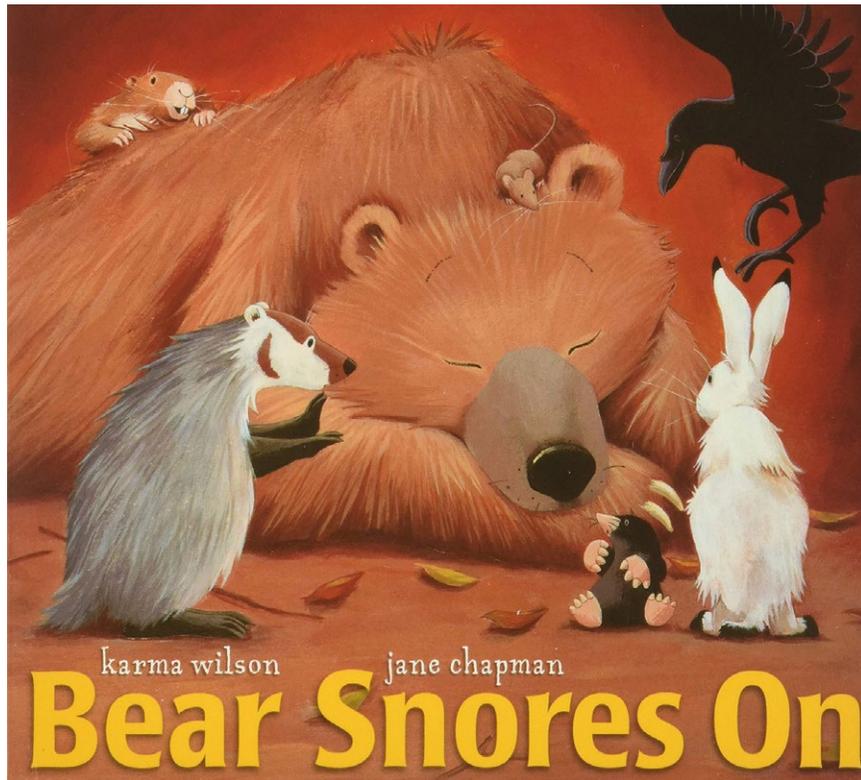


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# ACTIVITY BOOK

Activities to accompany the story



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## Create special moments together when reading stories

To read a book to your child is **to create a moment of connection**. All these moments will weave **a bond of attachment** between a child and books. This bond of attachment will facilitate learning to read later on. Children will associate these **special moments together** with the pleasure of reading. Thus, even before knowing how to read, a child will learn about the joy contained in this mysterious and captivating object filled with letters and words, but above all- great stories and adventures which will amaze them and help them grow.

This activity book is for you and your child. It is designed to prolong **the joy of being together** around a storybook. The goal is to combine the love of books with **the simple pleasures of life**. Have fun with the proposed activities. Bring them to life! **Cut out**, **color**, and **photocopy** if you have several children.

This activity book was created by a mother who loves to offer many kinds of activities to not only her own children, but to all children. She has frequently told herself that all too often we stop ourselves from going further after reading a book because of a lack of time, ideas or materials and equipment. This is why this activity book was created.

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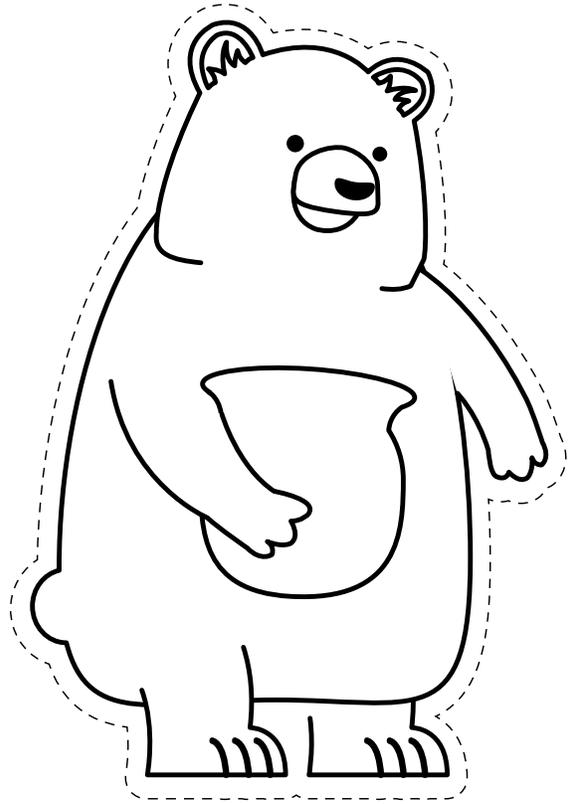
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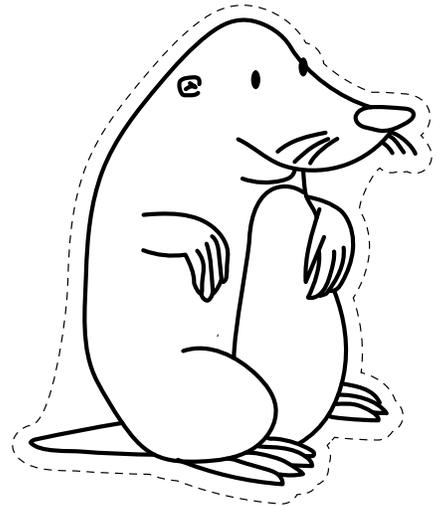
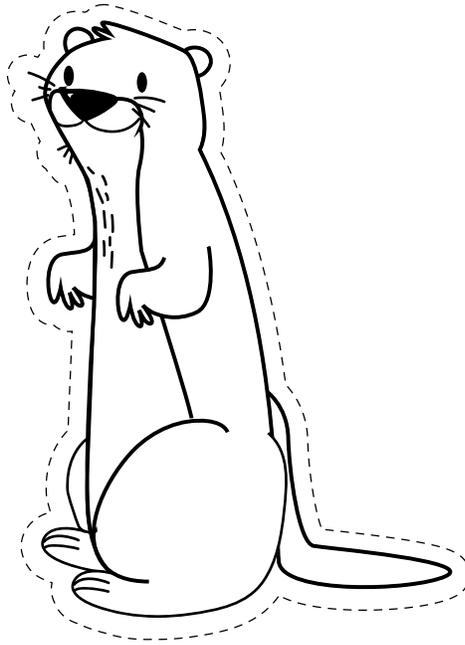
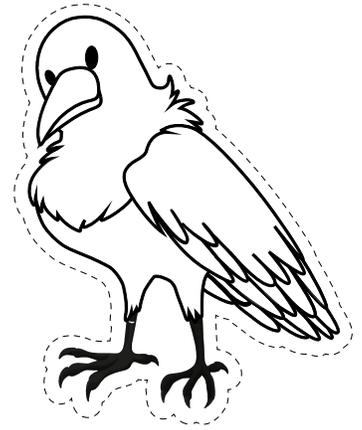
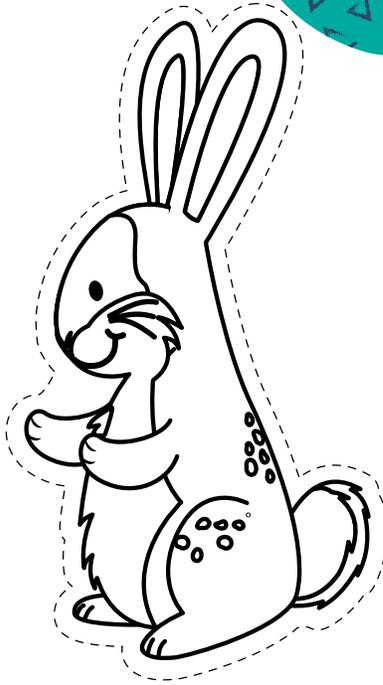
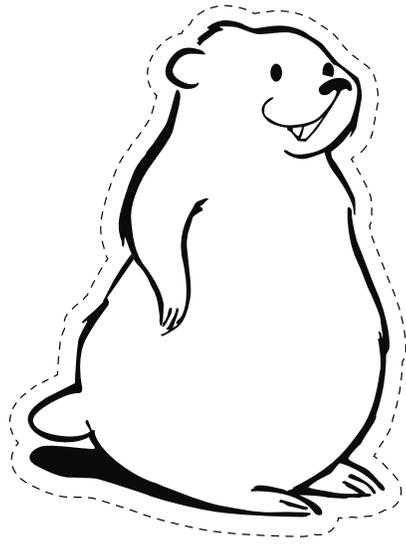
Draw, cut out and glue the pictures of the storybook animals on a stick.

Then you can tell the story of the book *Bear Snores On*, in your own way.



- Use the puppets for the other activities suggested in this activity book.
- Help the child name the animals in the story.
- Get the child to talk about their friends, the people who are important to them in their life.





# BUILD A CAVE FOR YOUR ANIMALS

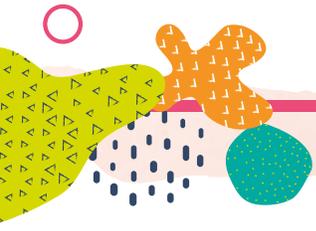


Photo: Recycled Hibernating Bear Craft! (And our favorite Bear books!) | Pink Stripecy Socks

## Material:

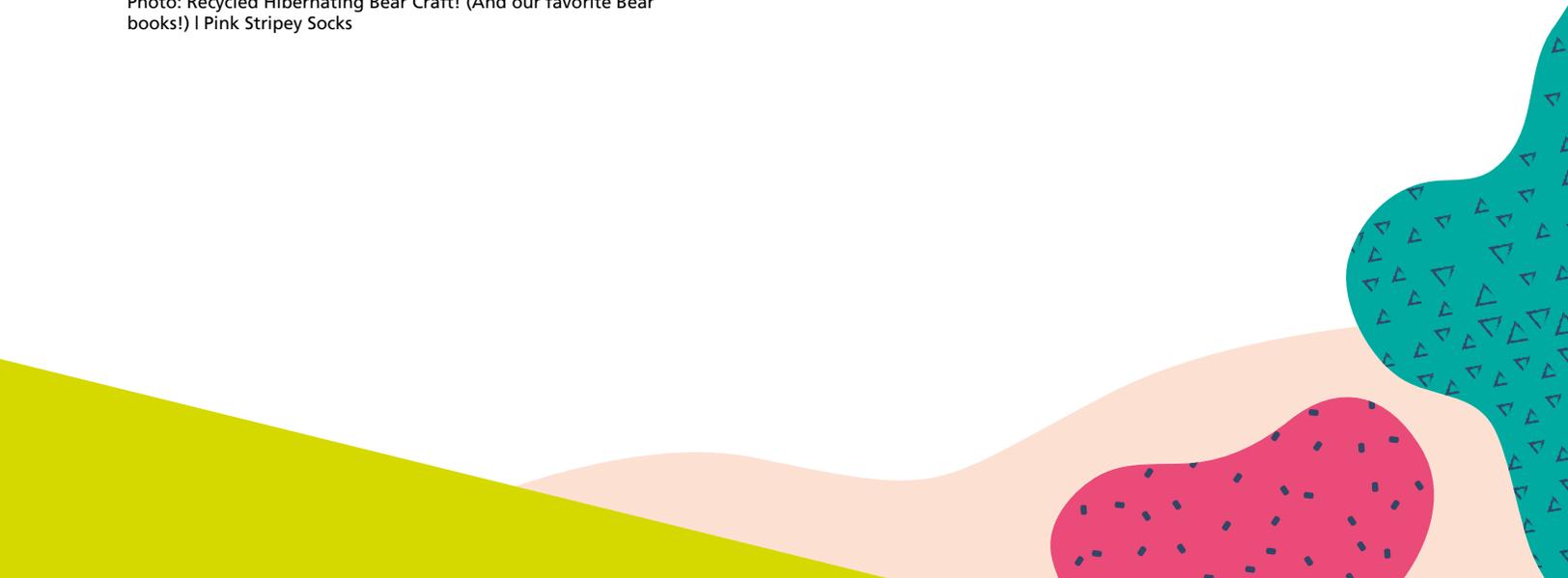
Large paper grocery bag  
Stapler  
Colouring pencils  
Scissors  
Glue

## Instructions:

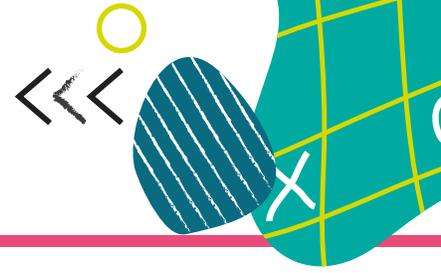
Place the bag upright with the opening facing up. Staple shut the opening of the bag. Cut an opening in the shape of a half-circle in the bottom of the bag. Here is your cave!

Now you can decorate it by drawing trees or whatever you want on it. You can also stick natural elements on it like leaves, branches, moss or lichen, so that your cave is well camouflaged in the forest.

Psst! If you don't have a paper bag, you can also use a cardboard box.



# THE SERENITY CORNER, JUST FOR YOU!

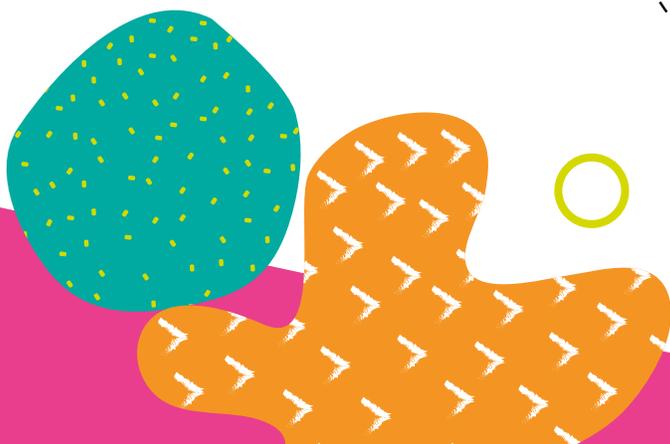
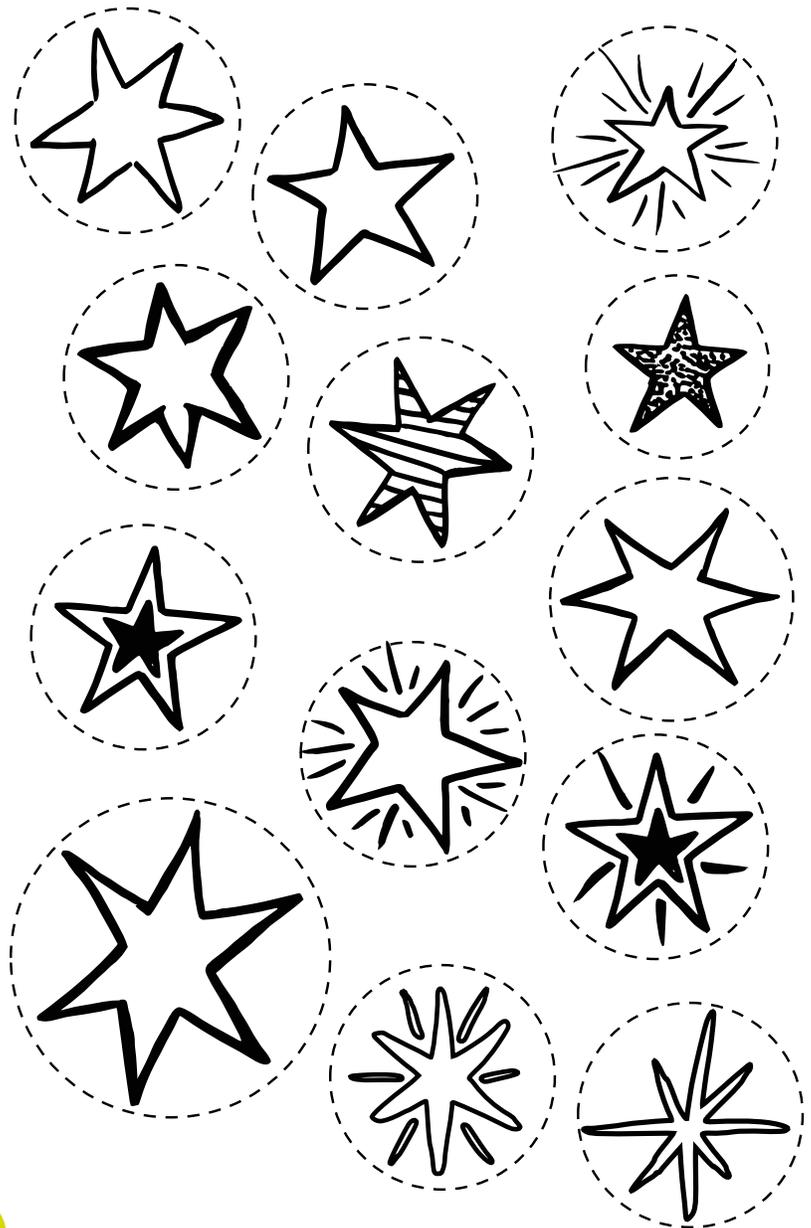


Sometimes we feel like a bear! We would like to have a cave to go to, to be able to rest, away from others. A relaxing place to calm down, to read, or play quiet little games.

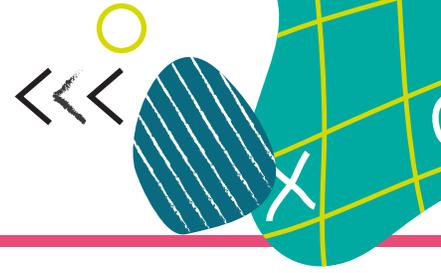
## Create your corner

Look around your house for a place that could serve as a cave, a little cozy spot. It could be an unused closet, a corner in a room, underneath a table or any other place that you could decorate to your liking. With small objects, pictures you love, cushions, beautiful fabrics hung on the wall or on a table to make a small hut. You can add books that you like, small games like puzzles, etc.

Draw and cut out these pictures to decorate your cozy little corner.



# TRACING



Tracing letters in flour is a fun activity for kids. Children learn with their senses. They like to look, hear, handle, touch, and smell. The more their senses are stimulated, the more pleasure they will take from it, and the easier they will integrate it in their learning.

Here is a fun and educational game at the same time.

Pour flour into a shallow dish to cover the bottom about an inch thick. Show the cards with the first letter of the name of each animal in the storybook and have the child trace the letter with their finger in the flour. If necessary, show the child how to trace the letter. You can practice in the air with your finger beforehand. We start to practice with the letter of their name of course!

**B** LIKE BEAR

**B** LIKE BADGER

**M** LIKE MOLE

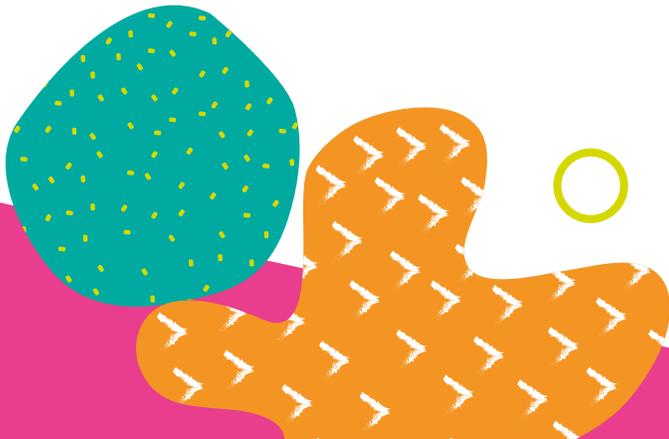
**G** LIKE GOPHER

**M** LIKE MOUSE

**W** LIKE WREN

**H** LIKE HARE

**R** LIKE RAVEN



# SENSORY ACTIVITIES

Young children love to play in sensory bins. A sensory bin is a tray or a large dish filled with a material of your choice: either paper balls, water, flour, macaroni, rice, sand, dried beans, snow, ice, etc.

## ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED

- Glue the words of the sounds and actions from the story found on the following page, onto a piece of cardboard (for example: an empty cereal box) and cut them out individually.
- Fill a bin with a material of your choice (as long as it is a dry material).
- Hide the pieces of cardboard (with the word) in the bin.

The child has fun finding the cardboard pieces and with each sound or action he/she finds, he/she imitates them.

- The child can also be asked to classify the sounds and actions with the animal that they belong to, in the story (using the pictures of the animals at the beginning of the notebook).



# STORYBOOK SOUNDS AND ACTIONS

WORDS TO GLUE TO CARBOARD AND HIDE IN THE SENSORY BIN:

RUMBLE

CHEW

SLURP

CHITTER

CHOMP

BURP

CHAT

CRUNCH

STOMP

TITTER

ROOR

GRWOL

GRUMBLE

GULP

GOBBLE

# POPCORN TESTING ACTIVITY

Organize a popcorn tasting. It's easy, you just have to make plain popcorn (without butter) or buy some. Then you imagine flavors that you could add to your corn. Divide the popcorn into several small bowls (depending on the number of your ideas) and add the flavors you want.

You can then ask the adult helping you to make small labels to identify the flavors and place them in front of the bowls.



You can also hide the labels and have someone taste the corn who hasn't helped you guess the flavors and then place the labels to give them the answers.

Some ideas for you:



## FIR POPCORN



## MAPLE SYRUP POPCORN



## LEMON POPCORN



## CHOCOLATE POPCORN

