

Story Time Kit #1: SPRING

Books

- *Daisy and the Egg* by Jane Simmons (Ages 3-5)
- *The Golden Egg Book* by Margaret Wise Brown (Ages 3-5)
- *Spring* by Ailie Busby (Ages 2-3)
- *And Then It's Spring* by Julie Fogliano (Ages 3-5)
- *Spring Is Here* by Will Hillenbrand (Ages 2-5)
- *Hurray for Spring!* by Patricia Hubbell (Ages 3-5)
- *Mouse's First Spring* by Lauren Thompson (Ages 3-5)
- *What Does Bunny See?* by Linda Sue Park (Ages 2-5)

Activities

- Felt Board Egg & Flower Matching
- Song: Little Ducks Song
- Action Rhyme: The Rain is Falling Down
- Craft: Birds Nest
- Craft: Chick Hatching Egg Carton
- Craft: Cloud Wind Puppet

Additional book suggestions

- *Who Likes Rain?* by Wong Herbert Yee
- *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle
- *Flip, Flap, Fly* by Phyllis Root
- *Dimity Duck* by Jane Yolen
- *Bumblebee, Bumblebee, Do You Know Me?* by Anne Rockwell
- *Little White Rabbit* by Kevin Henkes
- *Split! Splat!* by Amy Gibson
- *Duck and Hippo in the Rainstorm* by Jonathan London

Felt Board Matching

- Mix the eggs or flowers up on the felt board.
- Ask the children to put together the shapes that have matching colors.
- Another option is to put one set of flowers and one set of eggs on the board.

Little Ducks Song

Original Author Unknown

Sung to the tune of "London Bridge"

Little ducks go quack, quack, quack

Quack, quack, quack,

Quack, quack, quack!

Little ducks go quack quack quack

In the springtime.

Rain is Falling Down

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Rain is falling down.

(Wiggle fingers on hands as you move them downward.)

Splash!

(Slap both thighs.)

Rain is falling down.

(Wiggle fingers on hands as you move them downward.)

Splash!

(Slap both thighs.)

Pitter, patter, pitter, patter.

(Alternatingly slap both thighs).

Rain is falling down.

(Wiggle fingers on hands as you move them downward.)

Splash!

(Slap both thighs.)

Sun is peeking out. Peek!

Sun is peeking out. Peek!

Peeking here, peeking there.

Sun is peeking out. Peek!

(In each line, cover face with hands and uncover, like peek-a-boo.)

A video demonstration of this rhyme can be found at
<https://www.storyblocks.org/project/rain-is-falling-down/>

Bird Nest Craft

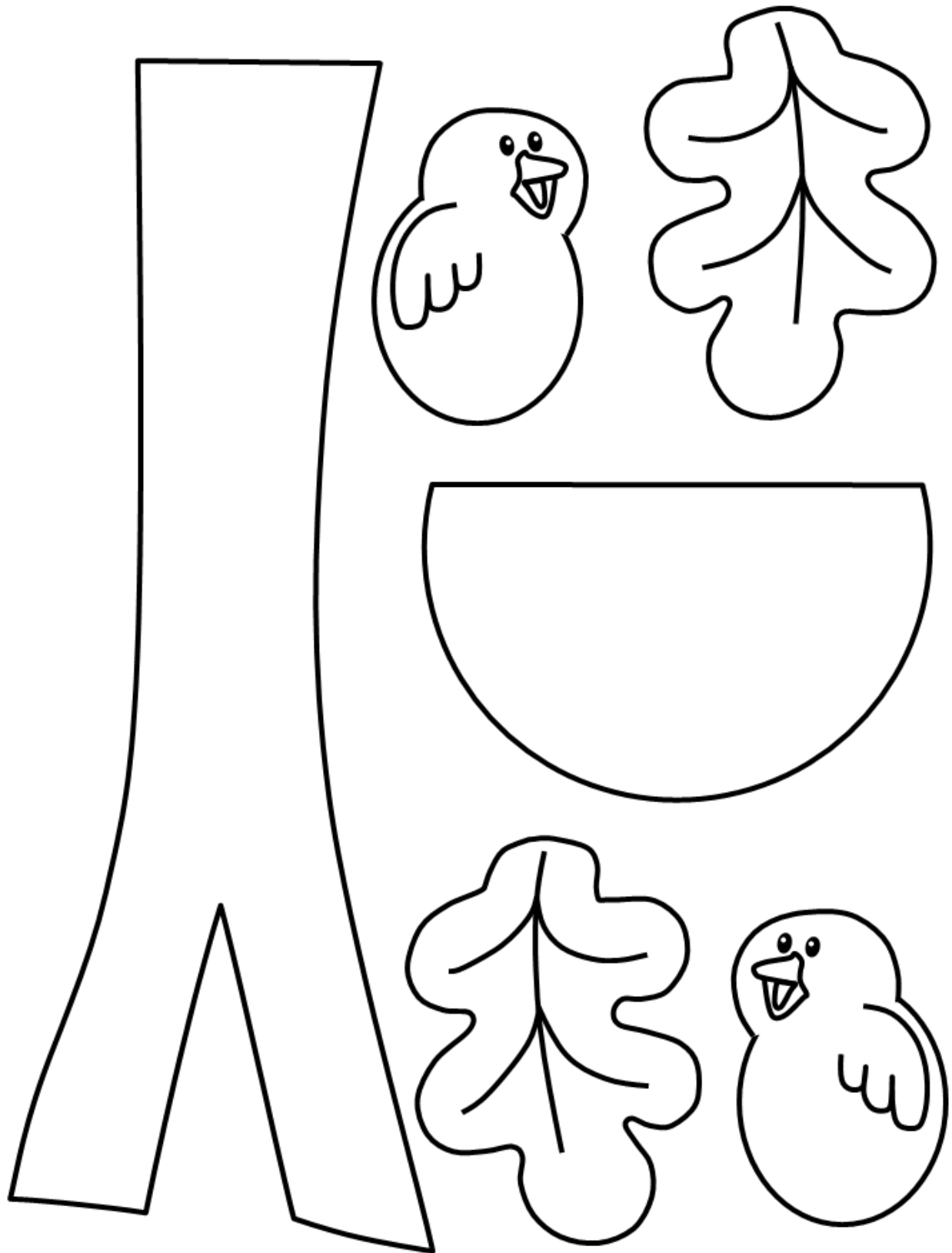
Materials:

- printer
- paper
- scissors
- glue
- crayons or markers
- Optional: scraps of "nest colored" wool (browns, yellows, greys, blacks)
- Optional: blue construction paper for a background

Instructions:

- Print out the template.
- Color the template pieces.
- Cut out the template pieces. Most of the pieces are very easy to cut out (the leaves are the most challenging) so this makes a great scissor skills activity for kindergarten or early grade school children.
- Glue the bird nest on a branch together; optionally, you can glue all the pieces onto a blue construction paper background.
- Glue the nest behind the branch (so the branch sits over top of the nest)
- Glue the baby birds into the nest (so the nest sits over top of the birds)
- Glue the leaves onto the branch
- Optional: Snip small pieces of nest colored wool (colors like brown, grey, black and gold) and glue them onto the paper nest.

Build a Bird Nest Template



Chick Hatching Egg Carton Craft

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

We used cotton balls to make this cute little chick, but you could substitute pom-poms.

Materials:

- two cotton balls
- egg carton cup
- orange construction paper scrap
- two small wiggly eyes
- glue
- a tiny bit of yellow tempera paint or food color drops
- ziploc or other plastic bag

Instructions:

- The night before making the craft, put a bit of yellow tempera paint or yellow food color in a plastic bag. Add a bit of water. Don't use too much paint or your cotton balls will be crusty. Just a wee bit will do.
- Add as many cotton balls as you'll be using (if you're making more than one chick) and smush gently until they soak up the yellow.
- Dump them out onto a piece of wax paper or Aluminum foil (or into an empty margarine container) to dry overnight.
- Cut the egg carton cup out of the egg carton.
- Trim small rectangles out around the edge so it looks like a cracked egg shell.
- Dab a bit of glue into the bottom of the egg carton and insert one of the cotton balls for the chick body.
- Dab a bit of glue and put the second cotton ball on top of the first.
- Fold the construction paper in half and cut a triangle along the fold (so it looks like a diamond when unfolded). Glue this beak onto the chick.
- Glue the wiggly eyes onto the chick.

Cloud Wind Puppet Craft

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

Materials:

- paper
- scissors
- glue or stapler
- white ribbon
- scrap paper
- markers or crayons (optional)

Instructions:

- Fold a white piece of paper in half and cut out a cloud shape. (Or you can print the cloud template on the next page, fold it in half and cut it out).
- Staple 3 sides of the cloud together and leave the 4th side open like a pocket.
- Hole punch a few holes in one end and tie some white ribbon into the holes to hang out like streamers.
- Once the ribbons are tied and knotted, use shredded scrap paper to stuff the cloud.
- Once the cloud is stuffed, staple or glue the last side together.

Cloud Wind Puppet Template

