



## Welcome!

Thank you for joining the blue manatee press family! We are excited to have you here. Please take a moment to review our Welcome packet and familiarize yourself with who we are and what we do, enjoy some blue manatee press inspired activities, and review some of our board and picture book top picks and best sellers.



Blue manatee press, located in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Oakley, was founded in 2011 with a mission to create meaningful, enduring books that help bring grown-ups and children together. Led by a pediatrician, Dr. John Hutton, the team consists of experts in child development, fine art, and children's literature. Blue manatee press publishes original children's books that utilize a variety of artistic media and strive to create stories that are both educational and fun, with an emphasis on turning off screens and experiencing the world through hands-on, creative play.



## Book Inspired Activities

We encourage you to take inspiration from our board and picture books and use any and all of the activities and resources blue manatee press creates. Here are some of our favorites! You can find all of these activities and more on the Rainy Day Activities section of our website at

<http://www.blumanateepress.com/rainy-day-activities>

Make sure to share and tag us on social media @blumanateepress

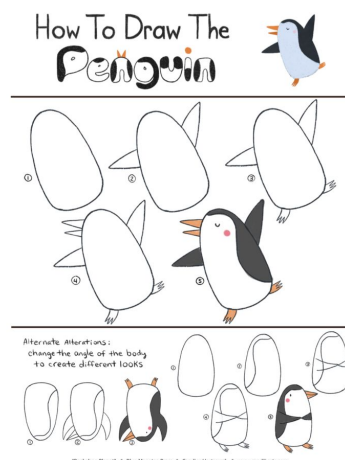


**ODD ANIMAL ABC's**  
WORD SEARCH

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Blue-footed Booby	Bin	Pink Fairy Armadillo	Wombat
Civet	Jerboa	Quetzal	Xenomys
Dragon Lizard	Kiwitbird	Rock Hyrax	Yacoub
Echidna	Leaf-sailed Gecko	Serval	Zebra Duiker
Fennec	Maned Wolf	Tree Kangaroo	
Gorilla	Humbird	Umbrella Bird	

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## Lord Wolfington's Cranberry Orange Scones

Inspired by one of our favorite picture books, *Mr. Pumpkin's Tea Party* written and illustrated by Erin Barker, Lord Wolfington's Cranberry Orange Scones are easy and fun to make!

### Recipe and Ingredients

#### Lord Wolfington's Scones

##### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange zest
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, cold, shredded using a cheese grater
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, cold
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 2 teaspoons sanding or other coarse sugar (optional)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice, strained



1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a large bowl, place the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and orange zest.
3. Mix dry ingredients with a whisk until well combined.
4. Add the cold, shredded butter to the mixture.
5. Mix using your hands until it resembles coarse crumbs (pea-sized chunks are good).
6. Pour in the cold heavy whipping cream.
7. Fold it into the dry mixture, starting with a whisk or other stirring utensil, and then use your hands as the dough starts to come together.
8. Add the dried cranberries, making sure to not overwork the dough too much.
9. On a lightly floured surface, bring the dough together a little more and then shape it into a large disk, roughly 1 1/2 inches thick.
10. Cut out scones using a circular cookie cutter.

11. Place the scones onto a baking sheet lined with parchment, sprinkle with sanding sugar (the sugar is optional, but adds a nice texture to the top!).
12. Bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes, or until slightly golden brown on the top and bottom.
13. Let the scones cool to room temperature while you make the glaze.
14. For the glaze: Whisk together the powdered sugar and orange juice in a large bowl.
15. Drizzle the glaze over the scones in whatever way you'd like and enjoy!



## Odd Animals ABC's Word Search

A fun and different way to learn your ABC's! Based on the picture book *Odd Animals ABC's*, find all the odd animals from Aye-Aye to Zebra Duiker.



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| Blue-footed Booby | Ibis              | Pink Fairy Armadillo | Wombat       |
| Civet             | Jerboa            | Quetzal              | Xenons       |
| Draco Lizard      | Kiwi Bird         | Rock Hyrax           | Yeti Crab    |
| Echidna           | Leaf-tailed Gecko | Serval               | Zebra Duiker |
| Fossa             | Maned Wolf        | Tree Kangaroo        |              |
| Genet             | Numbat            | Umbrella Bird        |              |





## ***Hungry Henry's Octopus Paper Plate Craft***

Make this cute paper plate octopus with a few supplies and easy steps. Inspired by our board book, *Hungry Henry*.



### **Supplies:**

- Paper plate
- Yellow paint
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Black washable marker or crayon
- Red washable marker or crayon,
- Yellow, white, and red construction paper

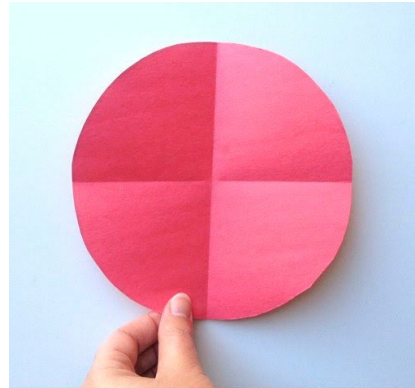
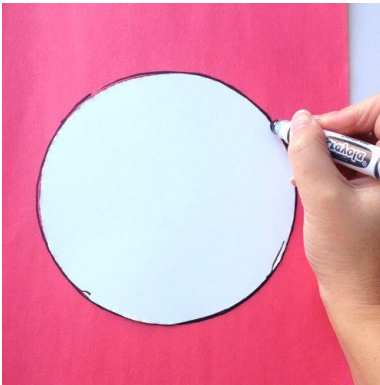




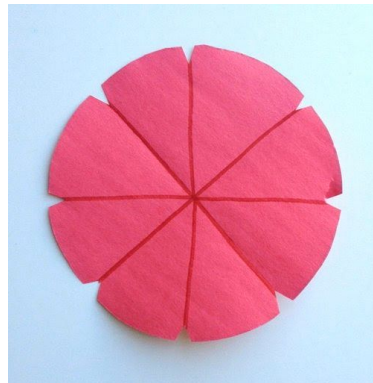
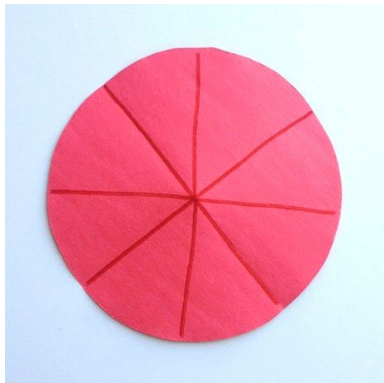
## ***Hungry Henry's Octopus Paper Plate Craft***

### **Directions:**

1. Paint the paper plate yellow.
2. Trace a 6.5" diameter circle onto the red paper and cut out. There are several ways to do this; you can cut a circle out of a second paper plate and trace it, or you can use a household item such as a cereal bowl turned upside down to trace. Or freehand it, if you're really daring!
3. Fold the red circle in half, then fold in half again and crease. Unfold the circle.

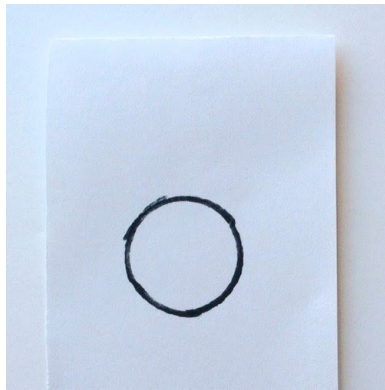


4. Using the creases in the paper as a guide, draw 2 straight lines to form a cross, dividing the circle into fourths. Then draw 2 more lines diagonally so you have a total of 8 sections.
5. Cut 8 small triangular indents around the edge of the circle—one at the end of each line.



6. Now take a piece of white paper and fold it in half. Draw a small circle (about 1.5" in diameter) onto the paper and cut it out. These circles will be the eyes.

7. Color pupils onto each eye using black marker, then glue the eyes onto the red circle. Add a mouth below the eyes.



8. Fold a piece of yellow paper in half and draw four legs at different lengths. Cut them out and you will have 8 legs. With your glue stick, apply glue to the tops of the legs, as shown below.

9. Glue the legs to the body. (Note: Some people find it easier to glue the two leg pieces together before attaching to the body.)



And there you have it! A friendly octopus who's ready to join you on all kinds of adventures!  
What will you name it?



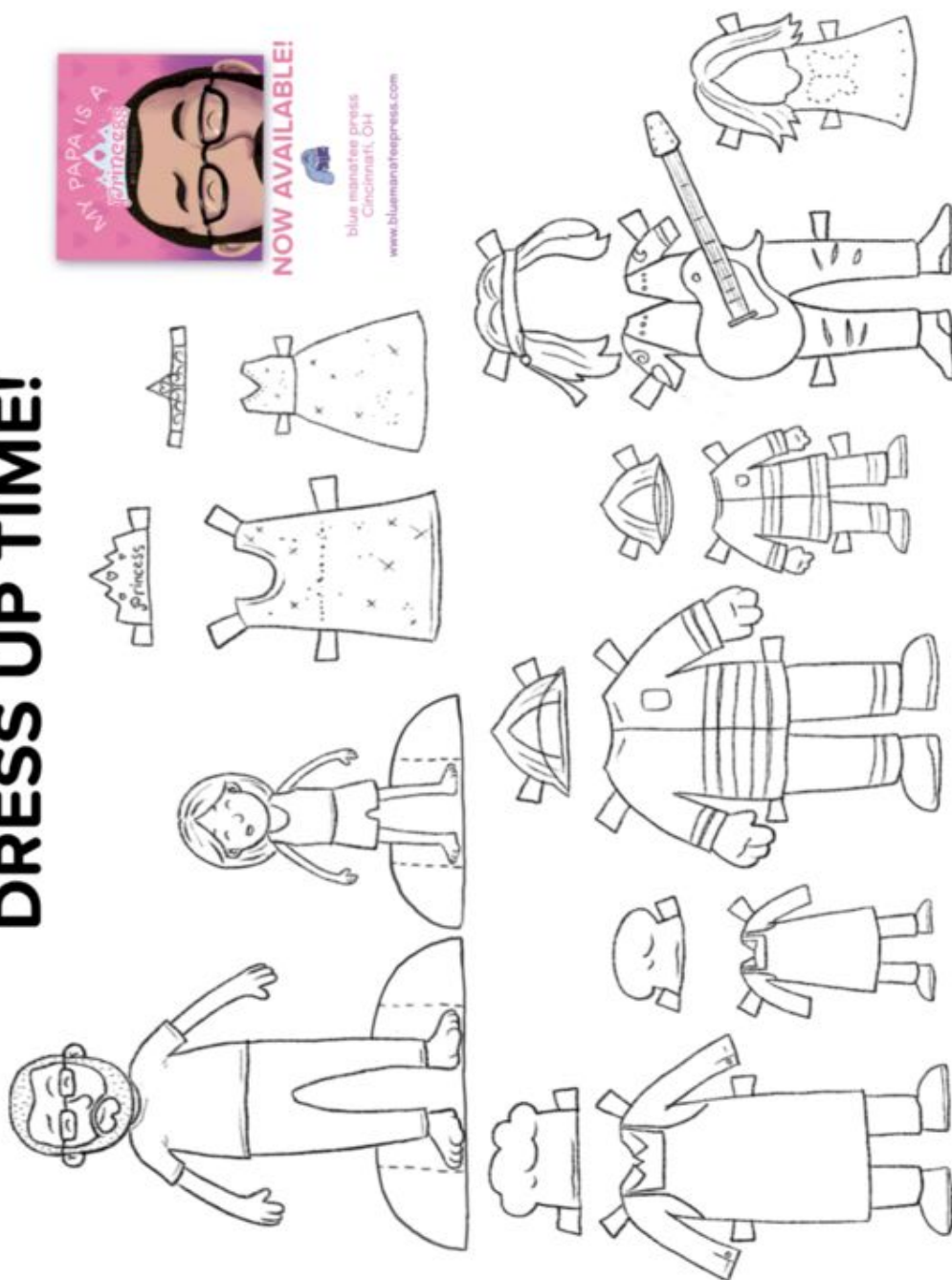


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## My Papa is a Princess Paper Dolls

Play dress up with Papa and his daughter with our Paper Dolls inspired by one of our favorite picture books, My Papa is a Princess! From Firefighters to chefs to, of course, Princesses, there's a lot of things Papa and his daughter can be!

**DRESS UP TIME!**





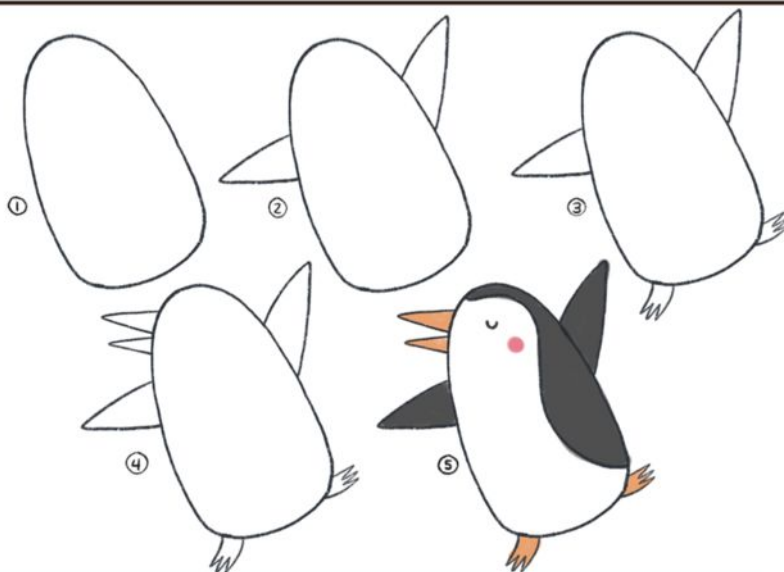


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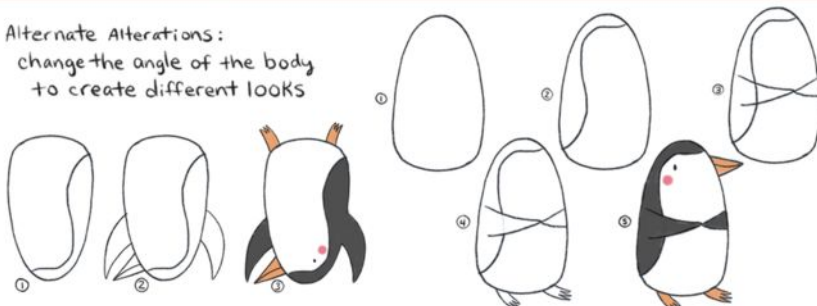
## How to Draw Penguin from *Peekaboo Planet*

Follow along with this easy and fun step-by-step guide and draw the adorable penguin from our board book, *Peekaboo Planet*!

### How To Draw The Penguin



Alternate Alterations:  
change the angle of the body  
to create different looks





## Give the Solar System a Splash of Color

Use crayons, colored pencils, markers or even water color paints to color in your favorite planets from our picture book, *Sleepy Solar System!*



**sleepy solar system**

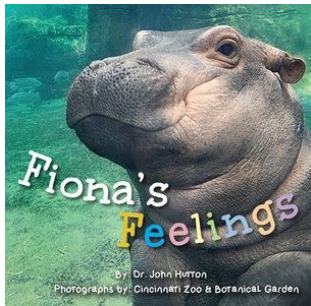
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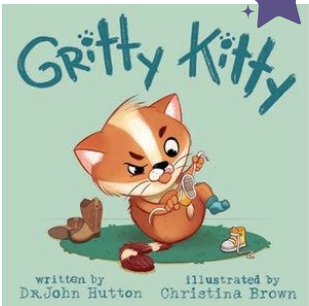


## blue manatee press Top Picks

Check out some of our favorite and top pick titles in both board and picture books!



Learn about feelings with Fiona the Hippo in *Fiona's Feelings!*



Find your inner strength with Gritty Kitty!

A Kirkus Starred Review

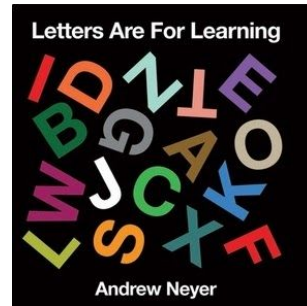


Learn about the seasons in both English and Spanish with our Bilingual Series.



Learning has never been so fun or colorful with *Orange Triangle Fox* and our ROYGBaby Concept Book Series!

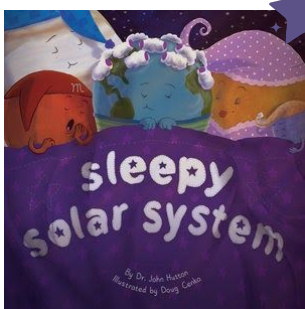
A Mom's Choice Award Recipient



In this fantastic concept book, perfect for building early literacy skills and a fun addition to a child's first library, the alphabet is introduced through bright and clever illustrations of animals and actions.

**Board Books**  
Ages 0-3

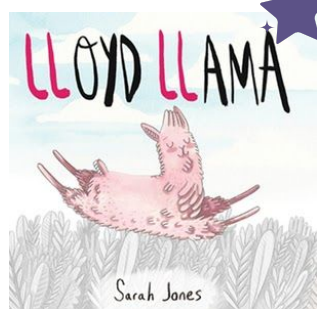
**Picture Books**  
Ages 4-8



Rhyming text and whimsical illustrations in *Sleepy Solar System* provide an enchanting read-aloud celebrating the wonders of outer space

Gold Medal, 2017 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards

2016 Foreword INDIES Finalist

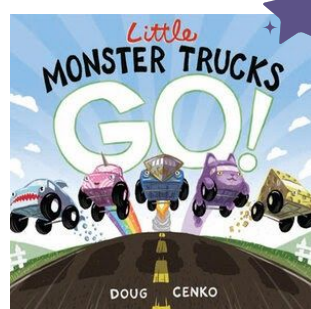


*Lloyd Llama* is a story of friendship that explores how our differences can bring us together, with fun wordplay teaching spelling and alliteration.

2016 IPPY Awards Gold Medal

2015 International Book Awards Finalist

2015 Foreword INDIES Finalist



Five little monster trucks encounter challenge after challenge on the racetrack, but with their amazing driving skills, a few surprising gadgets, and little teamwork, the trucks are sure to make it to the finish line in *Little Monster Trucks GO!*

A Spring 2020 Kids INDIES Next List Pick



*Mr. Pumpkin's Tea Party* is a delightfully quirky counting book with gorgeous watercolor illustrations!

A Fall 2019 Indie Kids' Next List Pick

★ Our blue manatee press star indicates a special award or achievement.