

Caterpillar Segment Project for “A Musical Celebration of Reading”

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Description:

The final Caterpillar will consist of 9 students each holding a segment of the body. The body pieces need to be thick enough in paper quality so that they do not bend easily while the children are holding the pieces and walking the caterpillar around the room. The head of the Caterpillar will be provided by Darlene on the day of the performance.

Example of Segments lined up. Each child will need their own segment. They will parade together in line



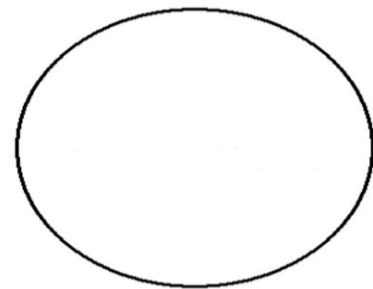
moving as if they are part of the Very Hungry Caterpillar.

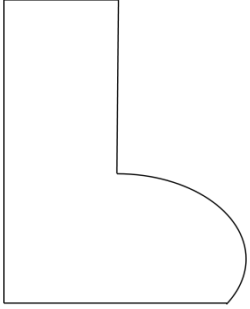
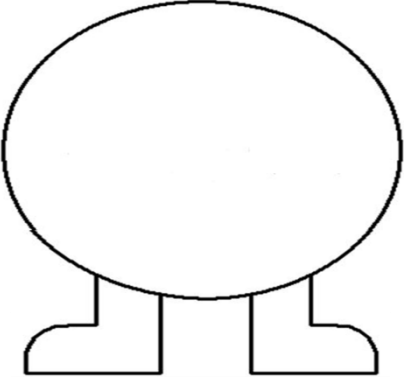

Materials:

- Caterpillar segments are cut from 25 x 38, Construction paper or piecing two 11x17 pieces of heavy paper together (poster board, cover stock, card stock or Construction paper work well).
- Caterpillar feet are cut from 8 ½ x 11 heavy brown paper, the same type of material as the segments.
- Scissors
- Glue, tape or staples to attach legs
- Markers, crayons, paint, glitter, whatever you want to use to decorate the Caterpillar segments.

Step One:

Using 25 x 38 paper draw and cut oval 8 segments. The students will decorate them and carry them as part of Darlene’s performance. Darlene will provide the head.



<p>Step Two:</p> <p>From the same materials cut out 8 legs to add to the segments. You can use an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of brown paper for each leg. Print out the provided a “Caterpillar Leg” template, or create your own. Every other segment needs a pair of legs attached.</p> <p>You will end up making 4 segments with 2 legs per segment.</p>	
<p>Step Three:</p> <p>Attach 2 legs to bottom of 4 segments as shown in the drawing. You can use tape, glue or staples to attach the legs to the segment. The legs and feet in the book are shown as brown; if you make them of white paper please color them brown.</p>	
<p>Step Four:</p> <p>Decorate all segments as desired. Eric Carle used bright and bold colors; the caterpillar’s body was made up of greens, yellows, reds, and blues.</p>	
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