

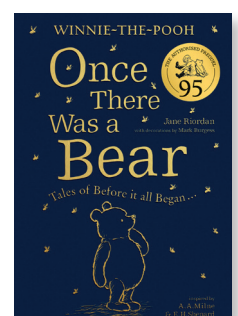
Winnie-the-Pooh: Once There Was a Bear

Activity Pack



This pack is full of fun and easy activities for families with little ones to celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh day.

Resources inspired by *Once There Was a Bear*, a collection of stories written by Jane Riordan in the style of A.A. Milne and illustrated by Mark Burgess in the style of E.H. Shepard, as well as the classic story collections.



Help Winnie-the-Pooh Look for Honey

So Winnie-the-Pooh went round to his friend Christopher Robin, who lived behind a green door in another part of the Forest.

'Good morning, Christopher Robin,' he said.

'Good morning, Winnie-the-Pooh,' said you.

'I wonder if you've got such a thing as a balloon about you?'

'A balloon?'

'Yes, I just said to myself coming along: "I wonder if Christopher Robin has such a thing as a balloon about him?" I just said it to myself, thinking of balloons, and wondering.'

'What do you want a balloon for?' you said.

Winnie-the-Pooh looked round to see that nobody was listening, put his paw to his mouth, and said in a deep whisper: 'Honey!'

'But you don't get honey with balloons!'

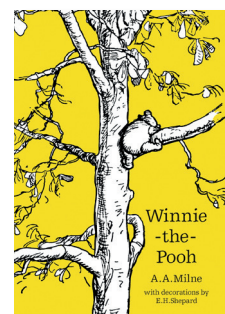
'I do,' said Pooh.

Follow the instructions below:

- 1 Carefully cut out Winnie-the-Pooh on the next page.
- 2 You can colour him in too.
- 3 Ask an adult to blow up a balloon and tie a knot in the end.



Listen to the story again.
Place the balloon and Winnie-the-Pooh on the ground.
Can you lift the balloon high up in the sky? Move around carefully holding the balloon in the air.
Help Winnie-the-Pooh look for honey.



Searching for Honey

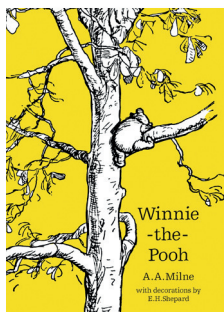
Follow the instructions below:

- 1 Cut out Winnie-the-Pooh carefully so you can help him search for honey. Remember to ask an adult for help with scissors if you need to.
- 2 Use string to attach Winnie-the-Pooh to the bottom of the balloon.

Colour
me in!

"How sweet to be a Cloud
Floating in the Blue!
Every little cloud
Always sings aloud."

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Floating in the Blue!
It makes him very proud
To be a little cloud."



Create Your Own Papier Mâché Balloon

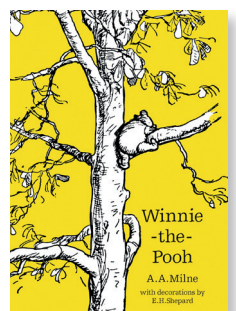
Ask an adult to help you find a balloon, needle, newspaper, paint, paper towels or white paper, paper varnish, scissors, string, papier paste or water and white glue.

Follow the instructions below:

- 1 Blow up a balloon and tie a knot in the end.
- 2 Tear some old newspapers into straight strips.
- 3 Mix some white glue and water together, or use papier paste.
- 4 Piece by piece, layer the newspaper strips over the balloon and cover the strips with glue each time.
- 5 Use white paper or paper towel for your last layer to make painting easier.
- 6 Allow the newspaper-covered balloon to dry properly.
- 7 Poke a needle into the balloon to pop it.
- 8 Cut a small hole at the bottom where the balloon was tied, and remove the balloon.
- 9 Start painting your balloon. Be as creative as you can.
- 10 Allow your beautiful balloon to dry, and if needed use paper varnish to seal it.



Use your cut-out and coloured Winnie-the-Pooh from the previous page. Attach him to the bottom of your papier mâché balloon and help Pooh find some honey. When you've finished playing, put your model on display in your bedroom.

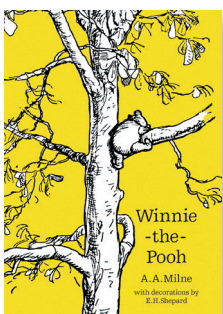


Searching for Honey

Here's an extra picture of Winnie-the-Pooh for you to colour and cut out if you want to complete both activities. Remember to ask an adult for help with scissors if you need to.



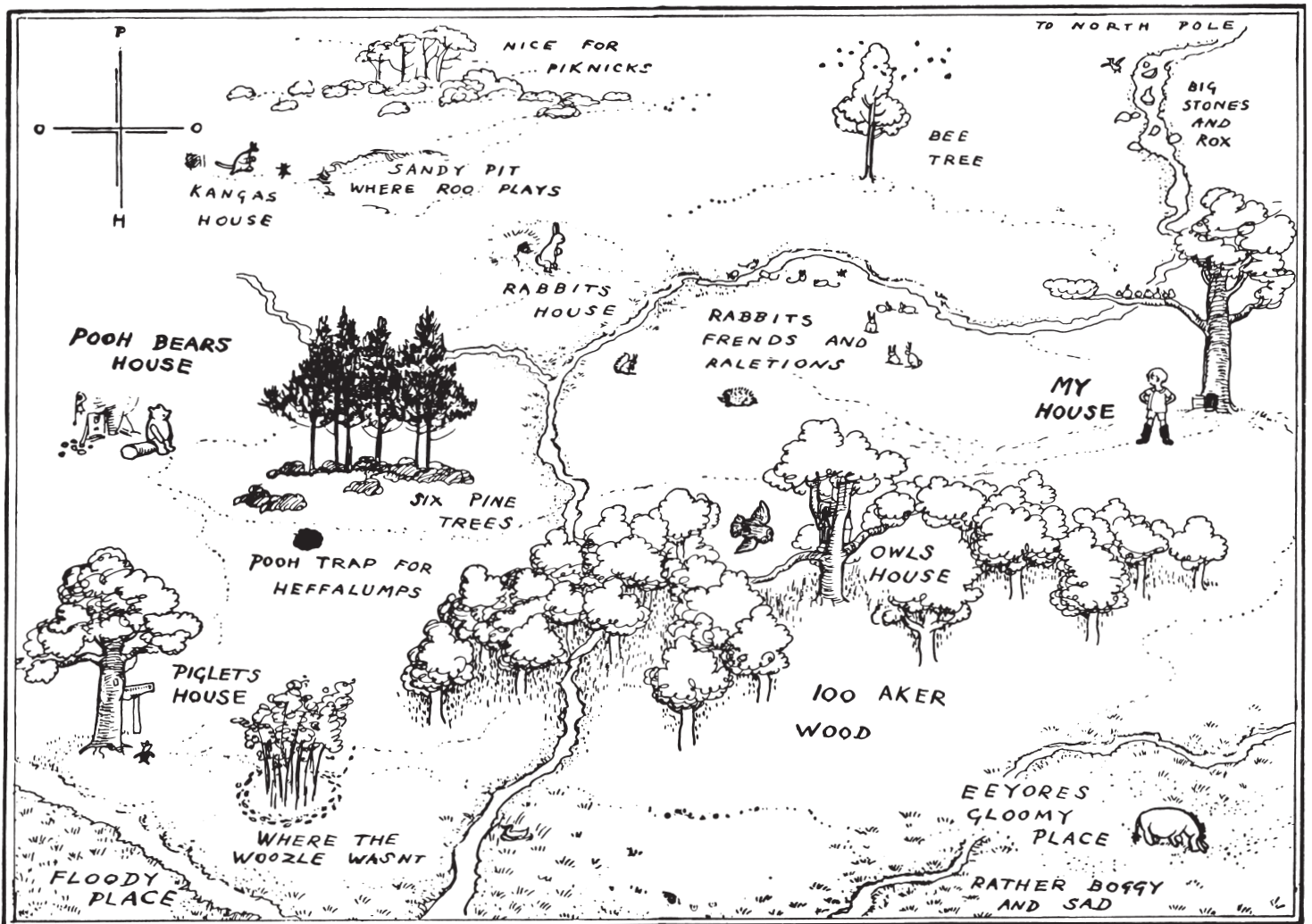
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Enchanted Places

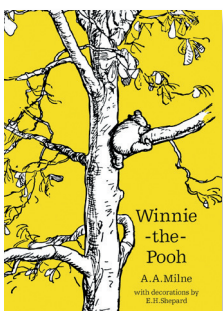
Colour in the map of the Hundred Acre Wood.



Look at the Hundred Acre Wood picture and answer the below questions.

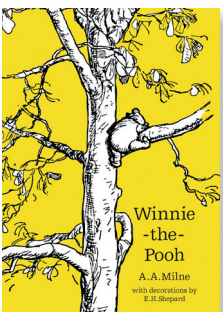
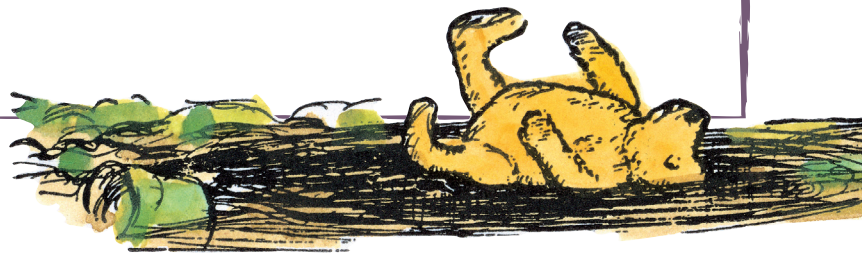
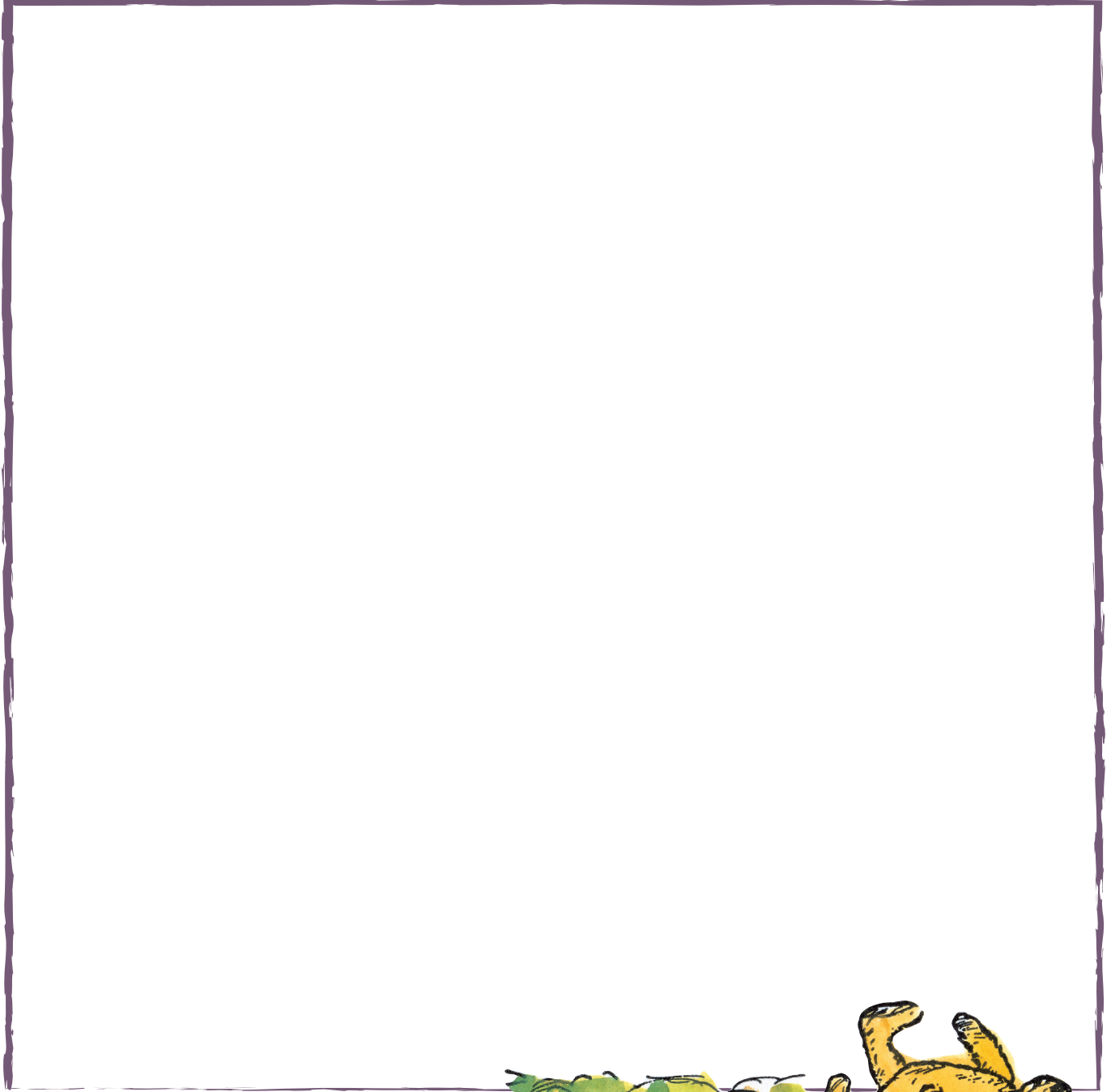
Where in the Hundred Acre Wood ...

- does Owl live?
- does Pooh find honey?
- can you eat your lunch?
- was the Wozzle not?
- is Christopher Robin's House?
- where is rather boggy and sad?



Your Enchanted Place

Turn this page around on its side, and use the space below to draw a map of a place that's special to you. It could be your house and garden. It could be your local park. It could be your school. Use Winnie-the-Pooh's map for inspiration – and don't forget to mark up the places and people that are important to you.

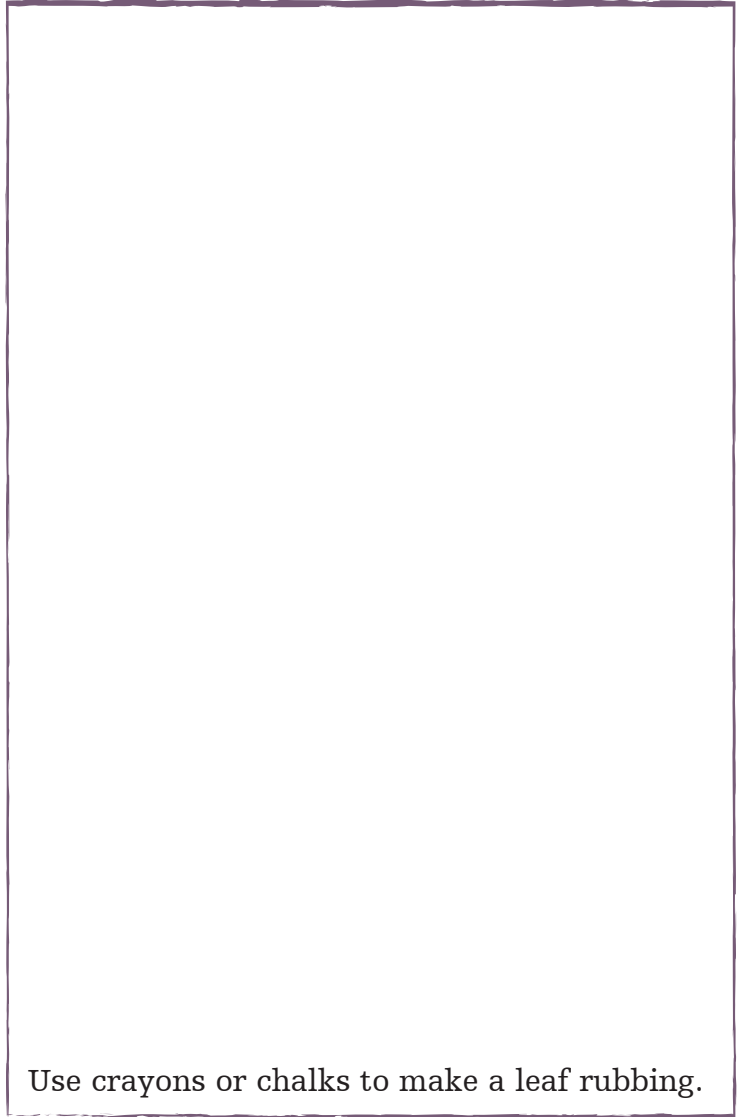




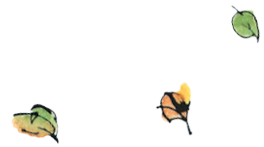
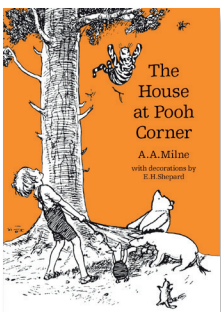
Look Around You



“Half-way between Pooh’s house and Piglet’s house was a Thoughtful Spot where they met sometimes when they had decided to go and see each other, and as it was warm and out of the wind they would sit down there for a little and wonder what they would do now that they *had* seen each other.”



Find a spot where you can sit quietly.
What can you see? What can you hear?
Collect some leaves and twigs.
How do they feel?



Finding Things with Friends

Talk a walk outside with a friend, parent or family member – do not go far without a responsible adult. Discuss the senses like hearing, sight, smell and touch. Find a Thoughtful Spot where you can sit quietly. Take time to use your senses and understand the natural world around you.

Together, collect different leaves and twigs in a pile. Use your senses to explore the leaves and twigs, but do not taste them!

“This warm and sunny spot
Belongs to Pooh.
And here he wonders what
He’s going to do.
Oh, bother, I forgot –
It’s Piglet’s too.”

Hearing

- Listen to the sound of the trees, and the rustle of the leaves.
- Can you make your own sound like leaves?

Sight

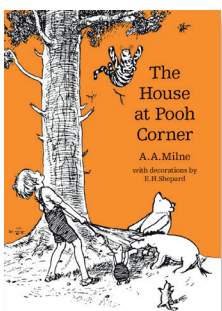
- Look at the various colours of the leaves.
- Which colours can you spot? Create your own leaf artwork.

Smell

- Do the leaves or twigs smell?
- Scratch the leaf or twig – does it smell differently now?

Touch

- Compare the feel of a leaf, twig and the bark of a tree.
- What do you notice? Use adjectives to describe the differences.



Help Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet Build a House for Eeyore



Read the story below and find your own spot, indoors or outdoors, to make a house for Eeyore.

Top tips to help build a house for Eeyore.

'Well, poor Eeyore has nowhere to live.'

'Nor he has,' said Piglet.

'You have a house, Piglet, and I have a house, and they are very good houses. And Christopher Robin has a house, and Owl and Kanga and Rabbit have houses, and even Rabbit's friends and relations have houses or somethings, but poor Eeyore has nothing. So what I've been thinking is: Let's build him a house.'

'That,' said Piglet, 'is a Grand Idea. Where shall we build it?'

'We will build it here,' said Pooh, 'just by this wood, out of the wind, because this is where I thought of it. And we will call this Pooh Corner. And we will build an Eeyore House with sticks at Pooh Corner for Eeyore.'

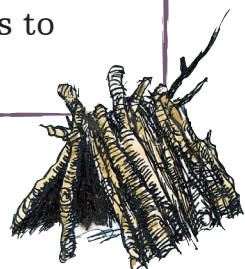
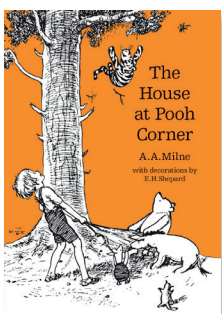
'There was a heap of sticks on the other side of the wood,' said Piglet. 'I saw them. Lots and lots. All piled up.'

Building Outdoors

- 1 Look around your garden, playground or field for some fallen branches.
- 2 Don't break or cut branches from living trees.
- 3 Find a flat spot to build Eeyore's House.
- 4 Balance the longer branches against a wall, fence or a tree. Or ask an adult to tie branches together to make a freestanding frame.
- 5 Rest other branches against the wall, fence, tree or freestanding frame to build up your walls.
- 6 Eeyore's House was only made of sticks. You could cover the house with some leaves, twigs or fern to make it waterproof.

Building Indoors

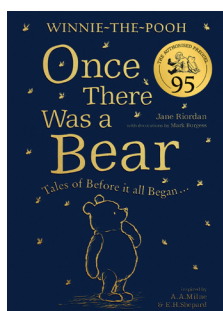
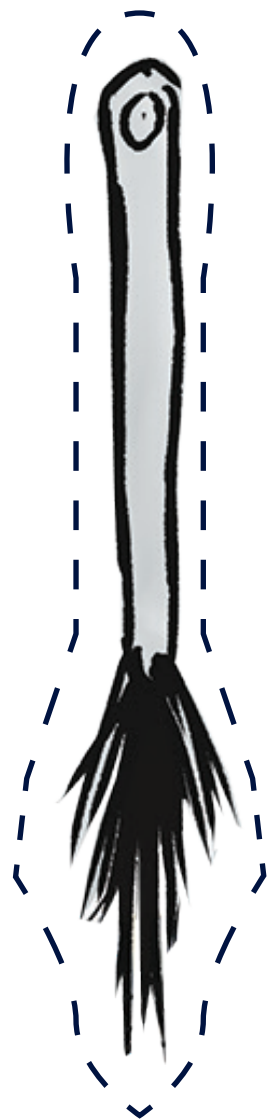
- 1 Ask an adult to help you find some blankets and find some furniture you can use to help build your house – you could use chairs, tables or a sofa.
- 2 Arrange the furniture to be the walls of your house – you could use two sets of dining chairs back-to-back, or the back of your sofa and a couple of chairs.
- 3 Drape the blankets over your furniture so you have a roof and some sides to cover your new indoor house.



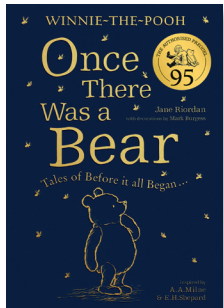
Pin the tail on Eeyore

How to play the game:

- 1 Stick the poster on the following page onto a wall.
- 2 Ask an adult to help you cut out the tail and attach some sticky tack at the top on the back.
- 3 Wearing a blindfold, take turns to try sticking Eeyore's tail in the right position.
- 4 Ask an adult to take a photo of each turn with the player in the picture so you can find out who gets the closest.

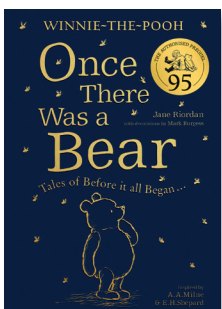
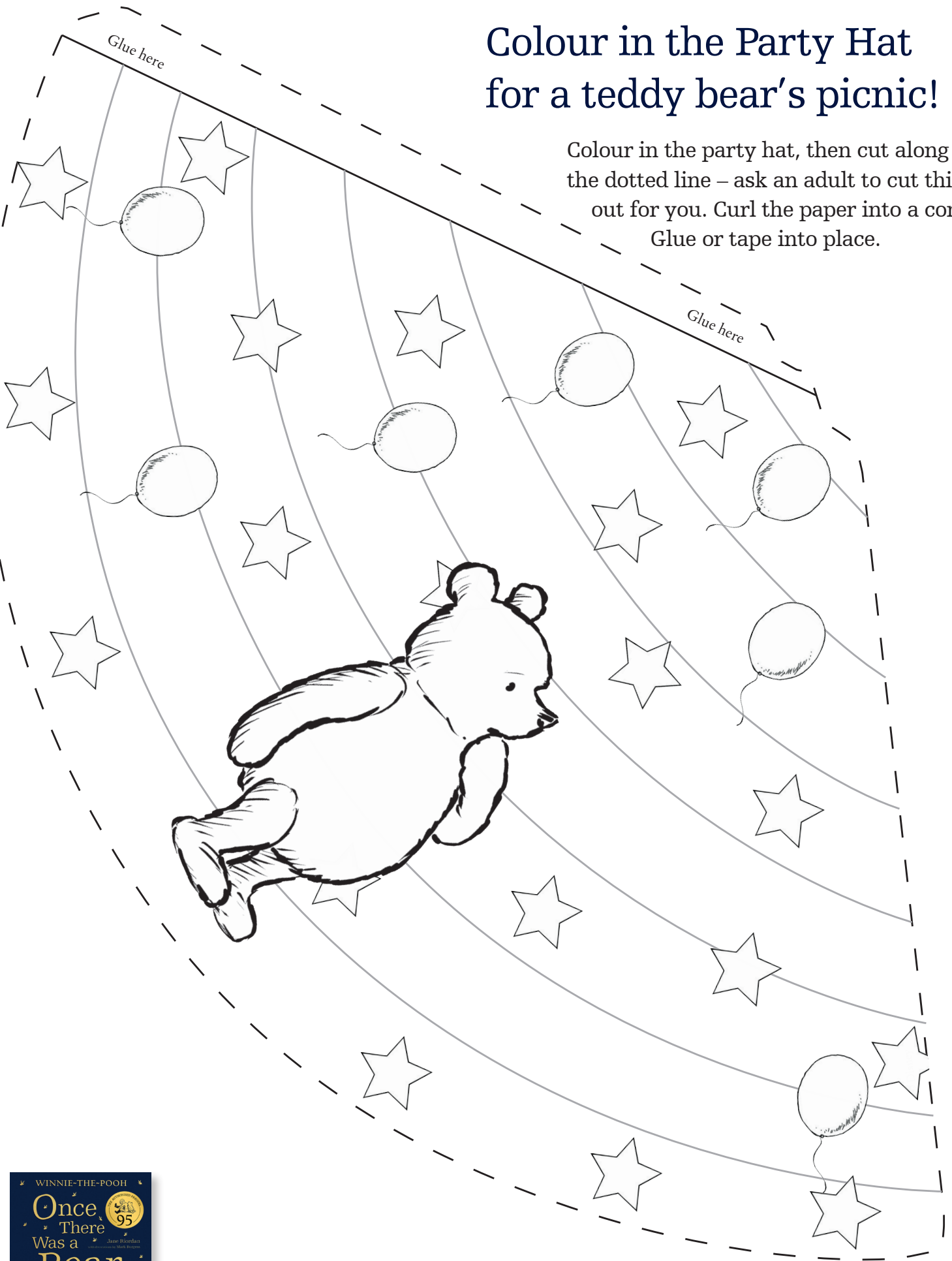


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Colour in the Party Hat for a teddy bear's picnic!

Colour in the party hat, then cut along the dotted line – ask an adult to cut this out for you. Curl the paper into a cone. Glue or tape into place.



We hope you've enjoyed celebrating Winnie-the-Pooh day.
Why not carry on celebrating by planning a picnic?