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# March Ideas and Patterns

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### Directions for the Leprechaun Mask Pattern

1. Cut out blackline and use as a template for a pattern. Use cardboard or tagboard.
2. Students place the pattern on the fold of white construction paper, trace and cut.
3. Unfold the leprechaun mask and decorate as follows:
  - a. Color the hat with green marker or crayon.
  - b. Glue on a buckle which is 2" x 2" yellow paper & 1" x 1" black paper.
  - c. Color the ears with "flesh tone" marker or crayon.
  - d. Color the beard with orange marker or crayon. You can also color the beard by using orange yarn.
4. Staple a 2" x 18" construction paper band to the back and adjust to fit.

### Directions for the Leprechaun Hat Pattern

1. Photocopy the hat pattern onto white construction paper and have the children color and then cut out their hats.
2. Staple a 2" x 18" construction paper band to the back and adjust to fit.
3. Use glitter to add sparkle.

## March — Science Ideas

Grow lucky shamrocks by placing grass seed in the shape of a shamrock in a box of potting soil. You can even plant mystery words as well. The children love to guess what secret surprise is growing in the soil box each month.

Talk about rainbows and leprechauns during the month. Then tell the children you are going to make rainbow ice. Let the kids drop primary food coloring colors into an ice cube tray; showing them how colors combine to make new colors. Then freeze the ice and let the children look at the different colored ice cubes. Next, let the ice melt in some cooking oil making rainbow swirls that fall to the bottom. This demonstrates that water and oil don't mix.

Leprechaun pie, Leprechaun pie,  
If I don't get some I think I'm gonna die.  
Give away my pot of gold,  
Give away the sky,  
But don't give away  
My Leprechaun Pie!!!!  
(Author Unknown)

For St. Patrick's Day, coat the inside of a crock pot with green food coloring. Add any cream based soup, and let the children start to stir. Magic happens!! Or bring in "Magic Leprechaun Powder". Use Instant Pistachio Pudding mix and let the kids add the milk and take turns stirring. The children are quite amazed when it turns into something green and good to eat!

To make green eggs, just add a little bit of food coloring to them before you scramble. To make "green ham" soak your ham overnight in water with LOTS of green food coloring. Read "Green Eggs & Ham" and then eat!

## Directions for the Pot O' Gold Patterns

Use the Pot O' Gold pattern as a math mat.

- Try completing addition or subtraction sentences using gold foil covered chocolate coins as manipulatives.
- Use real money for a sorting activity. Place all the pennies in one pot, the nickels in another, then the dimes, quarters and so on.
- Use real money to make addition sentences. In my pot there is one dime and one nickel. I have 15 cents all together.

Use the Pot O' Gold pattern as a writing frame.

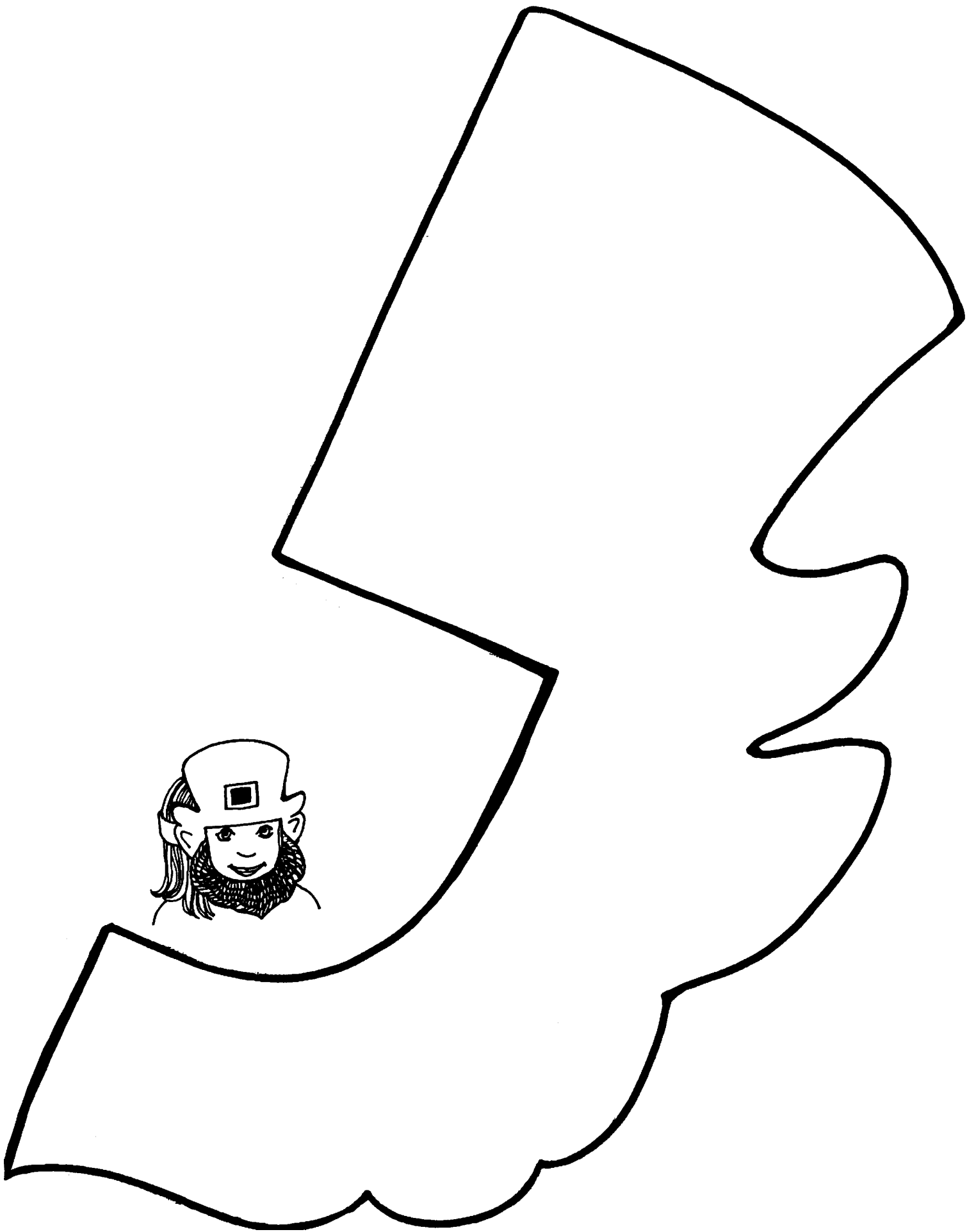
- Have the students write their name in the pot. Then place all the pots under a bulletin board rainbow. (Pre-school)
- Have the students write a St. Patrick's day poem or story in the pot.

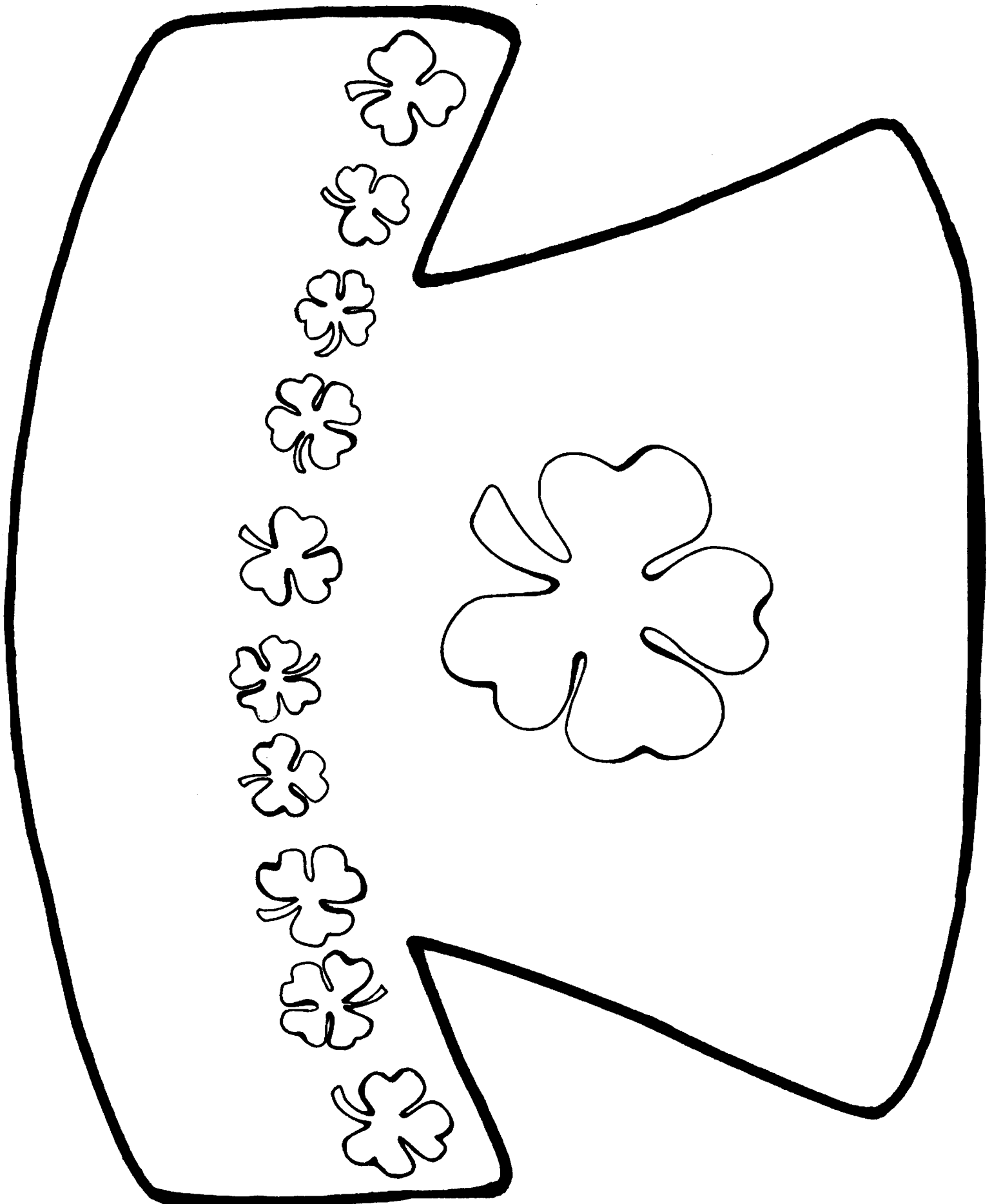
Use the Pot O' Gold pattern as a class made book cover.

- AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW . . .
  - Have each student write about what they hope to find at the end of the rainbow and illustrate their page. Combine the pages together and staple to form a class book.

## Directions for the Student Book Pattern

- Photocopy and quarter fold the "Rainbow" book pattern.
- Have each student color and read the book.









AT THE END  
OF THE  
RAINBOW ...

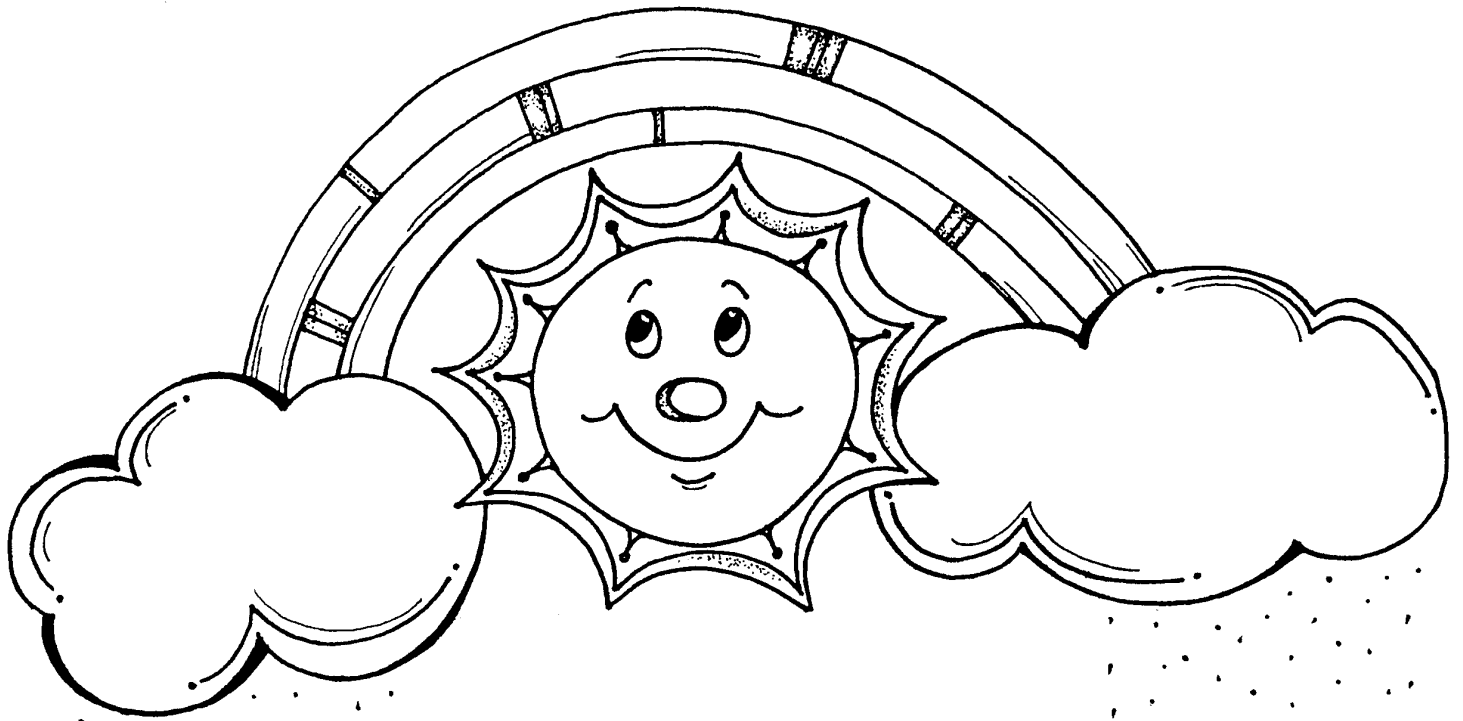


Have you ever seen a  
rainbow?

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Yes

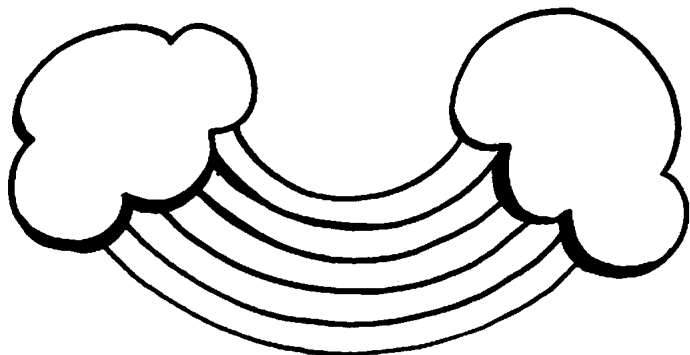
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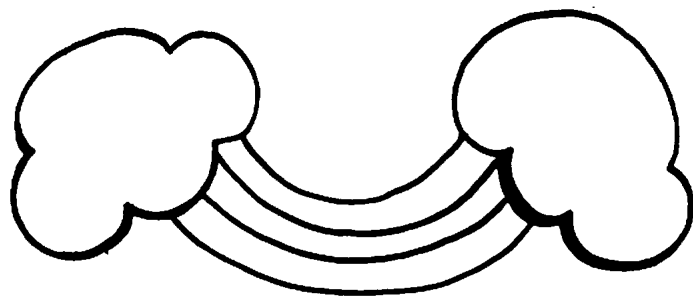
## Torn Paper Rainbows

At a center - set out peices of rainbow color scrap paper and large sheets of white construction paper. Have the children make a rainbow by tearing the scrap paper into small bits and gluing the paper pieces on a sheet of white construction paper in the shape of a rainbow. Have a sample out so the children will know which color belongs in each row. **Red-Orange-Yellow-Green-Blue-Indingo-Violet.** This will keep them busy for quite a while!

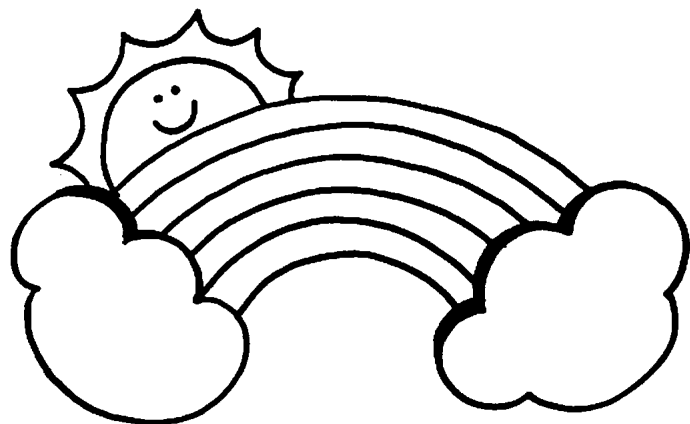
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green and violet...



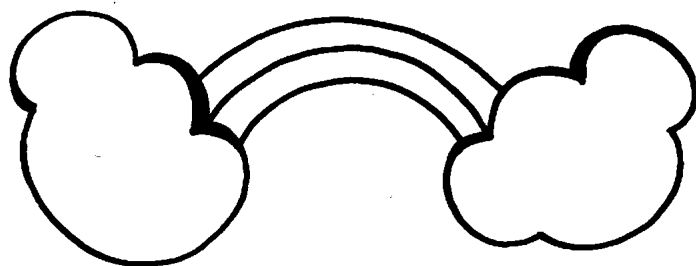
I see a band  
of yellow, too.



# Rainbow



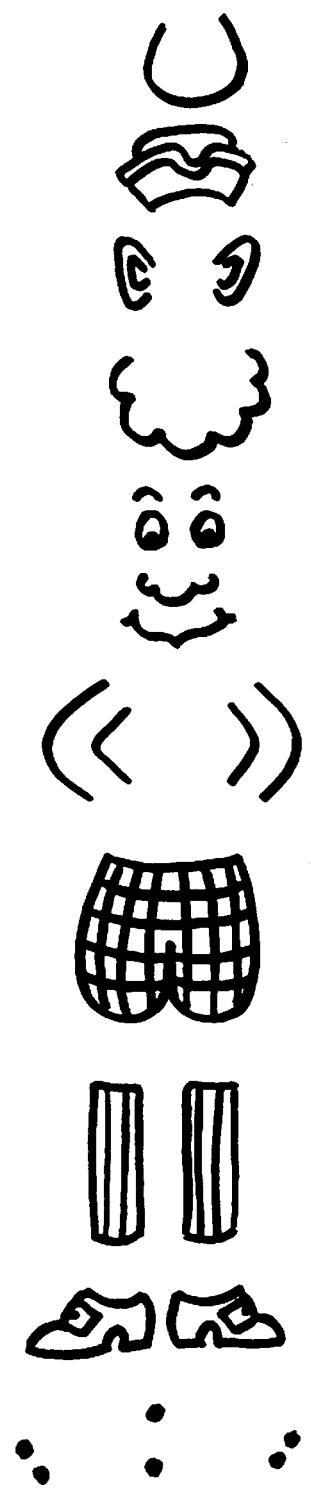
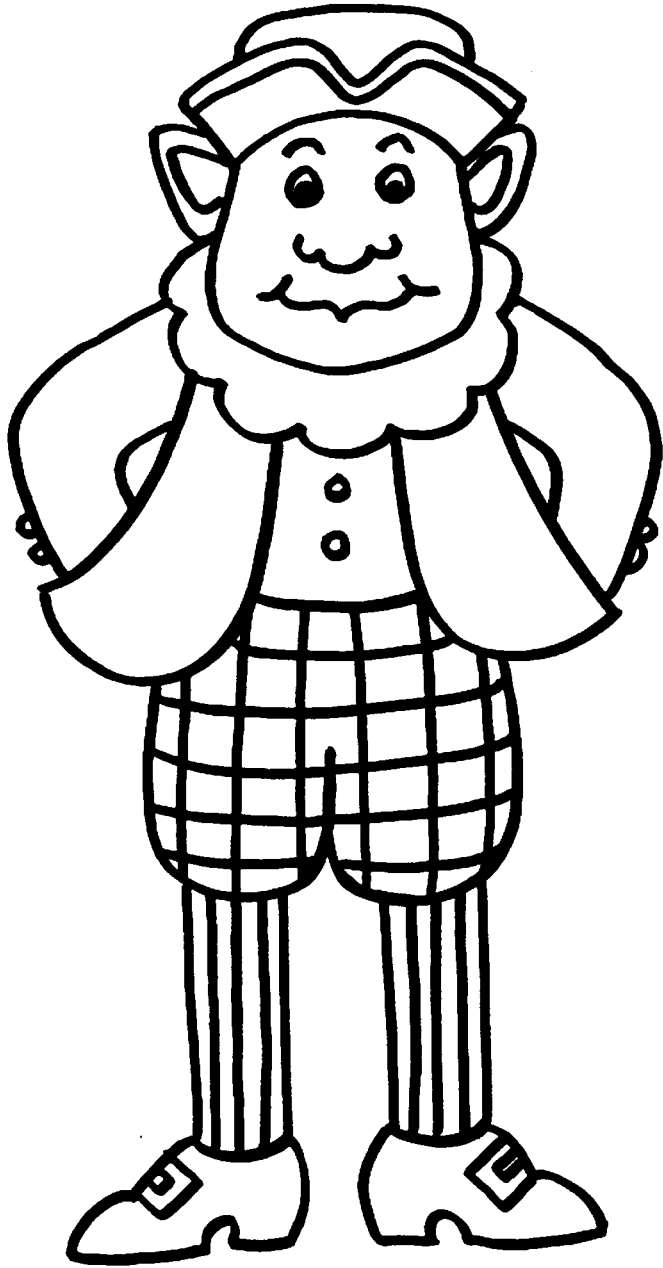
in a sky of blue.



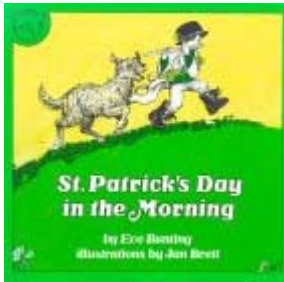
I see bands of red  
and orange.

# Leprechaun

## Directed Drawing Sequence



# Book Recommendations



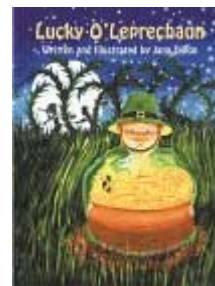
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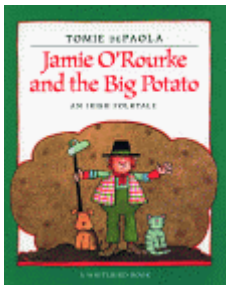
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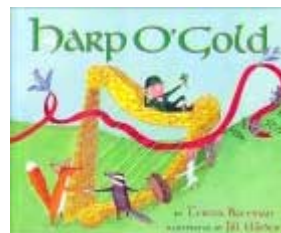
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