

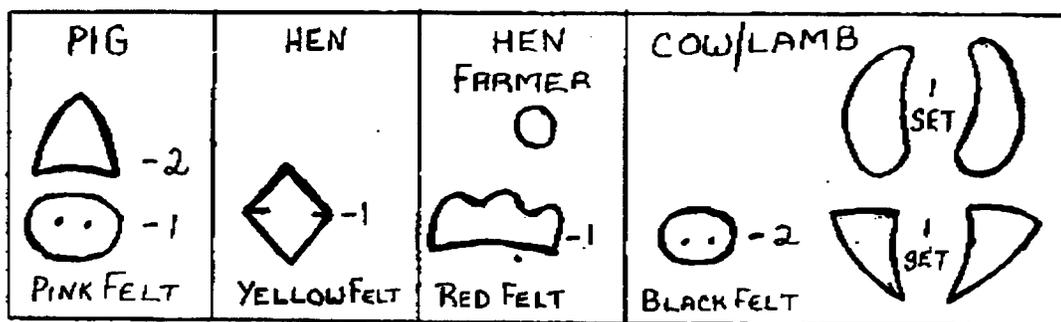
The Little Red Hen Finger Puppet Activity

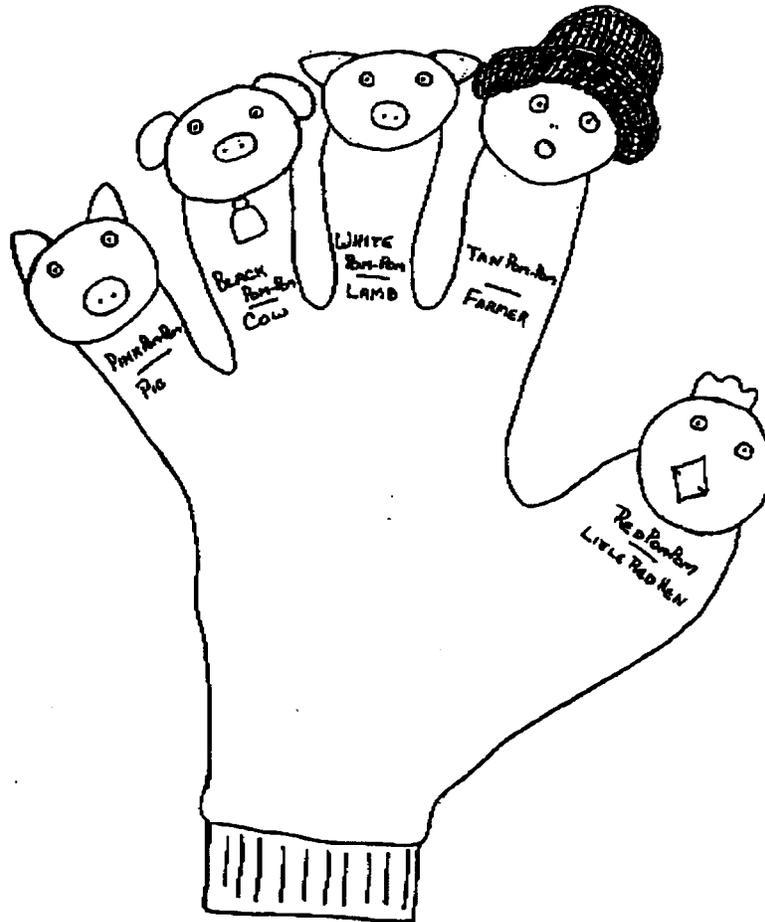
Materials Needed:

- ❖ Solid colored gardening glove
- ❖ Assorted colors of mini pom-poms
- ❖ Assorted colors of felt squares
- ❖ Glue
- ❖ Puppet pattern

Instructions:

1. Glue a red pom-pom onto the thumb of the glove. This is the little red hen puppet.
2. Glue a tan pom-pom onto the pointer finger of the glove. This is the farmer puppet.
3. Glue a white pom-pom onto the middle finger of the glove. This is the lamb puppet.
4. Glue a black pom-pom onto the ring finger of the glove. This is the cow puppet.
5. Glue a pink pom-pom onto the pinky finger of the glove. This is the pig puppet.
6. Use the puppet pattern below to trace onto the felt each item for the appropriate character. Cut out the felt and glue onto the pom-poms.
7. You now have cute finger puppets to use when you read the Little Red Hen play.





Read this play after the class has made the finger puppets.

What Happened?

(Characters: Farmer; Little Red Hen; Cow; Pig; Lamb)

Act One

Farmer: It is early spring. The animals are in the barnyard talking among themselves. In the corner of the barnyard, Little Red Hen discovers some golden grains of wheat.

Little Red Hen: My, my. Look what I have found. Barnyard friends, who will help me plant these wheat seeds?

Cow: Not I. I am too busy.

Pig: Not I. I have to hurry off.

Lamb: Not I. I have just too many things to do.

Little Red Hen: Then I will do it by myself.

Act Two

Farmer: It is fall now. The seeds have grown into wheat. The wheat is ripe and golden.

Little Red Hen: Barnyard friends, the wheat is ready to cut. Who will help me cut the wheat?

Cow: Not I. I need a nap.

Pig: Not I. I am lying in the mud.

Lamb: Not I. I am going for a run in the meadow.

Little Red Hen: Then I will do it myself.

Act Three

Farmer: The wheat kernels are ready to go to the mill to be ground into flour.

Little Red Hen: Who will help me take the grain to the mill?

Cow: Not I. I am eating some grass.

Pig: Not I. I am too tired.

Lamb: Not I. I am playing with my friends.

Little Red Hen: Then I will do it myself.

Act Four

Farmer: Little Red Hen comes back to the farm with the flour. She quickly begins to make bread. The smell of the fresh bread fills the barnyard. All the animals gather around the Little Red Hen.

Little Red Hen: How good my bread smells. Who will help me eat the fresh bread?

Cow: I will. It smells great!

Pig: I will. I am always hungry.

Lamb: I will. What a great snack!

Little Red Hen: Oh, no! You cannot help me eat this bread. I had to plant the wheat and take it to the mill. Then I made the bread all by myself. I did all the work. Now I will eat the bread...ALL BY MYSELF!

Farmer: And she did.