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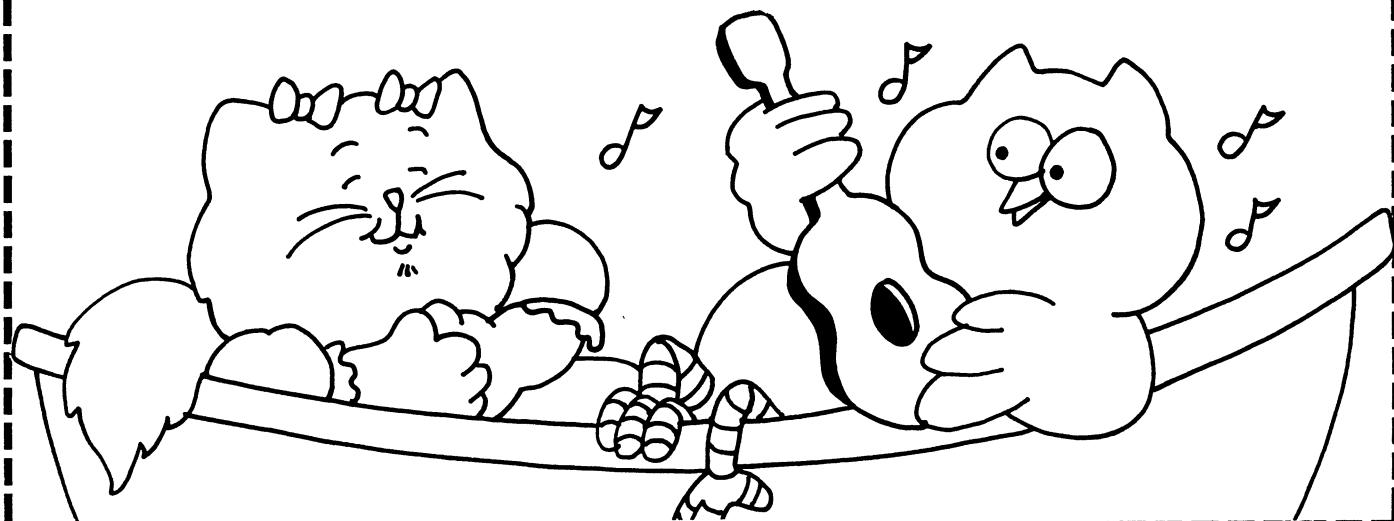
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# INTRODUCTION

*Cut and Paste Concepts* is a collection of hands-on activities for preschool to first-grade. Familiar nursery tale characters help the children learn about spatial concepts, opposites, sizes, and matching patterns. The activities provide practice in following directions and help children develop fine motor skills through cutting, pasting, and coloring.

All the activities are duplicatable. The children need only crayons, scissors, and paste. Each section includes patterns of the nursery tale characters that you can use for bulletin board displays of the children's work. These characters are also perfect for flannel board activities, or they can be mounted on flat sticks to make puppet theatre figures.

## ACTIVITIES

**Three Little Pigs Cut and Paste** (pages 5-12) These activities focus on spatial concepts.

**The Lion and the Mouse Cut and Paste** (pages 13-19) Children are asked to recognize opposites.

**The Three Bears Cut and Paste** (pages 20-25) The bears come in three sizes—small, medium, and large.

**The Owl and the Pussycat Cut and Paste** (pages 26-31) Children match things on the basis of their patterns.

**The Three Kittens Cut, Paste, and Color** (pages 32-37) These pages offer more matching and sorting by same/different.

**Concept Review** (pages 38-41) Coloring the pictures that match in each row help the children review basic concepts.

## BULLETIN BOARD PATTERN

**Cat Pattern** (pages 42-43) Copy, cut, and color the pattern pieces. Use brass fasteners to attach arms and legs, allowing them to move freely. (Mount the arms on the front, and the cat can play peekaboo.) Pose one or more cats on the bulletin board along with children's work. Children can also make their own puppet cats from the pattern.

## TAKE-HOME CONCEPTS BOOK

**My Concepts Book** (pages 44-48) This culminating activity provides another review. Mount the mini-pages on colored paper and staple them together to create take-home keepsakes.



# I Can Cut and Paste Up and Down

## Directions:

Color and cut out the pigs.

Paste one pig **up** on the ladder.

Paste the other pig **down** on the ground.

## Note to Teacher:

Provide each child with crayons, scissors, and paste.

