



Flannel Story Box & 5 Little Pumpkins

Episode 11

Introduction

Flannels are a fun and versatile way to enhance your child's early literacy skills. You can help your child practice counting and the alphabet, recognize shapes and colors, and boost their narrative skills by creating stories.

So much can be done with this simple craft. Read on for instructions on how to create a fun fall flannel and a flannel box to take your flannel creations on the go!

Supplies

- Small box with lid (a small, clean pizza box works great for this craft)
- Felt pieces
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pumpkin templates (optional)

Instructions - Flannel Box

1. Measure and cut a felt piece to go on top of the inside of your box lid
2. Glue the felt piece to the inside of the lid: Voila! You have a stage for your flannel pieces. And you can use the box below for storage.



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1. Trace 5 pumpkin shapes using the template on the next page or you can freehand your own pumpkins.
2. Cut out the shapes.
3. "Carve" faces for your pumpkins by cutting out different mouths and eyes from the black felt: You can also draw faces on your pumpkin with a black marker.
4. Glue the faces onto the pumpkins.

How to Use Your Flannel With Your Flannel Box

The rhyme for the 5 Little Pumpkins flannel is after the pumpkin template below. Say the rhyme with your child to help them practice counting. As each pumpkin goes away, place them in the box, so you can easily retrieve them at the end. They can even boost their narrative skills by creating a fall story with the pumpkin pieces. When you are done, place your pieces and rhyme together in a Ziploc bag to keep things organized for when you make more flannels! Go back to our first episode of Library Make to learn how to make the flannel Green Square, Green Square—a flannel to help boost color and shape recognition.



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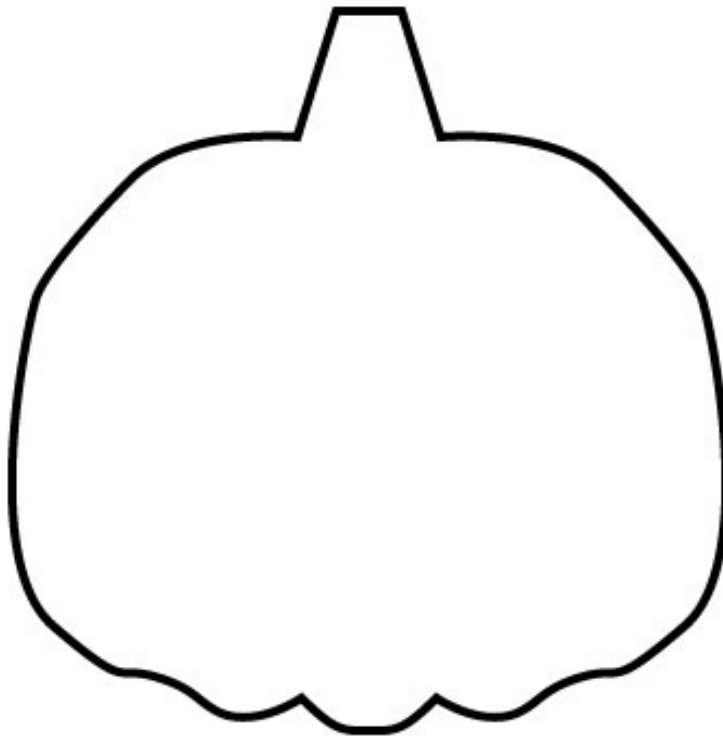
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PUMPKIN TEMPLATE





Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting near the door
One rolled away and now there are
FOUR

Four little pumpkins lined up near our tree
One wandered off and now there are
THREE

Three little pumpkins wondering what to do
One got picked and now there are
TWO

Two little pumpkins having so much fun
One got too sleepy and now there is just
ONE

One lonely pumpkin called out to her friends
They all came back one by one, all together again!