Making Puppets for Hank and Coyote's Race

This art craft originated from a craft idea featured in the magazine, *Family Fun*, a great resource for parents and teachers. The name of this featured activity was *Runners Up*. Instructions for making the tortoise and the hare puppets for the fable, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, were given. After making the puppets, two children were able to race these two characters.

I used this art craft idea and created the puppets for my story, *The Head in the Clouds Duckling*. The puppets are the characters, Hank and Coyote. These characters will be racing to the finish line.

These are the materials needed to make the puppets as given in the featured article:

- Ablack thin markerorthickblackinkpen(crayonsareoptional)
- Two paper plates
- Scissors
- A plastic drinking straw
- A stapler
- String (cut into four 4-foot length pieces)
- Four beads that are wider than theopen end of the straw

I created a template for these puppets. These are the steps to make the puppets: ● Use my templates or draw yourownHankand Coyoteon separatepaper plates. ● Use a black ink pen or thin markertogo over the sketch of the characters. Coloring them

- is optional.
- Cut out the drawings.
- Cut four 1-inch pieces off the plastic straw (2 straw pieces for each puppet).
- Roll the edge of the plate next to the tips of each of Hank's wings and staple in place. Make sure the straw piece can slide through the rolled edge.
- Roll the edge of the plate next to Coyote's forelegs and staple the rolled edges.
- Slide the straw pieces through the rolled edges.
- Tie a bead to the end of each string. Thread the end of the string through the bead and make two knots to secure the bead at the end of the string.
- Thread the strings through the straw pieces. The beads will sit on the bottom of the rolled straw pieces.
- Tie the strings of the puppets to a laundry rack, cupboard knobs or handles.

These are the instructions to race Hank and Coyote:

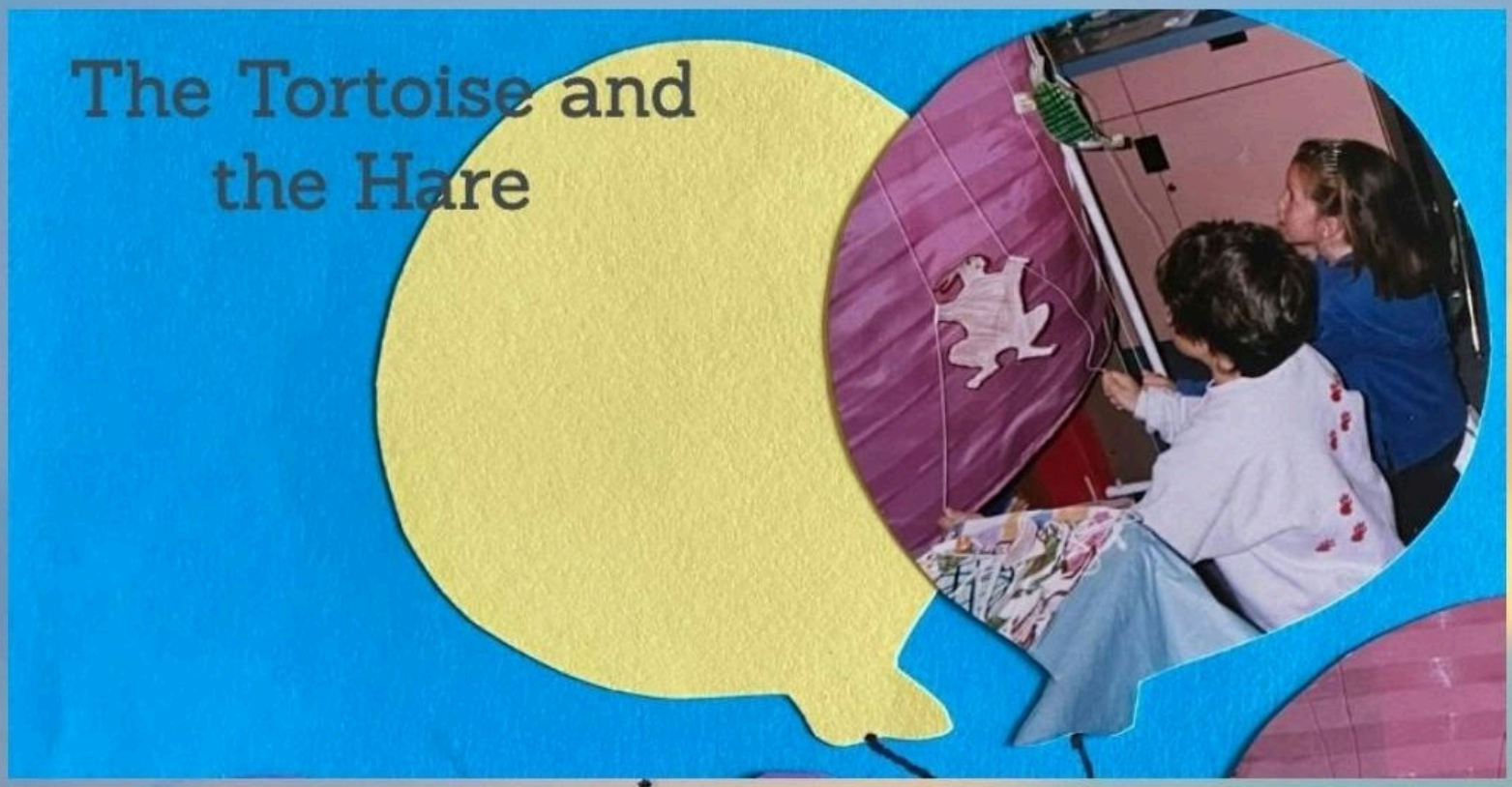
- Slide thepuppets to the bottom of thestrings.
- The beads are used as handles.
- The puppets will move up as the children pull the strings gently by their bead handles while alternating from side to side.

Please go to my author's website: jeannishimura.com to see an image of the tortoise and hare race.





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