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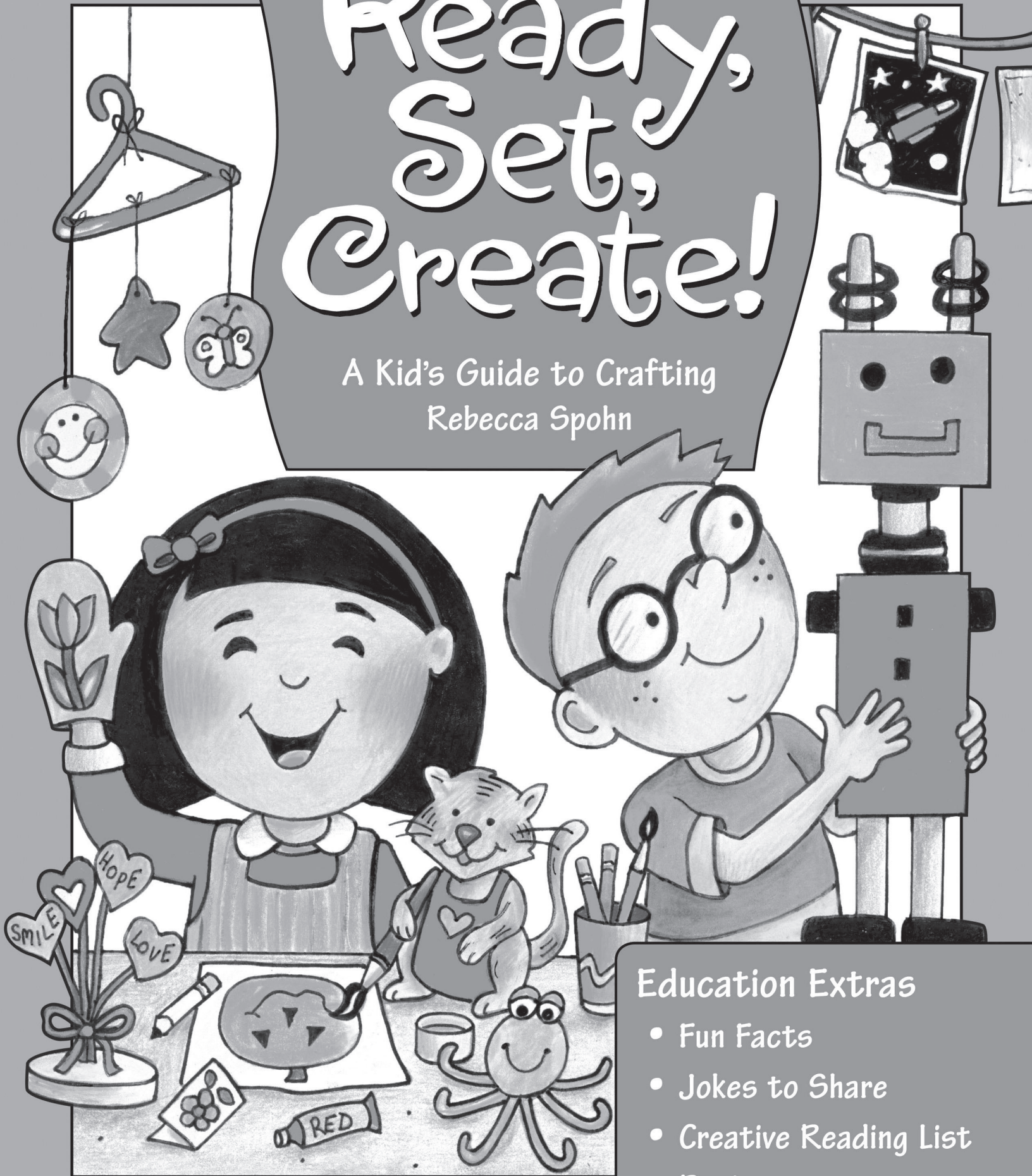
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Ready, Set, Create!

A Kid's Guide to Crafting
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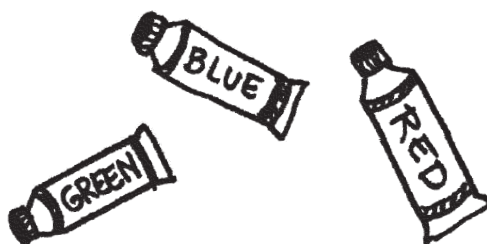
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AN INTRODUCTION FOR KIDS



Would you like to create puppets and put on a play? Build a robot from recycled items? Make a dinosaur valentine mailbox that rocks? Or construct a tiger toss game to play with friends? You CAN!

By following **Ready, Set, Create!**, you will learn how to create all sorts of things out of all sorts of things. Imagine making cool cards, toys, games, gifts, and holiday decorations... even tasty treats from the kitchen!

In this book, you will also discover how to recycle all kinds of containers—big and small—turning them into a variety of fun crafts.

You will be amazed at how easy it is to make a super shark piñata with a toothy grin, or an apple photo frame for your favorite teacher. Or even your own one-of-a-kind wearable art.

For Halloween, make a trio of fun treat bags or a spooktacular spider. Invite your friends over and serve clown face pizzas... **YOU** made yourself.

Ready, Set, Create! is filled with fun things to make and do! Each project offers an opportunity to work with all different art-related materials. From craft foam to felt and from acrylic paints to glittering jewels. Best of all, you will discover a world of imagination, talent, and skills, all within yourself!

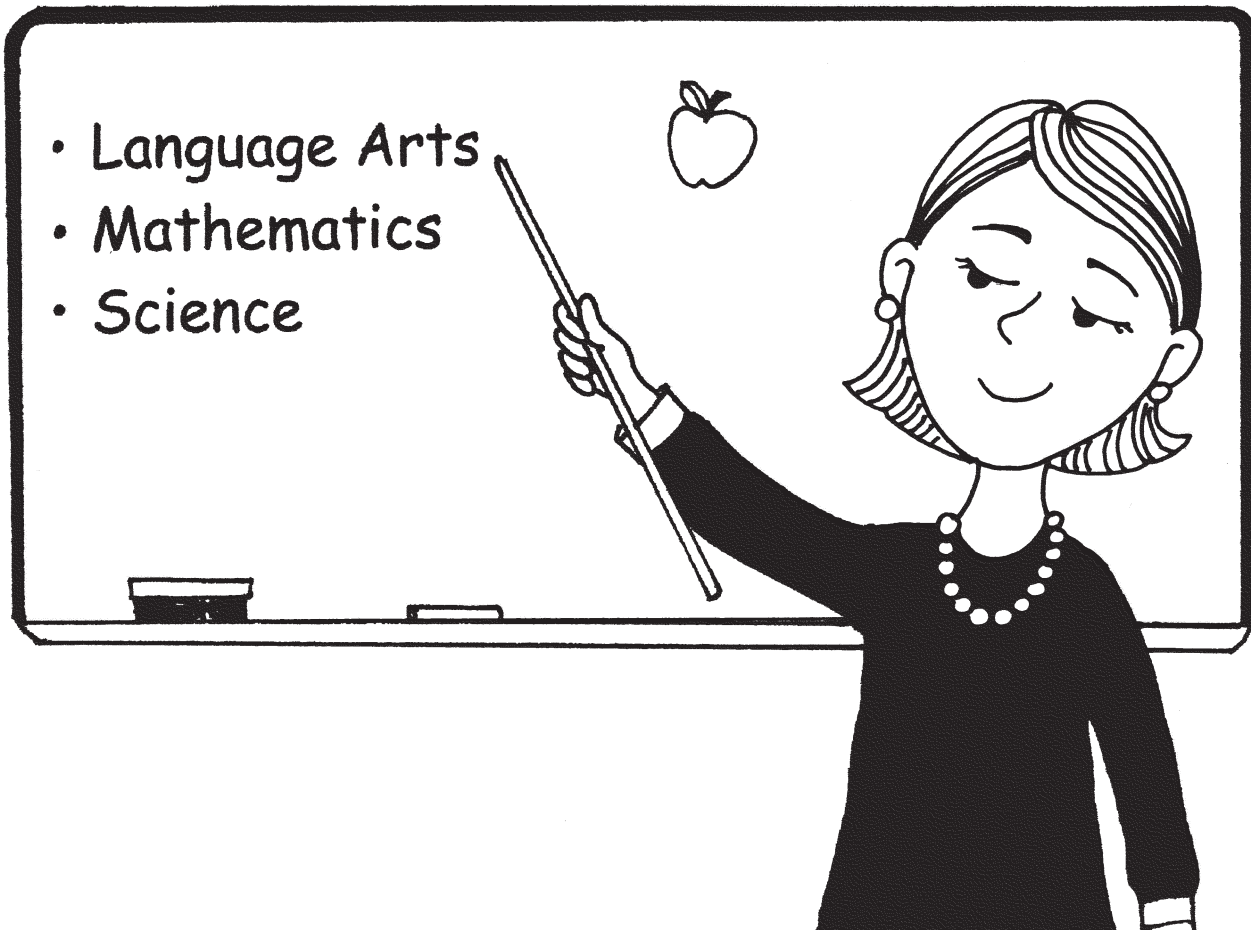
NOTE TO EDUCATORS

Ready, Set, Create! A Kid's Guide to Crafting, introduces children to the joy of arts and crafts, by combining entertainment with education.

Whenever possible, elements from the Basic Common Core State Standards; Language Arts, Mathematics and Science, are included to enhance the art project. This allows children to have fun while learning! From thought-provoking questions, writing exercises, and brain teasers, to an understanding of math exercises and science experiments. The variety of art projects provide not only hours of enjoyment and imaginative play, but a real sense of accomplishment, too!



To quickly and easily find an enhanced educational suggestion, look for the "apple" icon. This symbol lets you know that one or more of the Basic Common Core State Standards is being covered with a particular art project.



Getting Started

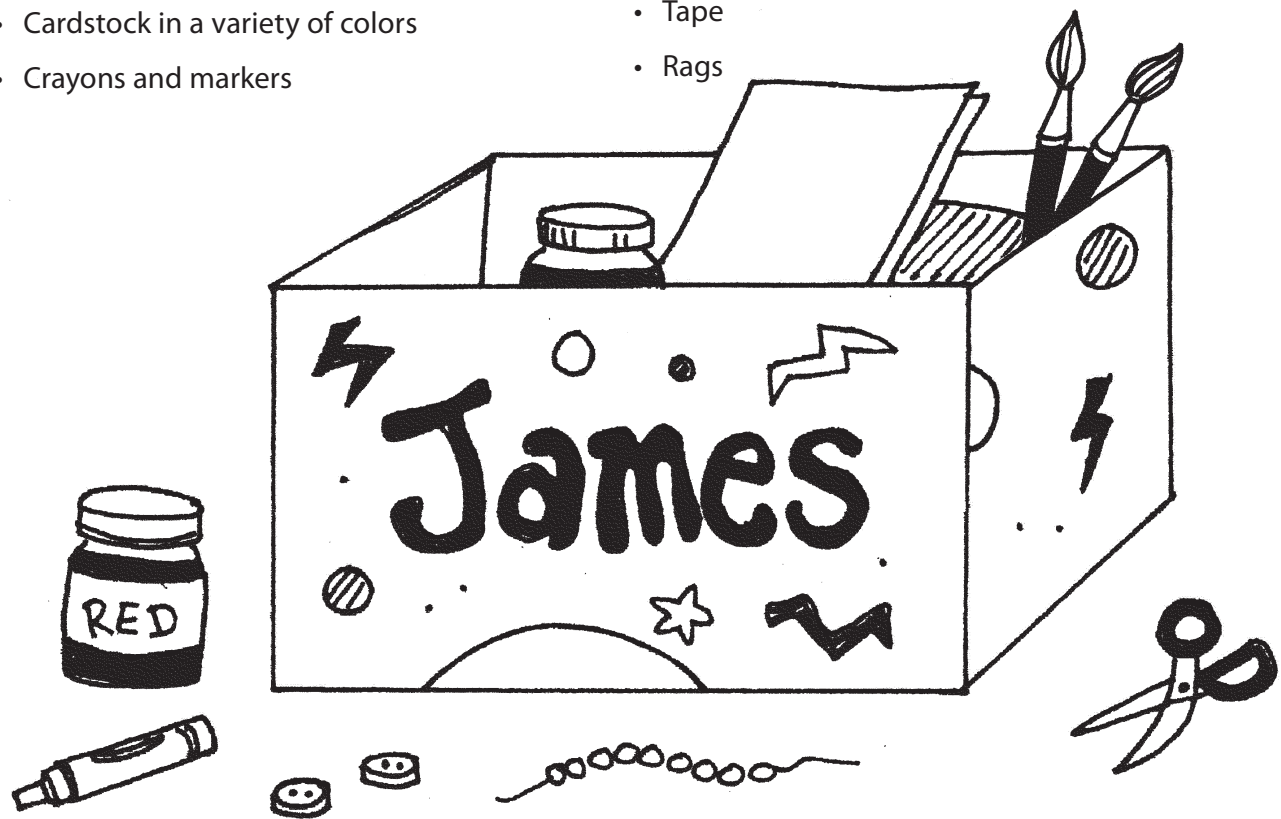
1. Making, building, and constructing can sometimes be messy business. So, it's a good idea to wear old clothes or something that's already ruined. Now you can have fun without the worry.
2. Find a good work area, away from rugs and furniture. It also helps to lay newspaper under your project ... especially when using paints, markers, crayons and glue.
3. For easy cleanup, use sponges, old rags, and paper towels. Remember to put all materials away when you're through for the day.
4. Glue—Remember to spread smoothly and be careful not to use too much. Use a rag to wipe up any extra glue. Always let glue dry completely.



My Art Tool Box

*Depending on what projects you decide to make,
you may need the following:*

- Aileen's® Original Tacky Glue® (Craft glue)
- Scissors
- Craft foam in a variety of colors
- Sewing needle (thick, not too tiny)
- Wire
- Paper fasteners
- Cardstock in a variety of colors
- Crayons and markers
- Buttons and jewels
- Small-tipped paintbrushes
- Construction paper in a variety of colors
- Acrylic paints (I recommend Americana® Deco Art® paints)
- Felt in a variety of colors
- Tape
- Rags



To keep all of your art-related materials in one convenient spot... it's a good idea to make an art container. Simply recycle an old box—One that is big enough to hold all of your things. Fold all flaps inward ... this will strengthen your box. Use empty baby food jars to keep small items, like buttons in. Be sure you clean the jars and lids thoroughly before using. Decorate the outside of your art tool box with paints, crayons or markers. Add your name or a creative design.

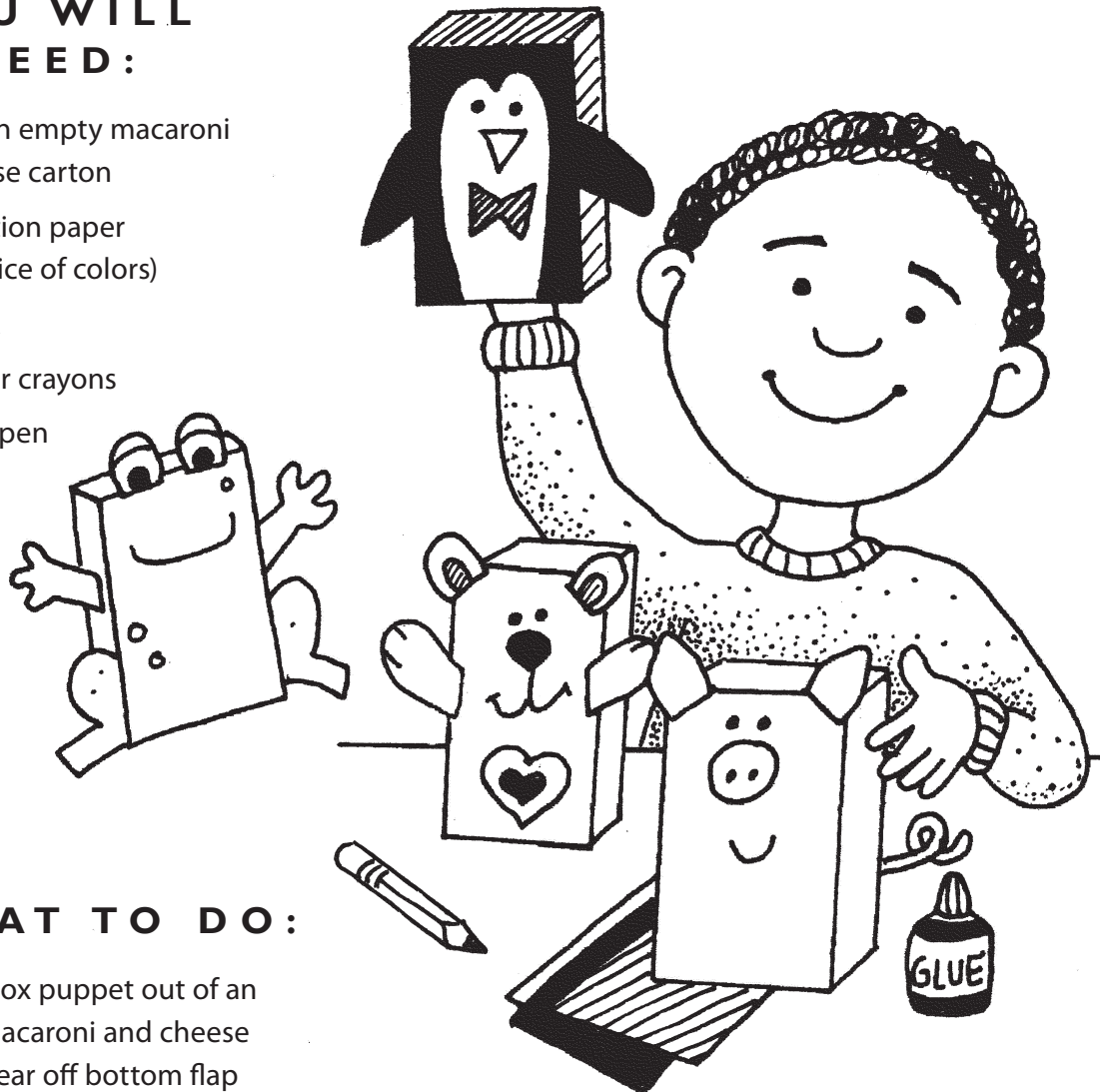
Why
do
penguins
carry fish
in their
beaks?
Because
they
haven't
any
pockets.

"Wild" Box Puppets

No one knows for sure when or where puppetry began, but we do know, it definitely makes storytelling more fun for everyone! In fact, puppets have been illuminating and entertaining audiences for centuries.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Recycle an empty macaroni and cheese carton
- Construction paper (your choice of colors)
- Glue stick
- Markers or crayons
- Black felt pen
- Pencil
- Scissors



WHAT TO DO:

1. Make a box puppet out of an empty macaroni and cheese carton. Tear off bottom flap so your hand can fit inside.
2. Decide what wild creature you want to make. You could create a polar bear, penguin, pig, frog, or lion ... or any animal you can think of. Cover carton with construction paper. Use a color that matches the animal you have chosen.