

Programming Ideas - Cultural Activities

Activity Name	Felt Story Book
Country/Culture/Language/Religion	International/Multi-cultural
Special Comments	Suitable for age 3+ The complexity of the project can be adapted to suit the age group.



Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide varied experiences • To explore cultural diversity • For children to enjoy a sensory experience
Developmental Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive • Social • Language • Emotional • Fine Motor • Gross Motor
Safety Aspects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use non-toxic glue and safety scissors for younger children • Must ensure that all pieces are attached securely with cotton or glue • All embellishments (buttons, beads, etc.) should be hand sewn securely
Required Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of felt squares and materials for decorations • Fabric for covering page/ board • Sewing kit • Glue, scissors • Embellishments such as sequins, beads, thread, patterned material scraps etc.

<p>Method</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut a cover page out of a patterned piece of strong fabric approx 24x24 cm. This will be folded in half to make your book • Cut a variety of felt pieces in skin toned colours slightly smaller than your cover page • Cut out a variety of people, objects (trees, animals, sun) or items which will tell your story
<p>Decorate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay felt pages on top of the cover and sew vertically to make your book • Sew or glue your pictures onto the different pages.
<p>Ideas for extending the activity</p>	<p>You can make a whole book or just make people and objects out of felt and create a 'Felt Story Board'. Encourage children to 'make up' stories by changing the items on the story board and then creating their own book representing 'their' story. The older the children the more complex you can make the creation of the items. This is done by adding dimensions and decorations as well as making the stories more elaborate. This is a great opportunity to talk about how we all are different and what similarities we have and the different environments we live in.</p>

