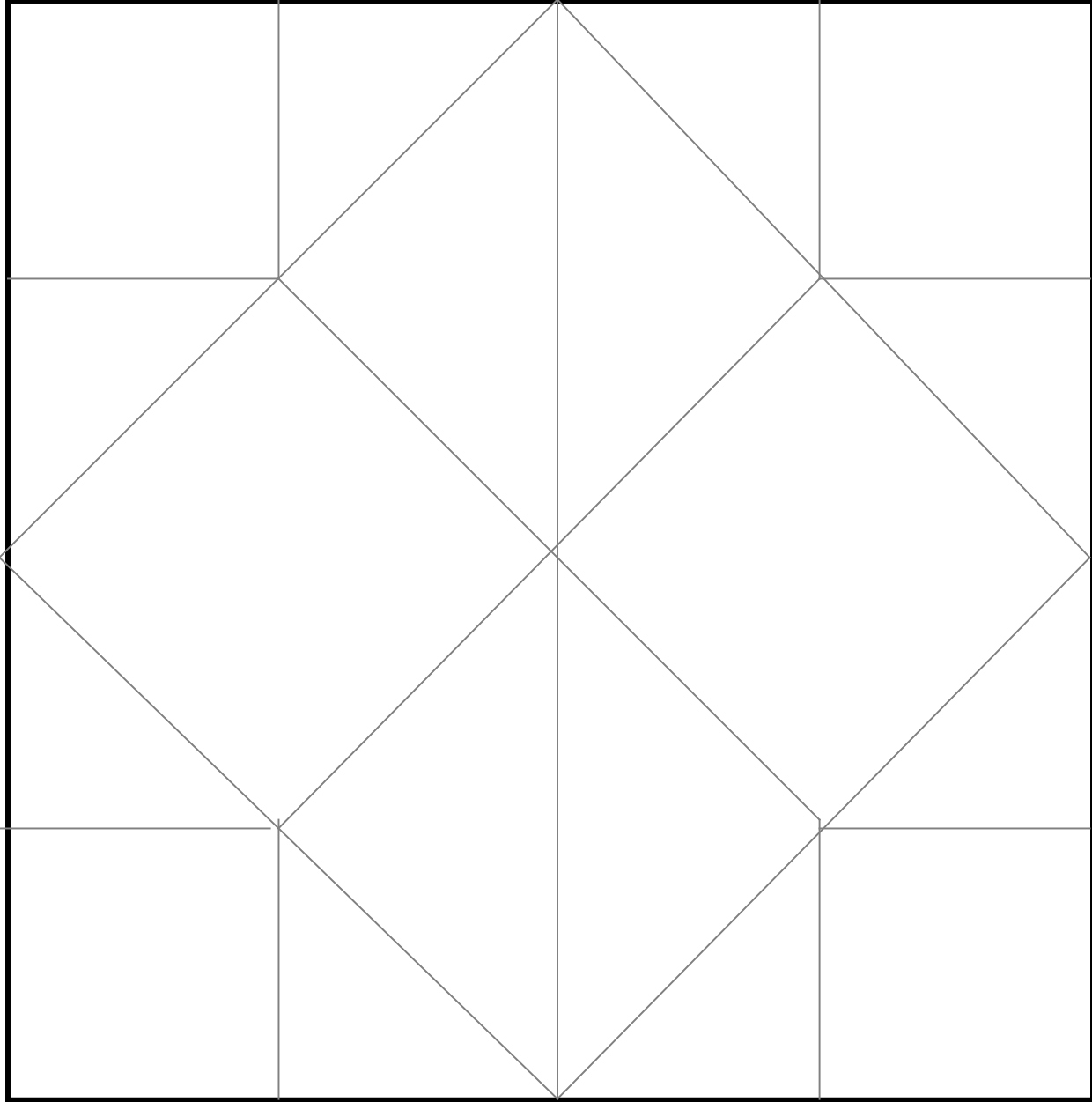


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How to Make a Fortune Teller or Cootie Catcher...

- Entering text into the template (slide one)
 - Triple-click (click 3 times quickly) in each area and type your information
- If you wish, you can print the “empty” template (slide two) and have students handwrite or draw their information
- The Flaps (labeled A, B, C, and D) are the outermost choices... these are often color words – remember you can change this text to color if you will be printing in color.
- The Options (labeled 1 – 8) are the second choices and these are often numerals or number words.
- The Fortunes (labeled Fortune1 – Fortune8) are where you type your SHORT messages. (You can adjust the font size if you need to fit more.)



How to Make a Fortune Teller or Cootie Catcher...

- Use slide one to enter in your options (see slides 3-5 for examples)
- Print your Fortune Teller.
- Cut out the Fortune Teller along the outside line (6 or 8 inch square)
- With the printed side up, fold the square in half horizontally and then vertically, open the folds.
- Turn the square over.
- Fold each corner over so they meet in the middle, do not let them overlap.
- Leave the square folded, and flip the square over.
- Now fold the corners into the center – make sure they do not overlap.
- Fold the entire square in half and poke your thumbs and forefingers in under the flaps.
- Bring your fingers together so the Fortune Teller forms a peak –
- YOU are ready to PLAY!

Ideas for Using “Catchers” for Learning

- Put an action where the fortunes are usually written and use it as a PE activity generator (children might select a flap and get an activity like “run in place” or “hop on one foot”)
- For Language Arts, use words and have students open and close it the number of syllables in the word or spell the word rather than using numbers.
- For math put simple math facts instead of numbers – so “5+3” could be on a flap, “6+1” on another flap and students open and close the “catcher” according to the solution to the math fact selected.
- For reading and writing, students create the fortunes and must write them concisely to fit in the space allotted. Students must read aloud the fortunes for all to hear.
- For any subject, 8 facts or factoids can be written in the place of fortunes, or questions with their answers can be written there as well.
- For writing, students could have a different “catcher” for selecting a character (with a wide collection of characters, one under each flap), another for selecting a setting or a predicament and then write or draw the story using these characters, settings or predicaments.

Related Resources about “Catchers” (books and websites)

Cootie Catchers are also called:

“Fortune Tellers”, “Nose Pinchers”, “Salt Cellars” and “Chatterboxes”

- Some related resources about "Cootie Catchers" are:
- Arthur and The Cootie Catcher (a book by Marc Brown) (reading level third grade)
- The Cootie Catcher Book, by Klutz (a collection of “catchers”)
- <http://aperfecttime.com/Cootie.Directions.pdf> (step-by-step from a piece of paper, includes a mention of history of this "flexagon")
- <http://www.funorama.com/cooties.html> (Why they are called "Cootie Catchers" is explained here.)
- <http://www.sunderland.ac.uk/~as0bgr/moscow.html> (background, animated gifs and international versions - for adults)

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Ready-made Online “Catchers” and Patterns

- Ready-made “Catchers” and Patterns:
- http://www.cityofmesa.org/police/kids/pdf/be_alert_catcher.pdf a safety-themed “catcher” to print
- <http://www.tammyyee.com/origamidragon.html> (cool ready-to-print dragon pattern)
- <http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/halloween/CootieCatcher.html> (Halloween themed “catcher”)
- <http://pbskids.org/arthur/print/cootiecatcher/index.html> (Arthur-themed “catcher”)
- <http://www.thetoymaker.com/Toypages/16Cootiecatcher/16COOTIECATCHER.html> (Valentine themed pattern)
- for older students -
- <http://spaceplace.jpl.nasa.gov/en/kids/st6starfinder/st6starfinder.shtml> (night sky and constellations in a "cootie catcher")
- <http://www.yourpage.org/hanfortune.html> (Hanukkah "fortune teller" with holiday-related content)
- http://dev.sandiegozoo.org/kids/images/craft_cootie_catcher.pdf (conservation riddles on this “catcher”)

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