

# COLOR CRAZY

## Booklist

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear* - Eric Carle  
*The Mixed Up Chameleon* - Eric Carle  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* - Eric Carle  
*Color Farm* and *Color Zoo* - Lois Ehlert  
*Let's Paint a Rainbow* - Lois Ehlert  
*A Rainbow of My Own* - Don Freeman  
*Color Dance* - Ann Jonas  
*A Brown Cow* - Bijou Le Tord (makes a good flannel story)  
*What Makes a Rainbow? A Magic Ribbon Book* - Betty Schwartz  
*White is for Blueberry* - George Shannon  
*Red is Best* - Kathy Stinson  
*One Yellow Lion* - Matthew Van Fleet  
*Mouse Paint* - Ellen Stoll Walsh (available as HBJ Big Book, and lap-size board book)  
*I Went Walking* - Sue Williams (also HBJ Big Book, and lap-size bilingual board book)

## Action Wigglers & Games

**BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP** (1<sup>st</sup> verse traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> verse I thought I made up, then I found very similar words on Raffi's *More Singable Songs*, ©1977! Try singing with puppets - stick puppets for all the children are easily made using clip art or Google images.)

Baa, baa, Black Sheep, have you any wool?  
Yessir, yessir, three bags full:  
One for my master, and one for my dame,  
And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

Cluck, cluck, Red Hen, have you any eggs?  
Yes ma'am, yes ma'am, as many as my legs.  
Fry one up for breakfast, boil one up for lunch,  
Come back tomorrow and I'll have another bunch.

**LITTLE RED WAGON** (song & bounce, good for toddlers or as an action rhyme, found as "Bumping Up and Down" on *Raffi's Singable Songs for the Very Young*)

**LITTLE WHITE DUCK** (song by Bernard Zaritzky and Walt Barrows - ©1950, famously sung by Burl Ives)

## Poetry

Read poems from: *Yellow Elephant: a Bright Bestiary*, by Julie Larios, illustrated by Julie Paschkis; Harcourt, ©2006.

## Prop Stories

**RAINBOW POEM & DRAWING** (from *Preschool Mailbox*, April 1999; online source: <http://www.kinderkorner.com/colors.html> ) Tell-&-draw rhyme using white sheet of paper and six wide colored markers -- much more vivid than chalk on chalkboard.

**COLOR BIRDS** (from *Totline*, May/June 1987) A quick flannel board story to make, using a die-cutter and the appropriate felt; or if you have small puppets, plush or beanie birds, to make it more participatory)

Yellow bird, yellow bird, high in a tree,  
How many yellow things can you see?  
Blue bird, blue bird, high in a tree,  
How many blue things can you see?  
Red bird, red bird, high in a tree,  
How many red things can you see?  
Black bird, black bird, high in a tree,  
How many black things can you see?

## Flannel Board Stories

**MAKE A RAINBOW** (from *Songs for the Flannel Board*, by Connie Walters; T.S. Denison, ©1989) Spoken, or sung to the melody "Skip to My Lou" using props of plastic fruit, a pail, and curved pieces of felt in red, orange, yellow, green, blue & purple to form a rainbow on the board.

### **BABY GHOSTS, A COLOR STORY**

(online source: <http://www.geocities.com/providersnfriends/halloween/h6.html> )

### **SCAT THE CAT**

(online sources: <http://www.toddlerivillage.net/ScatCatStory102805.pdf> and <http://stepbystepcc.com/colors/colors.html> )

### **THE RAINBOW EXPRESS**

(print source: *Full Speed Ahead*, by Jan Irving and Robin Currie. Teacher Ideas Press, ©1988.)

## Craft

### **COLOR CATERPILLAR**

Build a color caterpillar using half-strips from an egg carton, a string and colored circles to attach to each egg cup. (print sources: *The Storytime Sourcebook II*, by Carolyn N. Cullum; Neal-Schuman Publishers, ©2007.)

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