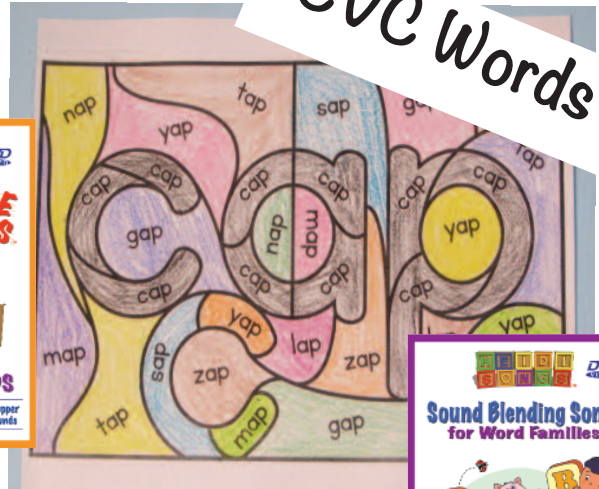
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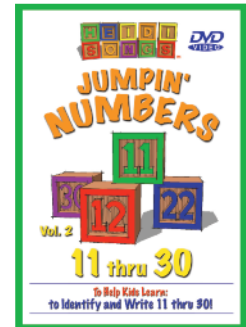
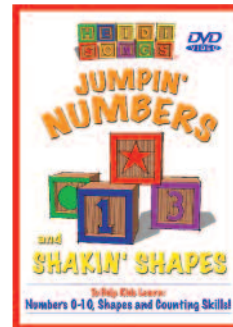
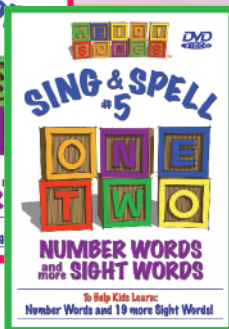
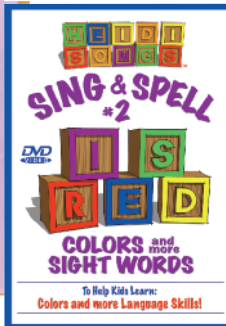
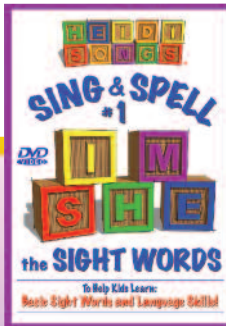
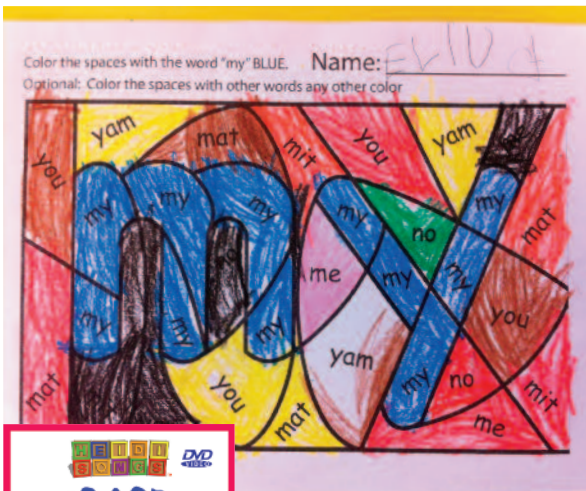


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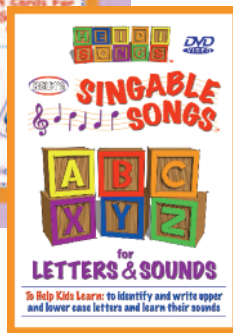
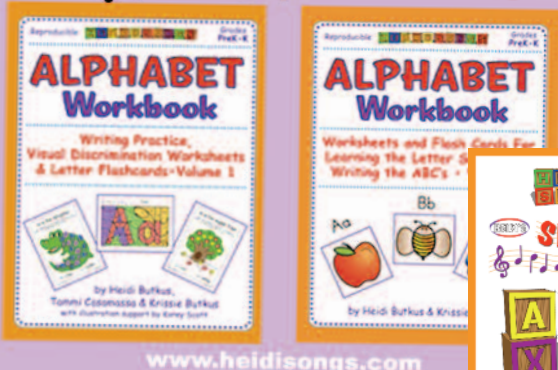
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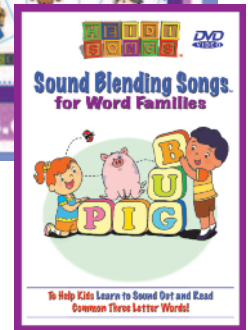
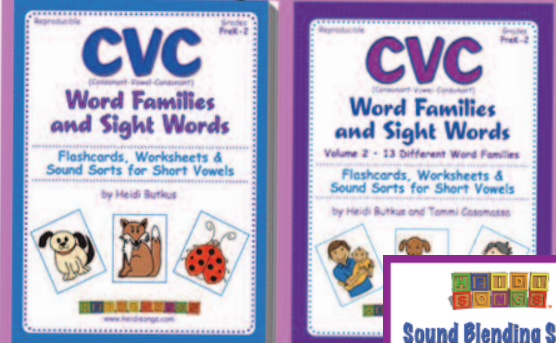
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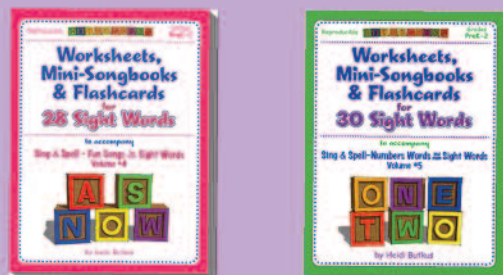
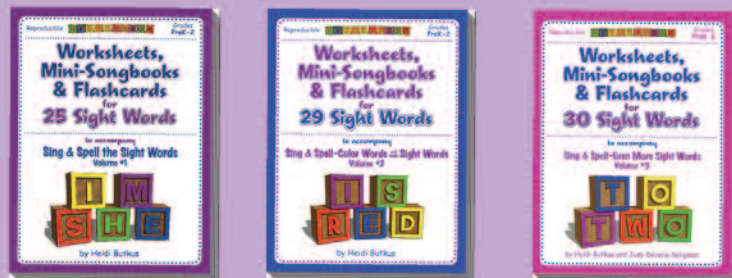
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