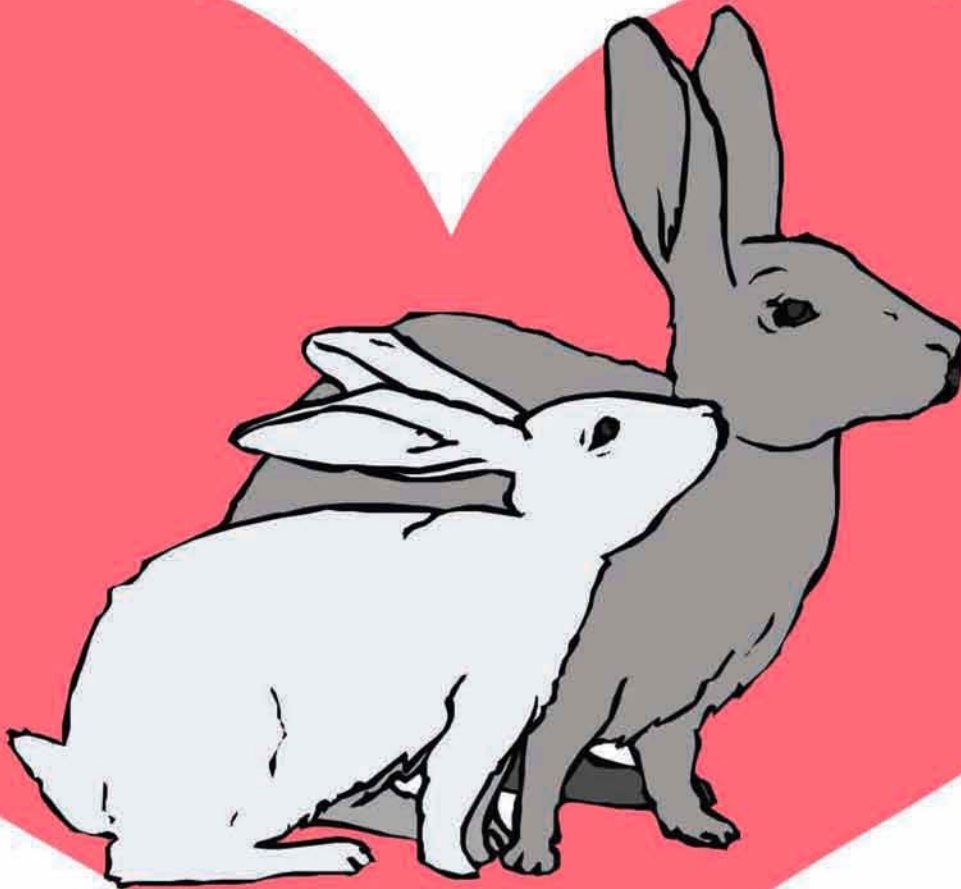


The Runaway Bunny

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WELCOME

The following pages contain several activities designed to enhance your *Before Five in a Row* learning experience. Each *Before Five in a Row* Fold-and-Learn will contain the following elements:

Songs, Rhymes and Fingerplays

Songs, rhymes and fingerplays are fun for preschool children and for that reason alone they are extremely valuable! In addition to being fun, such activities are the earliest building blocks of literacy. As you enjoy these activities with your child he or she develops auditory skills and memory, learns to recognize rhyme and rhythm patterns, as well as working on hand/eye coordination. When appropriate, we hope to include a song, rhyme or fingerplay with each *Before Five in a Row* title for you to learn along with your child.

Learning Games

For the preschool age child, learning and exploration are ongoing! Setting aside a few short periods of focused play each day are a wonderful way to connect with your child and provide a predictable rhythm to your days at home. Games provide opportunities to introduce colors, numbers and letter recognition as well as social skills such as turn taking and self-control.

Arts & Crafts

Art is a wonderful way for preschoolers to explore colors and textures. So many skills emerge during artistic pursuits...we can't stress this point enough...art should be a part of every preschoolers day!

It's a Great Big World

The Animal Classification Game is such a fun part of *Before Five in a Row*! We hope to include real photographs of the animals mentioned in the stories. Print these cards on cardstock and help your child begin a collection. Such activities will encourage your child to begin recognizing familiar people, places and objects in the stories you share together.

If you'd like, store your Fold and Learn in a pocket folder or you can attach an envelope or Ziploc bag to a file folder to store your game pieces. Use the title page to create a cover so you can find it easily. Whatever you decide to do, enjoy your *Before Five in a Row* Fold and Learn!

Blessings...from our family to yours!

FINGERPLAYS & POEMS

The Little Bunny*

*The words to this action song are in bold type, the corresponding movements are in italicized parentheses below. Have fun!

A fat little bunny with ears so tall,

[put your hands behind your head like ears]

And two little eyes just this small,

[point to your eyes]

went hopping along to get some lunch

[hop like a bunny]

when he found an orange carrot...crunch, crunch, crunch!

[pretend to eat a carrot]

While he was eating and having such fun,

CRASH went a noise and he started to RUN!

[clap on the word "crash" and then run in place]

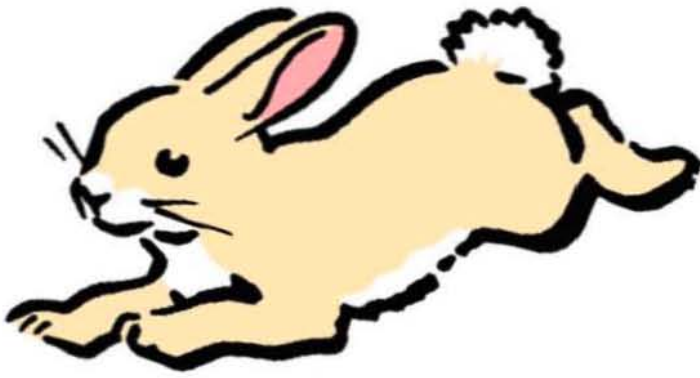
All you could see when he went racing by

[put hand above eyes as if to look into the distance]

was his powder-puff tail waving goodbye!

[wiggle your "tail" to wave goodbye]





Bb

B is for Bunny



Use the pictures provided here to begin creating an ABC book with your child. Have a "letter B scavenger hunt" utilizing junk mail or old magazines. Let your child paste the picture down and then write the word for the picture underneath. Create your pages in a random order and then add them to a 3-ring binder or notebook. Together you will create a fun and educational project your preschooler will feel proud to share and you will treasure in the years to come.

***Try these yummy muffins for a mid-morning snack with your bunny. ☺**

CARROT OATMEAL MUFFINS

INGREDIENTS

- *1 cup all-purpose flour
- * 1 cup whole wheat flour
- * 2 teaspoons baking soda
- * 1 teaspoon baking powder
- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- * 3/4 cup white sugar*
- * 3/4 cup brown sugar*
- * 1 cup canola oil*
- * 3 eggs, beaten
- * 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- * 1/2 cup uncooked rolled oats
- * 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- * 1/2 cup raisins
- * 2 cups shredded carrots
- * 1 (8 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained with juice reserved
- * 1/4 cup softened cream cheese

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease muffin tins.
2. In a large bowl, mix the all-purpose flour, wheat flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon. Make a well in the center of the mixture, and add white sugar, brown sugar, canola oil, eggs, and vanilla. Mix just until evenly moist. Fold in the oats, coconut, raisins, carrots, and pineapple.
3. In a bowl, blend the reserved pineapple juice and cream cheese. Fill each muffin cup about 1/2 full with the muffin batter, reserving about 1/3 of the batter. Spoon approximately 1 teaspoon of the cream cheese mixture into the muffin cups. Top with remaining batter, so that each muffin cup is about 2/3 full.
4. Bake 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until a knife inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean.

NOTE: We have made this recipe a little lower in fat and sugar by replacing the cup of oil with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup applesauce and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of oil and reducing each of the sugars to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each. The results are equally delicious.



RABBIT

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Class: Mammalia
Order: Lagomorpha
Family: Leporidae

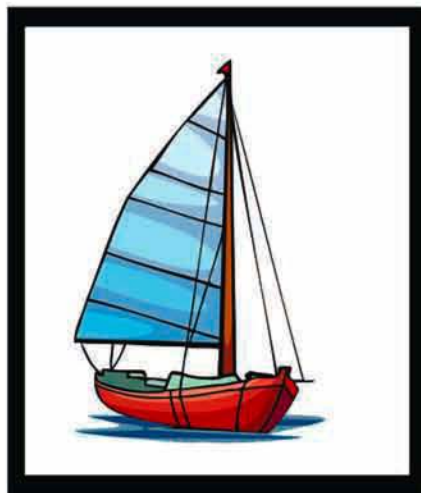
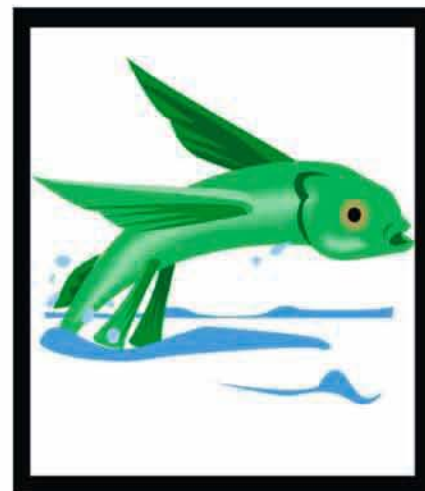
Helpful Hint:

If you need a few minutes to get a meal or a load of laundry started, here's how to teach a color lesson at the same time!

Give your preschooler a colored food item such as fruit flavored cereal or fruit snacks and ask him to sort them into a muffin tin or paper cups and then enjoy a snack together! [Tip: You can place a piece of colored paper in the bottom of the cups or tins if you want to practice learning to follow directions.]



[Use these cards to play the matching game based on the story Jane suggests on page 43 of the manual.]





Here are the matches:

Trapeze Artists/Trapeze

Fisherman/Fish

Tightrope walker/Tightrope

Tree/Bird

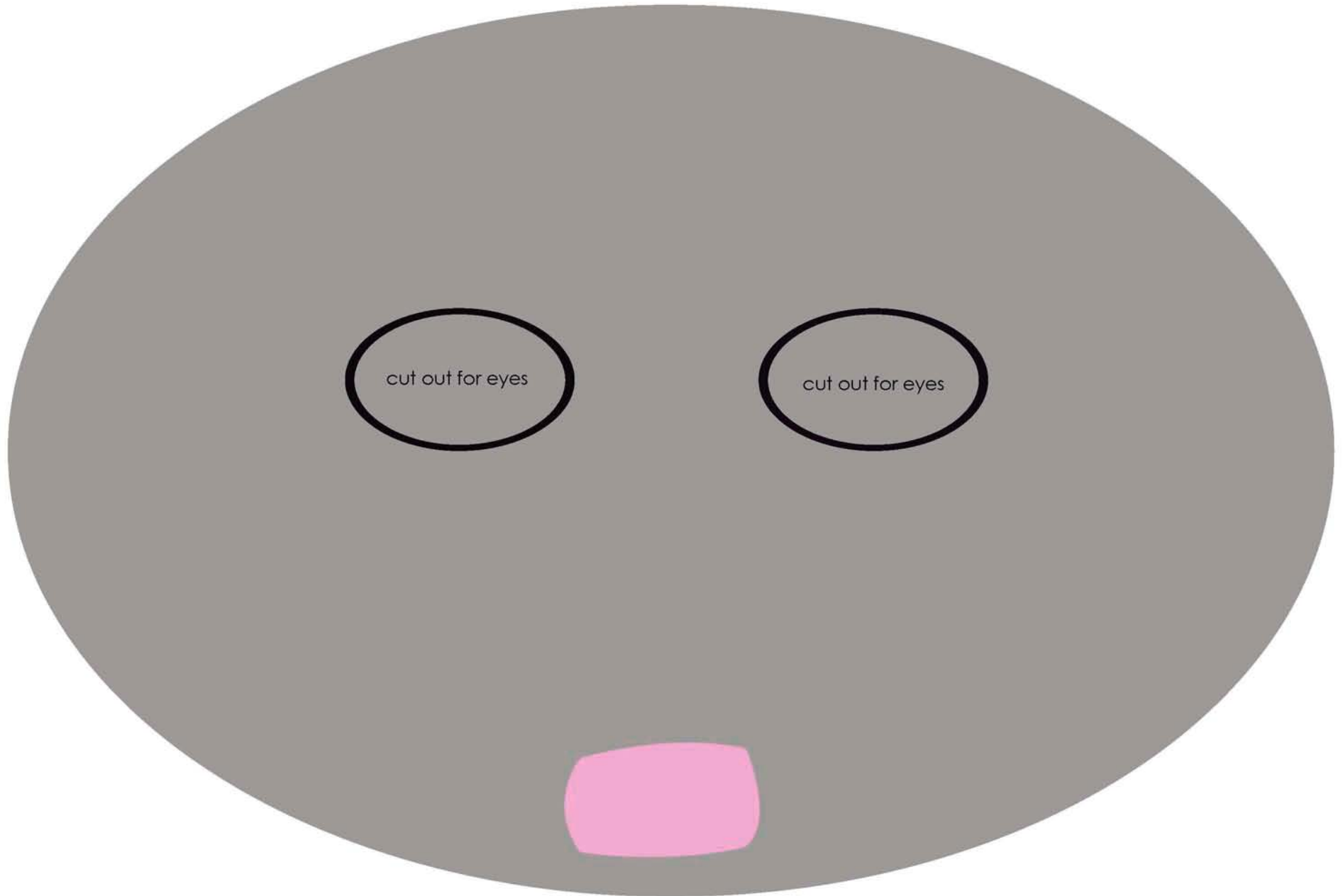
Wind/Sailboat

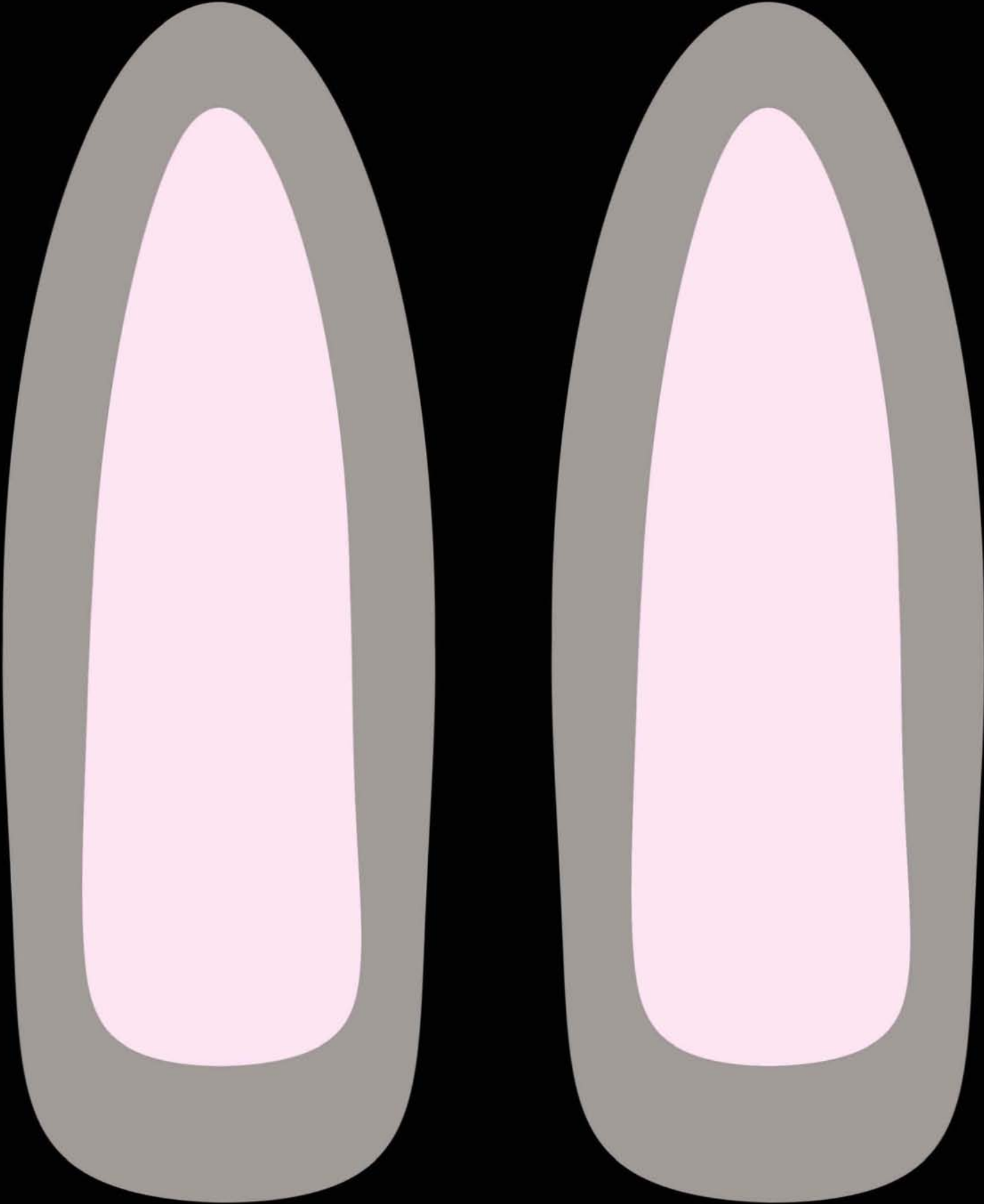
Crocus/Gardener

Mother/Boy

Rock on Mountain/Mountain Climber

Cut out the bunny face on this page and attach the ears [on the following page] on top. Punch holes on either side of the face and lace through elastic or ribbon to tie on. Staple or glue pipe cleaners or yarn on either side of the pink nose for whiskers. You can use pipe cleaners on the back of the ears to make them stand up or bend...just staple or tape them to the back.





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