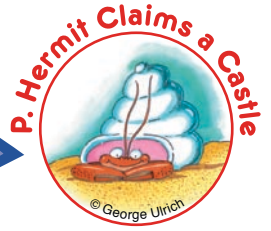
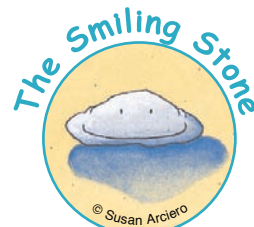




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Party Camp with Miss Muffin

Decorate cupcakes to Miss Muffin's songs.
Stretch a book with drama, fun, and games. That's Party Camp!
The items below are the core of Party Camp.
Included in this PDF file.

- **Party Plan.**
- **Cupcake Decorating.**
- **Music and Lyrics: Miss Muffin's Songs.**
(See CD page on website)
- **Miss Muffin puppet cut out and game.**
- **Cartoon silly strips.**
- **Theater-In-the-Town.**
(Books, songs, scripts, lyrics)
- **Let's-Do-It!**
(Book Party Activities)
- **Party Invitations!**
Downloadable.
(See Books : *Liberty Cafe Is Open*)



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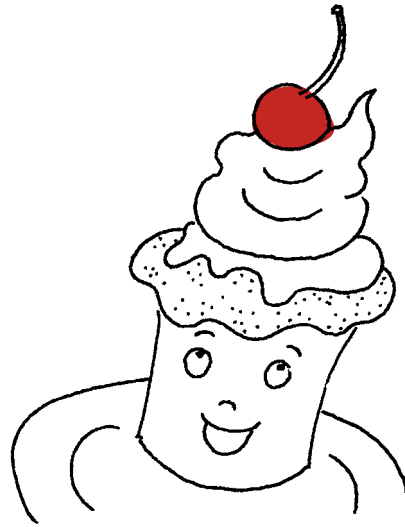
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Party Plan for Party Camp

Party Camp Combo

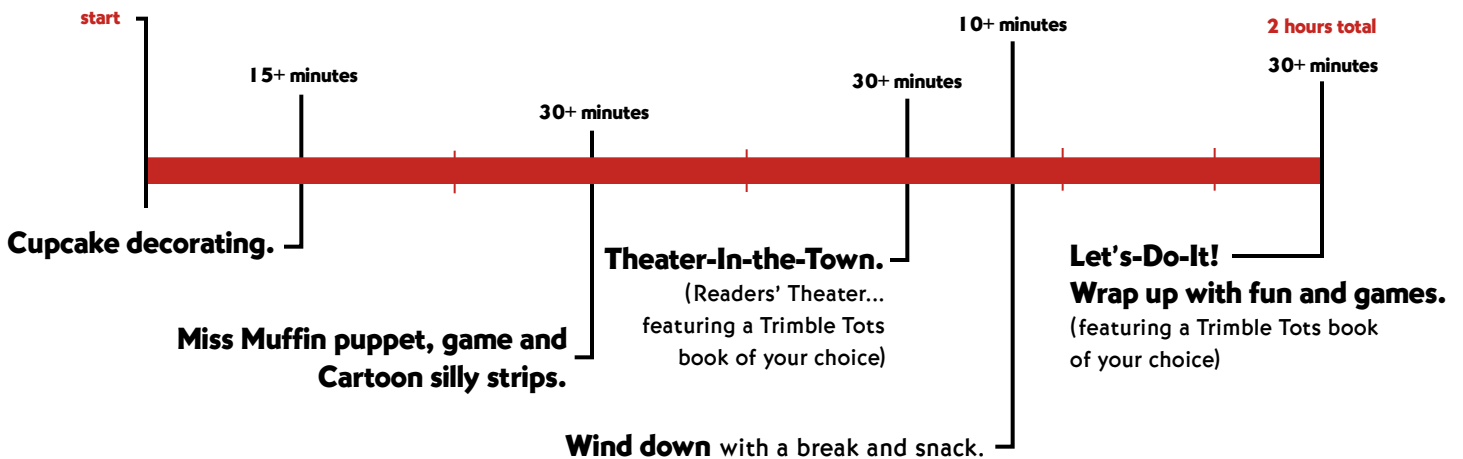
For birthday and book lovers.

Cupcake/muffin decorating AND Theater-In-the-Town.



Time Chart

2 hour Party Plan (1-1/2 hour plan for pre-readers)



(Party-to-go...a guide for hosting your own birthday party.)

Cupcake Decorating Party!



15+ minutes

SONG 1: Miss Party Muffin's Intro Song

Items needed:

- CD player.
- Miss Party Muffin's Intro Song. (CD or download)
- Lyrics.
- Plain muffins and toppings.
- Toothpicks for spreading and designing toppings. (Make or find a bakery to make some un-iced cupcakes or muffins. Bring several colors of frosting/icing, sprinkles, jam, whipped cream, etc. The red topknot might be a cherry, red hot cinnamon candy, or a red M&M.)



Decorating Party!

(The song sets the party in motion.)

- Gather together for the party intro song and cupcake/muffin decorating. (Choose a volunteer to be the Miss Muffin leader...someone who can lead the intro song and routine on the CD, read the lyrics and sing along with the singer. OR make and use a Miss Prop Muffin puppet.)
- Everyone: Sing along (optional) with your lyrics sheet.
- Eat your decorative muffins now or save for snack time.

Miss Party Muffin's Intro Song

(Available on CD from www.images-press.com)

To the leader: Dress up as a muffin or use Miss Prop Muffin puppet and speak or sing along with the singer on the CD. Set the party in motion! (Everyone! Tap and clap along.)

Lyrics:

Hi Kids! Guess what we're going to do today?
We're going to make something really good
& yummy to eat!

But first...we're going to make it really pretty...kind of like dressing it up. And I'm going to tell you all about it right now!

Cupcakes & muffins...all start out as somethin'.

Problem is they always look so plain.

And that's why I'm here. Can I get a cheer?

I'm Muffin. Miss Muffin is my name!

I need some style. I need pizzazz.

I need a little bit of color razzmatazz.

And yes, some...sprinkles...They'll help a lot.

But I'm not done until there's something on my top.

Hmmmmmm...What could that be?
How about some frosting?
Maybe some rainbow sprinkles?
Who likes chocolates?
How about some candy?

What do you think, kids?

Can we make a party?

Accessorize, maximize, surrrrrrrrrprise me!
I know you'll smile when I'm dressed up in style.

Come on now. Help me look top notch.

Cupcakes & muffins...all start out as somethin'.

Problem is they always look so plain.

And that's why I'm here. Can I get a cheer?

I'm Muffin. Miss Muffin is my name!
I'm Muffin. Miss Muffin is my name!

I'm Muffin. Miss Muffin is my name.

Miss Muffin is my name.

And while we're at it...

Let's sing a little Miss Muffin style birthday song, with the band!

Everybody knows the song, right?

Here we go...

Happy Birthday to you.
Happy Birthday to you.
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday,
Happy Birthday to you!

That was great!

OK...let's get this party started.



Intro Song, continued

Following Miss Party Muffin's Intro song, listen to Erin's Party Camp speech.

It's about the Decorating Party, Theater-In-the-Town, Winding down, and Wrapping up.

Note: We've added another song activity, Miss Party Prop Muffin's Song, before Theater-In-the-Town (see Party Plan on the Party Camp direction sheet) which includes making Miss Prop Muffin Puppet, playing Pin-the-topknot-on-the-puppet and coloring the Miss Muffin silly strip.

Here's Erin's speech:

By now, you've been a sensation at using your imagination.

It takes imagination to decorate cupcakes.

It takes imagination to create stories.

Theater-In-The-Town invites you to imagine yourself in a story and become instant actors.

You don't have to memorize your part for Readers' Theater.

But reading like you're at the most important audition of your life would be top notch.

There are a few things you'll need to do to be top notch.

1. Draw a character card from the hat.
2. Make a character nametag or headband.
3. Get a feel for the story as you listen to the read-along and song. (You'll have the lyrics if you choose to sing along.) You'll be turning the pages of your very own book.
4. Finally you'll have the script of the play adapted from your story, in your hand. Skim your character part on the script silently, for a few minutes.

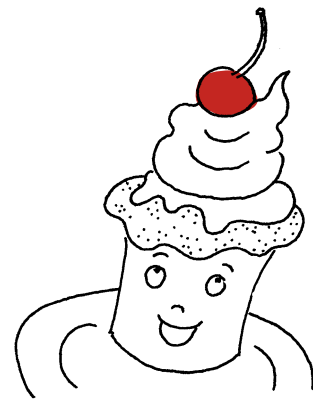
And away we go.

Read with more punch than you've ever read before. Give it all you've got.

You know, be dramatic. You'll be top notch.

Theater-In-the-Town closes with a bow or two.

Take a break and stretch a bit and share a few thoughts with another party guest. If there's extra time, draw another character part and be actors all over again. After all this, a surprise book activity is optional.



Tie-Dyed Cupcakes



Servings 24 cupcakes

Ingredients

- 1 (18.25-ounce) box vanilla cake mix (recommended: Betty Crocker)
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup canola oil (recommended: Wesson)
- 1 (1.25-ounce) bottle colored snowflake sprinkles (recommended: Cake Mate)
- 1 (1.85-ounce) bottle rainbow sprinkles (recommended: Cake Mate)
- Decorating gels, assorted colors (recommended: Cake Mate)
- 1 (12-ounce) container whipped fluffy white frosting (recommended: Betty Crocker)

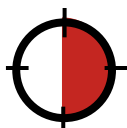
Steps Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line 2 (12-muffin) tins with cupcake papers; set aside. In a large bowl, mix together cake mix, water, and oil. Use a hand held electric mixer and mix on medium speed for about 1 minute. Scrape sides of bowl and add both bottles of sprinkles. Mix for another 30 seconds.

Use a ladle to fill each lined muffin cup 2/3 of the way full. Using oven mitts, place cupcakes in preheated oven and bake for 21 to 26 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center of cupcake comes out clean with no wet batter. Use oven mitts to remove from oven and let cool completely before frosting, about 15 minutes.

Once cool, spread 2 tablespoons frosting on each cupcake. Using various gel colors, start in the middle of the cupcake, make circles outwards to the edge of the cupcake. Begin at the edge of the cupcake and drag the tip of a toothpick to the center of the cupcake to make a spider web effect. Repeat this step, turning cupcake as you go.

NOTE: Instead of "circles" draw gel lines across and pull the toothpick through for the design.

Miss Muffin Puppet



30+ minutes

SONG 2:

Miss Party Prop Muffin's Song.

Game: Pin the Topknot on Miss Prop Muffin Puppet

Items needed:

- Miss Party Prop Muffin's Song.
- Puppet cut out.
- A red circle.
- Directions for puppet and game.

Silly Strips:

- Miss Muffin silly strip. (Abner's Favorite Bakery)
- Liberty Cake silly strip. (optional)
- Crayons or colored markers.



Miss Prop Muffin Puppet!

- Make Miss Prop Muffin puppet. (Some children may need a helper.)
- Play the game. Pin the Topknot on Miss Party Prop Muffin Puppet.
- While you're waiting for your turn, color Miss Party Prop Muffin puppet and Miss Muffin silly strip (Abner's Favorite Bakery).

Note: Young children who do not feel comfortable with blind folds may just close their eyes for Pin the Tail On the Donkey games.

Miss Muffin's Song

(Available on CD from www.images-press.com)

MUFFIN: I'm Muffin, Miss Muffin, Miss Muffin is my name.

And-par-ties-are-my...gammme...'cause I'm a party prop.

I'm a prop from a bak'ry shop.

Oh please...make me ov-er.

I need some...dis-guis-in'...and ac-ces-so...riz-in'.

Al-a...ka-zam-ka...zam...squirt whipped cream...and a dab of jammm.

Add the top...a round red knot...

I see you smile...now I'm dressed-up in style...

with my cher-ry...my top knot...I'm top notch.



I'll...be your party prop.

I'll...be your party prop.

MUFFIN SPEAK:

I was the plainest prop in the bakery shop. I dreamed of being chosen for a party. But being chosen for a decorating party was beyond my wildest dreams. Thank you for choosing me so that my wishes could come true.

And...here's to your wishes, too.

Remember, muffins like to be top notch, like you!



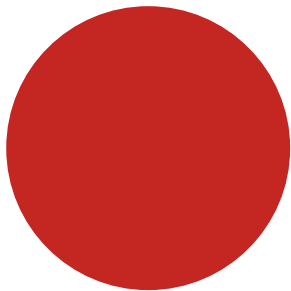
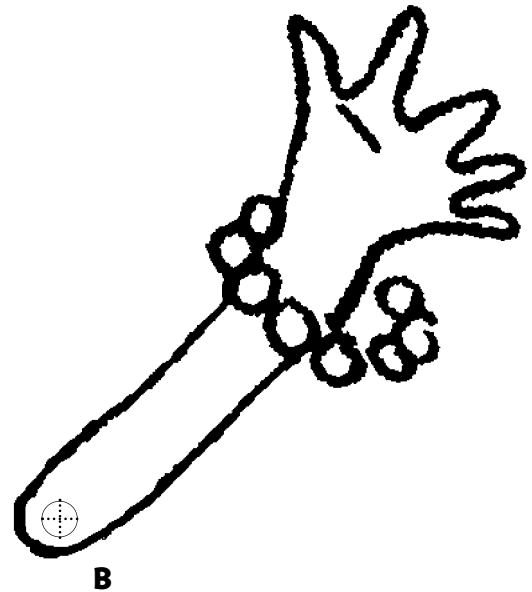
Miss Muffin Prop Puppet

Making Miss Prop Muffin Puppet.

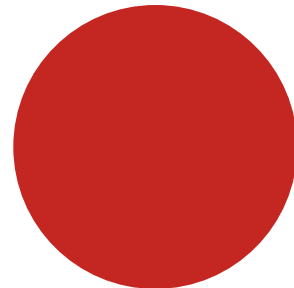
What you will need:

- 1 sheet of paper (tag-board-thickness.)
 - glue stick
 - kids' safety scissors
 - scotch tape
 - 4 brass brads
 - 2 popsicle sticks
 - hole punch
 - crayons (optional)
1. Glue your puppet print-out to a piece of tagboard. (Decorate her with colors if you wish.)

2. Cut out the pieces of the puppet and the red circle Top Knots. This may require a helper.
3. Punch out the holes for the brass brads with a hole punch. Using the brass brads, attach the two arms and the two legs to Miss Muffin's body. (The letters tell you where the arms and legs go.)
4. Using the scotch tape, attach the popsicle sticks to the back sides of Miss Muffin's shoes. And/or thread ribbon through holes punched in the middle of Miss Muffin's palms, for waving.
5. Help your Miss Muffin puppet sing and dance to Miss Muffin's Songs. (You'll need the CD with Miss Muffin's Songs and a CD player.)



Top Knot

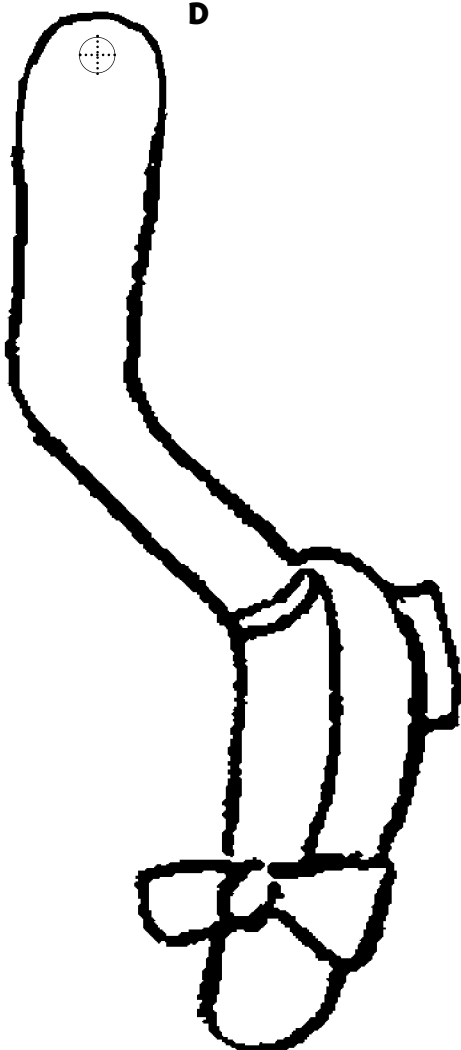


Top Knot

Miss Muffin Prop Puppet



Miss Muffin Prop Puppet





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Pin the Topknot on the Puppet

(Game adapted from Pin the Tail on the Donkey)

Objective: A game where you attempt to pin the topknot on the puppet in the correct spot.

Categories: Parties, Birthdays

Game type: Active

Players: 2 or more players

Needed: A blindfold, a Miss Muffin puppet, a red paper circle, tape

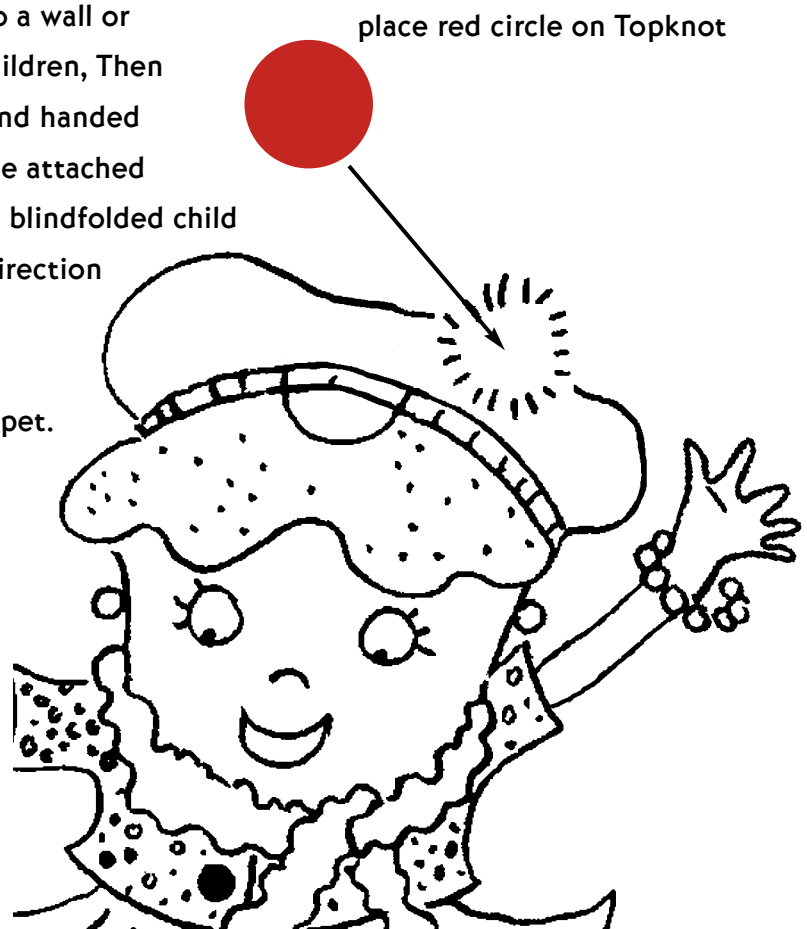
Rules: Blindfold players as they take a turn to play. Spin them around three times and point them in the direction of the puppet. They must try to pin the red circle on the puppet in the correct spot. He/she who gets closest to where the topknot should be wins.

Pin the topknot on the puppet is a party game played by two or more children.

Tape a Miss Muffin Puppet that you have made to a wall or a cork bulletin board, within easy reach of the children, Then each child in turn, one at a time, is blindfolded and handed a red paper circle ("topknot") with a piece of tape attached to it. The puppet has a blank white topknot. The blindfolded child is then spun around 3 times and headed in the direction of the puppet. Then the child moves toward the puppet and feels around and tries to tape the red circle over the white topknot on the puppet.

The player who manages to get the red circle closest to the right spot (the target) wins.

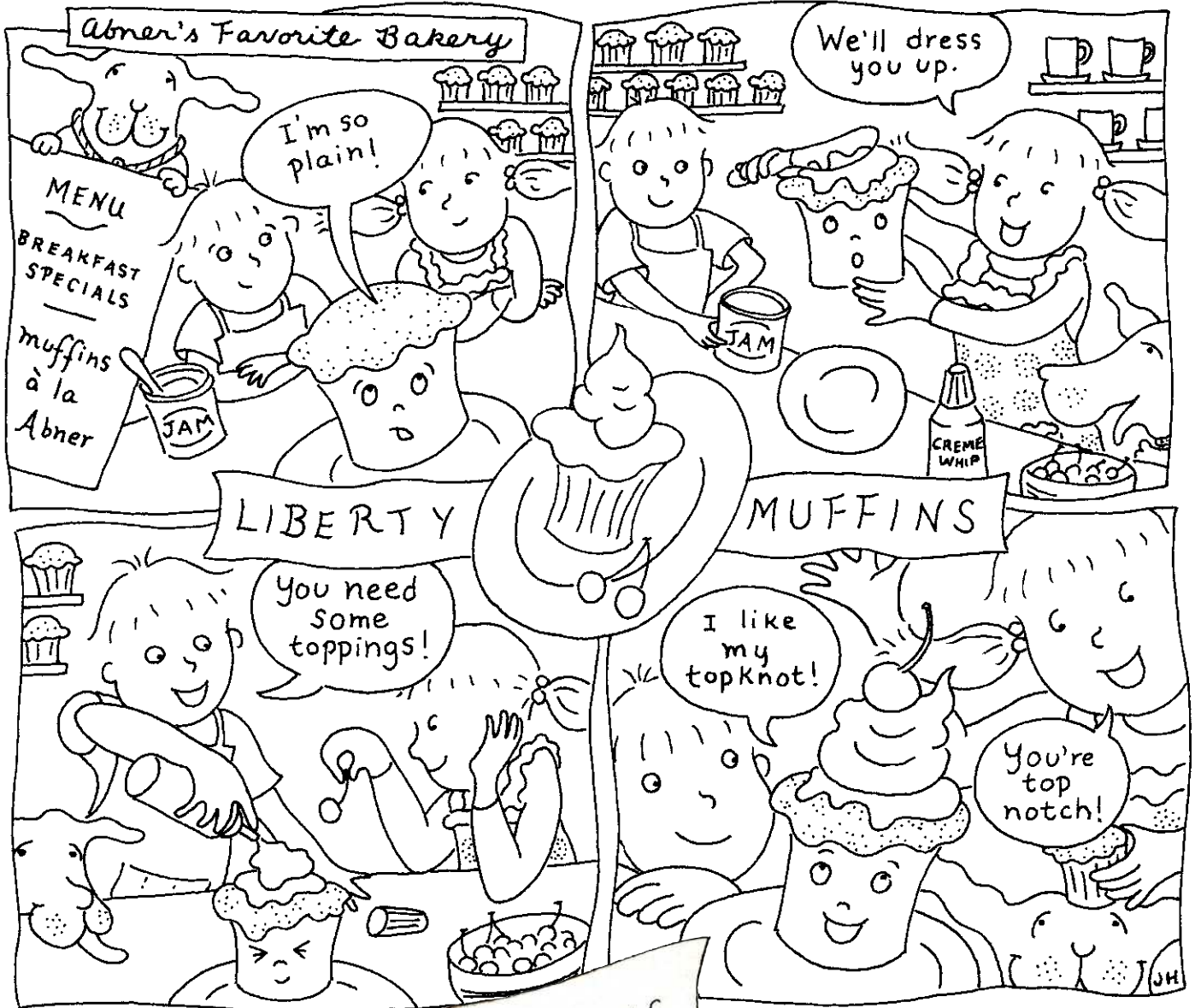
In general this group party game is suitable for children who are old enough to walk and yet young enough to enjoy the amusement of it. The game is generally not competitive, and "winning" is only of marginal importance.



Introducing The Cast

Liberty Café...Silly Strips





LIBERTY MUFFINS

Toppings:

- ★ strawberry jam
- ☆ dollop of whipped cream
- ★ blue concord grapes

Bottom:

Blueberry Muffins
à la Abner's
Favorite Bakery





LIBERTY CAKE


Start with a slice of Angel Food cake. Grown-ups do the cutting.

Toppings:

- ★ strawberries
- ☆ vanilla ice cream
- ★ blueberry sorbet

Bottom:

Alice Ann's Birthday Stars 'n Stripes Cake
 (Angel food cake from bakery)



Theater-In-the-Town



15+ minutes

Theater-In-the-Town.

(Featuring the Trimble Tots book of your choice.)

Items needed:

- CD player.
- Story/song CD.
- Books for birthday child and guests.
 1. From the website, click on the menu bar: Books.
 2. See Flyer: Party Camp Special.
- Scripts and lyrics for birthday child and guests. (Click on individual book titles for links to downloadable scripts and lyrics.)
- Character name tags or name bands.

Begin Theater-In-the-Town!

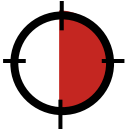
- Draw a character name or premade name tag or head band from a hat. (The characters' names are listed at the beginning of the story script.)
- Listen to the read along on the CD as you turn the pages of the book. (Save the song for Game Time.)
- Readers' Theater activity. Read with punch. be actors. (Pre-readers skip Readers' Theater activity.)



10+ minutes

Wind down with a little break and snack.

Stretch a bit, share some thoughts.
(Optional snack: Serve nuts and raisins in mini paper cups.)



▲ 30+ minutes

Let's-Do-It!

Extra time?

Wrap up with fun and games.

Let's-Do-It! is a collection of suggested party activities for all Trimble Tots titles. Select games or crafts that are appropriate for your party spaces and ages of children. Some games are adapted for more than one title. Some basic games are appropriate for all parties, such as Balloon & Bubblegum Relay. Let's-Do-It activity choices follow the Party Camp Combo (decorating cupcakes and Theater-In-The-Town). Liberty Cake (silly strip and cake) is optional. (Click on individual book titles to find the link: Party Camp: Let's-Do-It! party activities.)

Feature book: *Liberty Café Is Open*



Note: Bring this Angel Food birthday theme cake (Buy or make ahead of time.) if you plan to have a cake and presents.

Items needed:

- Music and lyrics. (Click CDs on the menu bar, to find Feature Book CD and downloadable lyrics.)
- Games: Breakfast Table Game & Variation, Air Balloons, Balloon & Bubblegum Relay.
- Balloons.
- Sticks of bubblegum.
- Cartoon coloring books. (downloadable at www.images-press.com. Books: *Liberty Café Is Open*.)
- Colored crayons or markers to share.
- Liberty Cake. (optional Silly Strip and Angel Food Cake with toppings, such as strawberries, whipped cream, and blueberry sorbet)

Activities:

- Song and Game: Play Air Balloons to the Liberty Café rap.
- Game: Balloon & Bubblegum Relay.
- Breakfast Table Game. (Make cards ahead of time.)
- Cartoon coloring books. (These are fun to take home if you run out of time.)
- Liberty Cake Silly strip (coloring activity) and cake (optional).



Create the game, **BREAKFAST TABLE**, by making individual word cards from the list of Bottoms and Toppings. To start the game, the dealer deals one Bottom card to each player. Each player, in turn, draws a card from the card pile made up of the remaining Bottom cards and the Topping cards. The player makes a set by collecting one red, one white, and one blue Topping card to go with each Bottom card. The player who collects the most sets by the time the card pile is empty, wins. ★ 2-4 players



Bottoms

Waffles ★ Pancakes ★ Muffins ★ Egg pie ★ Fruit smoothie or fruit bowl ★
 Granola and fruit ★ Oatmeal (Old Fashioned Quaker/Steel cut Irish) ★
 Angel Food birthday cake ★

White Toppings

Red Toppings

Strawberries
 Raspberries
 Cherries
 Strawberry yogurt
 Raspberry yogurt
 100% Cranberry juice
 Dried cranberries
 Red peppers
 Microwaved Bacon
 Strawberry jam
 Strawberry/apple/rhubarb jam
 Raspberry jam
 Raspberry syrup
 Strawberry ice cream



White grapefruit
 Bananas
 Apple slices
 Cottage cheese
 Cream cheese spread
 Plain yogurt
 Powdered sugar
 Meringue
 White cheddar cheese
 Vanilla ice cream
 Milk
 White icing

Blue Toppings

Blueberries
 Blue Concord grapes
 Blueberry yogurt
 Blueberry jam
 Blueberry syrup
 Blueberry-peach butter
 Blue icing
 Blueberry cheesecake
 ice cream
 Blueberry sorbet
 Blue tortilla chips



Breakfast Table Game, variation



For larger groups and to play the game more quickly, the dealer may want to deal all the cards at once. The children can walk around and ask fellow players to trade cards to complete their sets. The players may turn in their sets to the dealer at any time and the dealer will keep track. The player with the most sets wins. After the game is over, offer each player a Red, White, & Blue Kabob! (Put a strawberry or a cherry, a mini marshmallow, and a blueberry on a plastic coffee stirrer, chill or freeze overnight and serve in a zip-seal plastic bag.)

Air Balloons

Objective: Keep the balloons floating in the air for the time it takes to sing a song or listen to a piece of music.

Variation: Keep the balloons in the air while saying words from a chosen category. Suggestion: Birthday. (cake, party, invitation, song, games, prizes, favors, present, gift, wish, decorations, surprise)

Categories: Birthdays, Kids

Players: 4 or more players

Needed: Blow up some balloons for this game.

Rules: Form two circles and start the balloon going around from player to player, keeping the balloon in the air at all times. The circle that keeps its balloon up the longest wins. Repeat as long as there is interest.

Balloon & Bubble Gum Relay

What you'll need: Balloons, bubble gum (wrapped, individual pieces).

An open space like the living room carpet (they will be running and you don't want them to slip).

Blow up the balloons, with a wrapped piece of gum inside each one. Set the kids up in lines of two or three teams. Place a balloon at the finish line for each team. When you say, "Go!" a player will crawl to the finish line and pop the balloon, grab the piece of gum that was inside, unwrap it, and blow a full bubble. Once the player has blown the full bubble, he/she may run back to the beginning of the line, touch the next player's hand, and it continues until the first team to finish wins. (As each player is running back to the beginning of the line, place another blown up balloon, with a wrapped piece of gum inside, at the finish line.)

