

Nursery Rhyme Collage



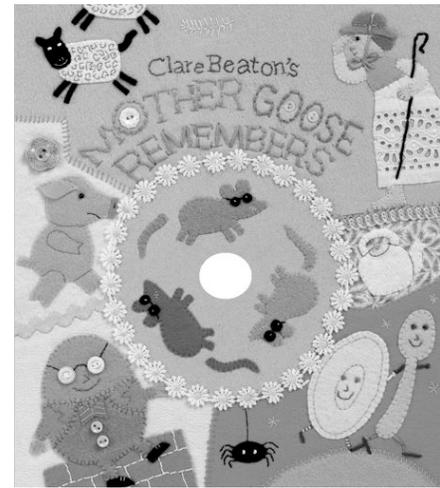
A Barefoot Activity

For kids ages 4 - 7

Using Clare Beaton's fabric art as inspiration, create your very own patchwork collage based on the nursery rhymes in *Mother Goose Remembers!*

Let's Begin

- ◆ Read aloud several of the poems and rhymes in *Mother Goose Remembers*. Let the children look through the book themselves so they can see the type of art they'll be creating for this activity. Point out the details, like beads, buttons and intricate needlework that Clare Beaton used to create the artwork.
- ◆ Have the children collect pieces of fabric, felt, ribbons and lace for the background of the collage. Give each child a large piece of cardstock or construction paper to which they will glue their fabric pieces. The children should cut their collected materials into different shapes to form a patchwork. Each piece will then be glued onto the large piece of paper. Eventually, the fabric pieces should come together to cover all of the paper beneath.
- ◆ Now it's time to create characters! On pieces of felt, help the kids draw outlines for characters from the nursery rhyme or rhymes they would like to depict. Once the characters are cut out, the kids can draw features on them and decorate them with collage bits. Remind the kids to look through *Mother Goose Remembers* for ideas.
- ◆ The next step is to glue the figures all over the patchwork. Let the kids decorate their collages with collage bits, sequins, beads and buttons.
- ◆ Next, help the kids edge their patchwork quilts in plain colored paper strips. On the strips, help them write the names of the nursery rhymes in their collage.
- ◆ To create a larger patchwork, gather together all the individual patchworks and hang them on a wall!



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Materials

- Cardstock or construction paper
- Felt
- Pieces of patterned material
- Sequins, buttons & beads
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pens

