

# Fiction | Nonfiction

by Pat Miller

Grades  
K-2, 3-5

## National Craft Month

### SONGS, RHYMES, AND FINGERPLAYS TO ACCOMPANY HANDMADE PUPPETS

#### A BIG ALLIGATOR

*(Change the traditional "I Had a Little Turtle" and act out appropriately.)*

A big alligator  
Lived in the swamp.  
He swam through the water  
And climbed on the bank.

He snapped at a possum.  
He snapped at a bee.  
He snapped at a fishy,  
And he snapped at me.  
He caught the possum.  
He caught the bee.  
He caught a fishy,  
But he didn't catch me.

#### ALLIGATOR PIE FINGERPLAY

*(Traditional)*

Alligator pie, alligator pie  
*(Open and close hands like an alligator's mouth.)*

If I don't get some,  
I think I'm gonna cry.  
*(Pretend to cry.)*

Take away the green grass,  
*(Wiggle fingers like grass growing.)*

Take away the sky,  
*(Put your hands over your head.)*

But don't take away  
My alligator pie!  
*(Do alligator's mouth again.)*



#### MR. CROCODILE AND THE MONKEYS

Five little monkeys swinging in a tree,  
*(Swing one hand with five fingers extended down like monkey tails.)*

Teasing Mr. Crocodile, "You can't catch me!"  
*(Shake your head and wag your finger like you're saying "no, no.")*

Along came Mr. Crocodile, quiet as can be ...  
*(Say this in a whisper, making a SSSHHH sound as your crocodile hand cruises closer.)*

... and SNAP!  
*(Clap hands together like the mouth of an alligator.)*

Verses:

Four little monkeys ..., three ..., two ..., one ...,

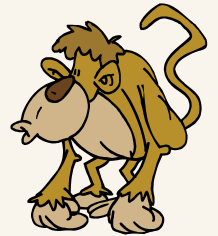
Oooops! No more monkeys for Mr. Crocodile!

#### FIVE GREEN AND SPECKLED FROGS

*(Traditional)*

Five green and speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs.  
YUUUUMMMM YUUUUMMMM!

One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Then there were  
Four green and speckled frogs.  
GLLLLUUUBBBBB GLLLLUUUBBBBB!



Repeat in descending order with the last verse ending with:

One green and speckled frog who's finally feeling full! YUUUUMMMM YUUUUMMMM!

### FIVE LITTLE FROGS

(Change wording to "toads" if you wish to use brown toad puppets.) by Maxine Riggers, p. 86<sup>1</sup>

Five little frogs sitting on a well,  
One jumped high  
And in he fell.

Four little frogs sitting on a well,  
One jumped a little  
And in he fell.

Three little frogs sitting on a well,  
One peeked in  
And in he fell.

Five little frogs sitting on a well,  
One jumped everywhere  
And in he fell.

Five little frogs sitting on a well,  
He fell asleep  
And in he fell.

Along came the children  
Who looked in the well.  
Five little frogs were doing a yell:  
"Croak, croak, croak, croak, croak!"



### FUZZY WUZZY

(Traditional)

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear.  
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair.  
If Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair,  
Then Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy,  
Was he?

### THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN

(Traditional)

(Tune: *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*. To see and hear an animated version, go to [www.gfes.tpc.edu.tw/board/abc-song/bearwent.swf](http://www.gfes.tpc.edu.tw/board/abc-song/bearwent.swf).)

The bear went over the mountain,  
The bear went over the mountain,  
The bear went over the mountain,  
To see what he could see.

To see what he could see,  
To see what he could see

The other side of the mountain,  
The other side of the mountain,  
The other side of the mountain,  
Was all that he could see.

For additional verses, go to [www.dltk-kids.com/animals/songs/bear2.htm](http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/songs/bear2.htm).

### HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK

(Mother Goose traditional)

Hickory, dickory, dock. (Raise right arm.)  
The mouse ran up the clock. (Run the puppet mouse up the arm.)  
The clock struck one, (Clap once.)  
The mouse ran down. (Run the mouse down the arm.)  
Hickory, dickory, dock.

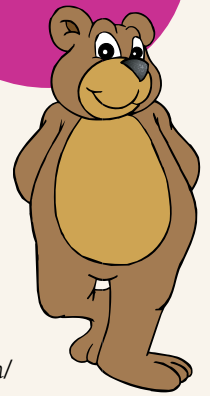
### THIS LITTLE MOUSEIE (Traditional adapted<sup>2</sup>)

This little mouseie peeked in the door,  
This little mouseie jumped to the floor,  
This little mouseie came out to play,  
This little mouseie ran away,  
This little mouseie said, "Dear me,  
Dinner is over and it's time for tea!"

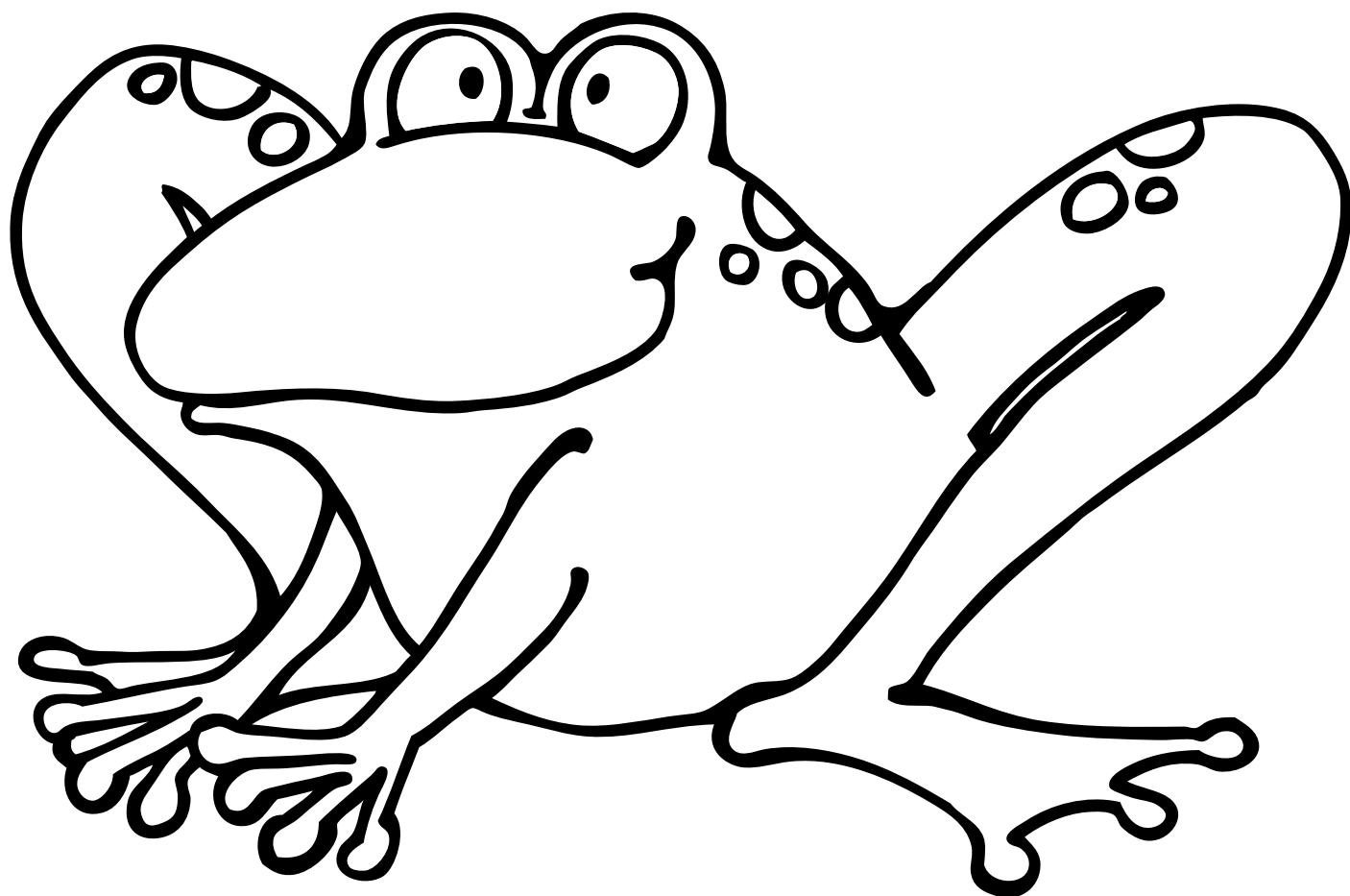
The rhyme above can be performed by students in groups of five, or they can slip the mouse from thumb to pinky, moving the mouse to the next finger for each line.



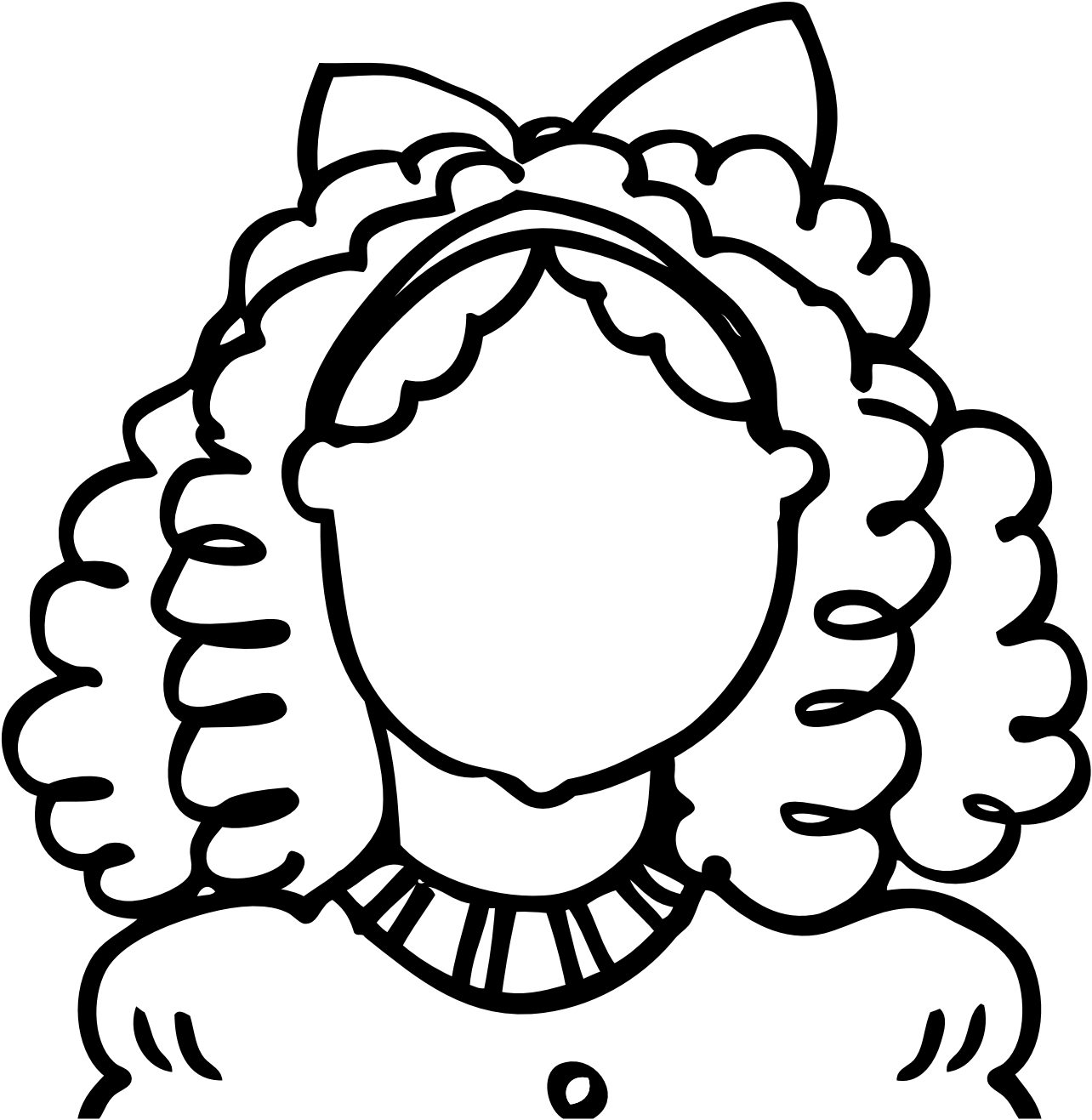
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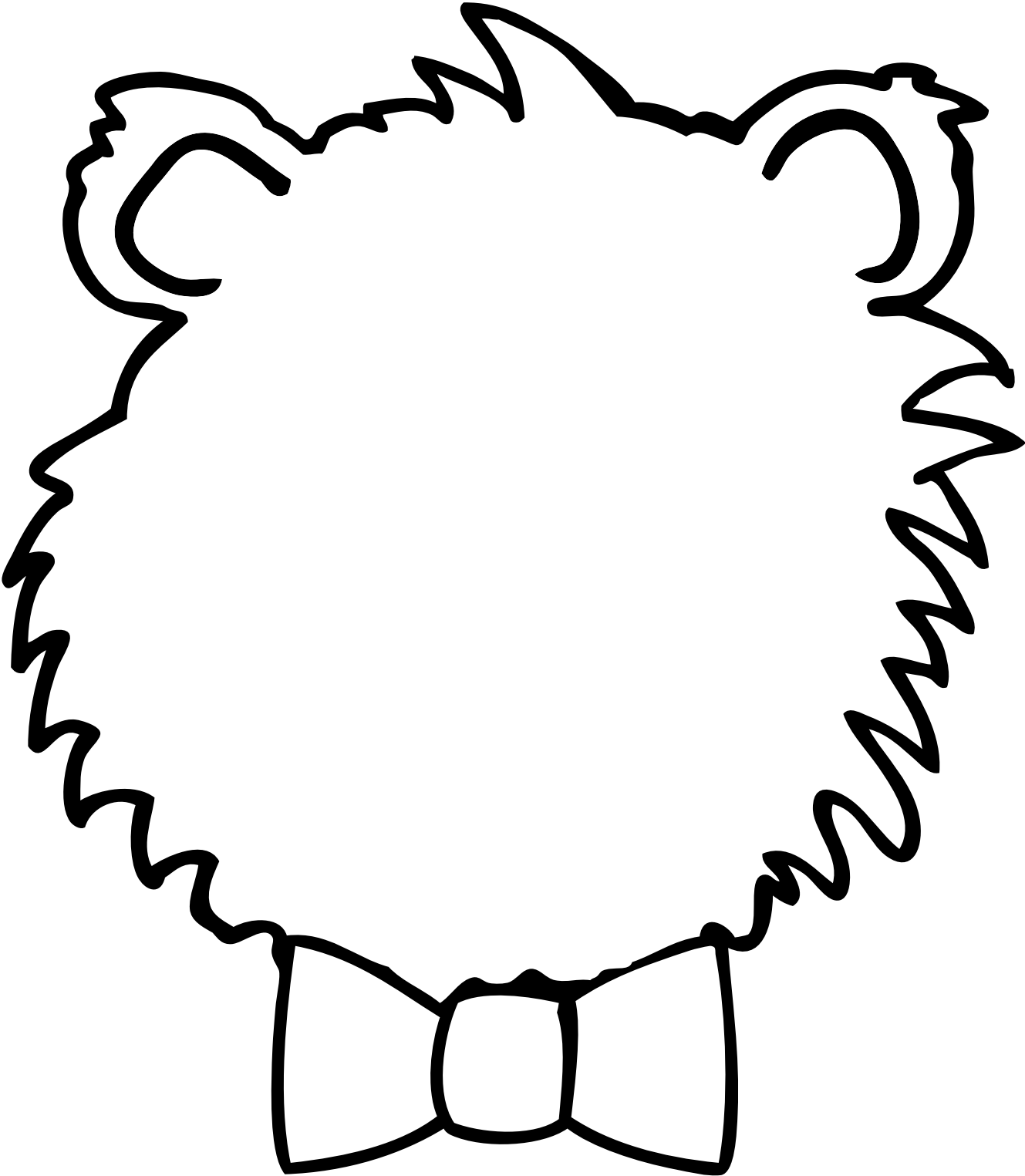
# Frog Stick Puppet



# Big Head Puppets - Goldisocks



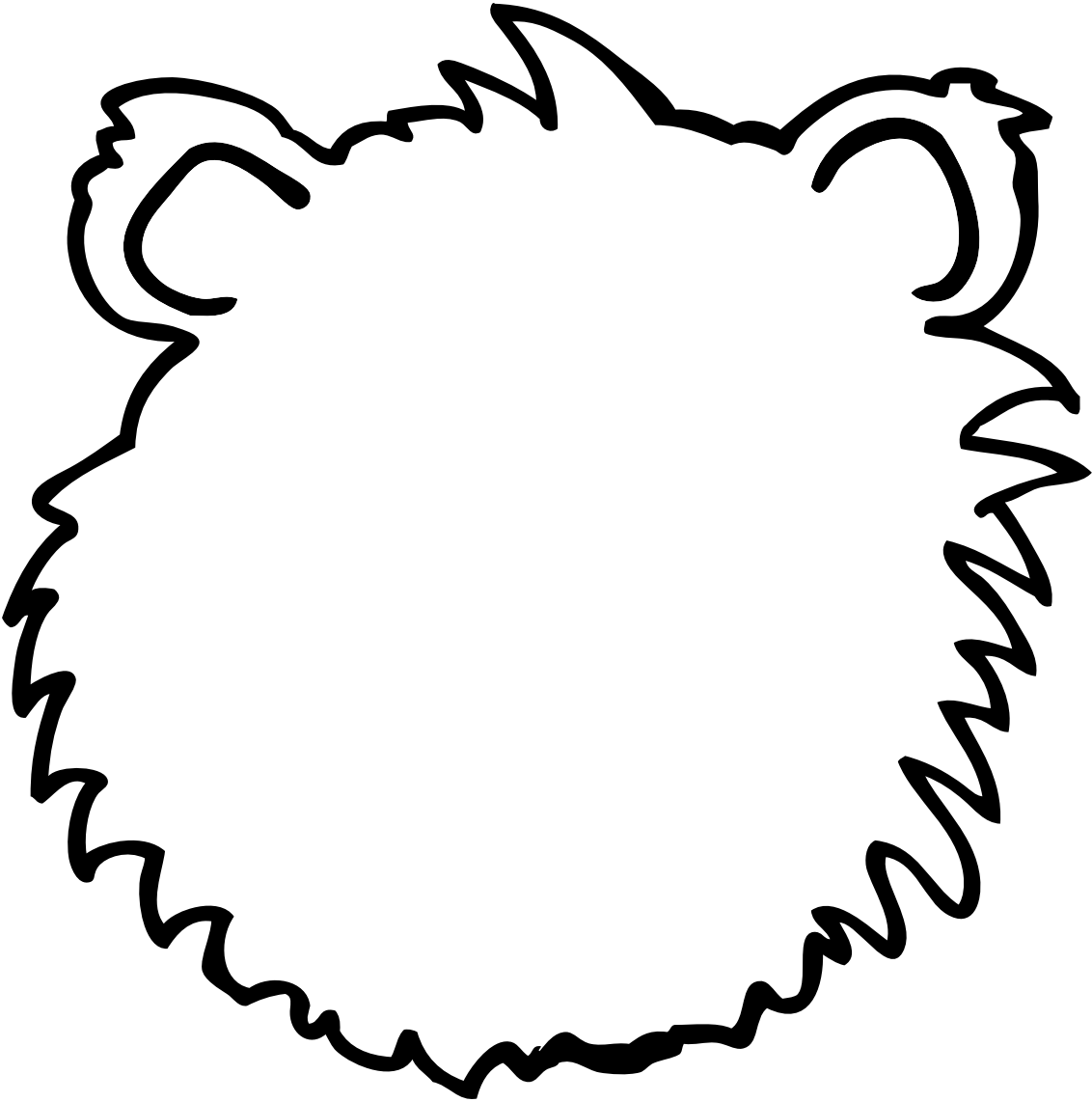
# Big Head Puppets - Papa Bear



# Big Head Puppets - Mama Bear



# Big Head Puppets - Baby Bear



# Finger Puppets - Mouse

