

Fun on the Farm

An activity kit for William Bee's Stanley the Farmer



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About Stanley the Farmer

It's going to be a busy day on Stanley's farm! From plowing the field, to planting the seeds, to harvesting the wheat, Stanley has a lot to do. Luckily, his friends Shamus and Little Woo lend a helping hand.

About William Bee

William Bee was born in London, but now lives in the English countryside. As well as writing children's books, he races a vintage sports car, is an international skier, and when at home tends his lawns and meadow. Visit him at www.williambee.com.



Detailed instructions and information on all of the ideas found in this kit (and more!) are on our *Stanley the Farmer* Pinterest board. Check them out here: www.pinterest.com/peachtreepub/fun-on-the-farm-with-stanley/





Time for a Snack!

Dirt in a Cup

Ingredients

- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 pack (4 oz) chocolate instant pudding
- 1 container (8 oz) whipped topping, thawed
- 1 pack (16 oz) Oreos crushed into crumbs
- 1 pack gummy worms
- 10 (8 oz) plastic cups

Directions

- 1. Pour the milk and pudding mix into a mixing bowl.
- 2. Beat with a wire whisk until well blended (about 2 minutes).
- 3. Let pudding stand for 5 minutes.
- 4. Gently stir the whipped topping into the pudding. The color should be consistent.
- 5. Place 1 tablespoon of the crushed cookies into the bottom of each cup.
- 6. Add 2 tablespoons of pudding to each cup.
- 7. Then repeat by adding another layer of cookies, then pudding, and then cookies.
- 8. Add gummy worms to top off each cup.
- 9. Chill cups in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

Krispie Treat Hay Bales

Ingredients

- 5 Tbsp butter
- 10 cups mini marshmallows

- 6 cups Krispie Cereal
- ½ tsp salt

Directions

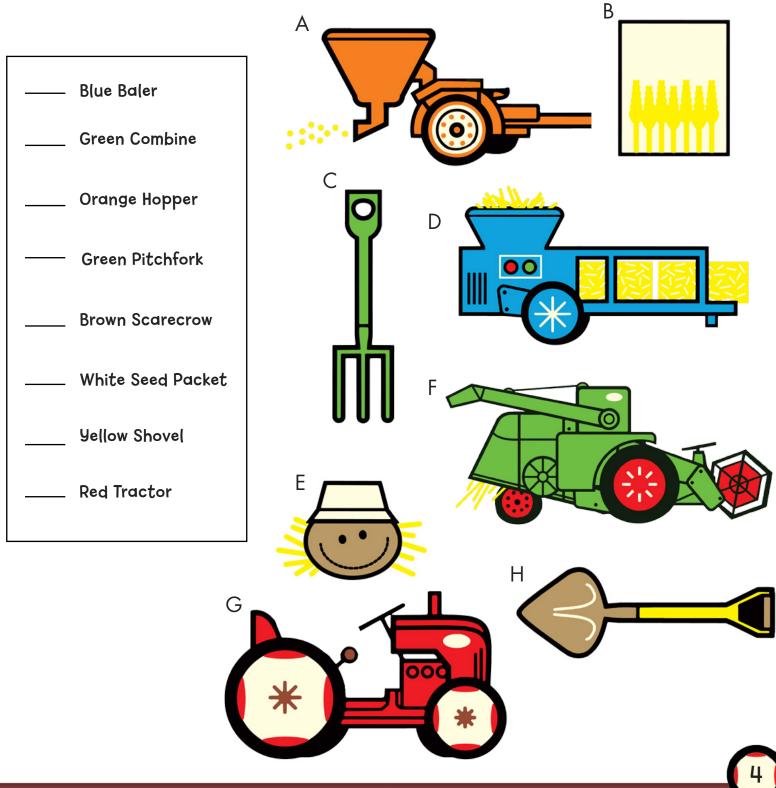
- 1. Line a 9x9 pan with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Set aside.
- 2. In a large pot, melt butter on low heat. Once butter is melted, add 8 cups mini marshmallows to the pot, stirring constantly.
- 3. Once the marshmallows have melted, remove from heat and stir in the cereal and salt until cereal is coated in marshmallow mixture.
- 4. Stir in the remaining 2 cups of mini marshmallows.
- Pour mixture into prepared pan and press in evenly.
- Allow to cool completely before cutting into squares.

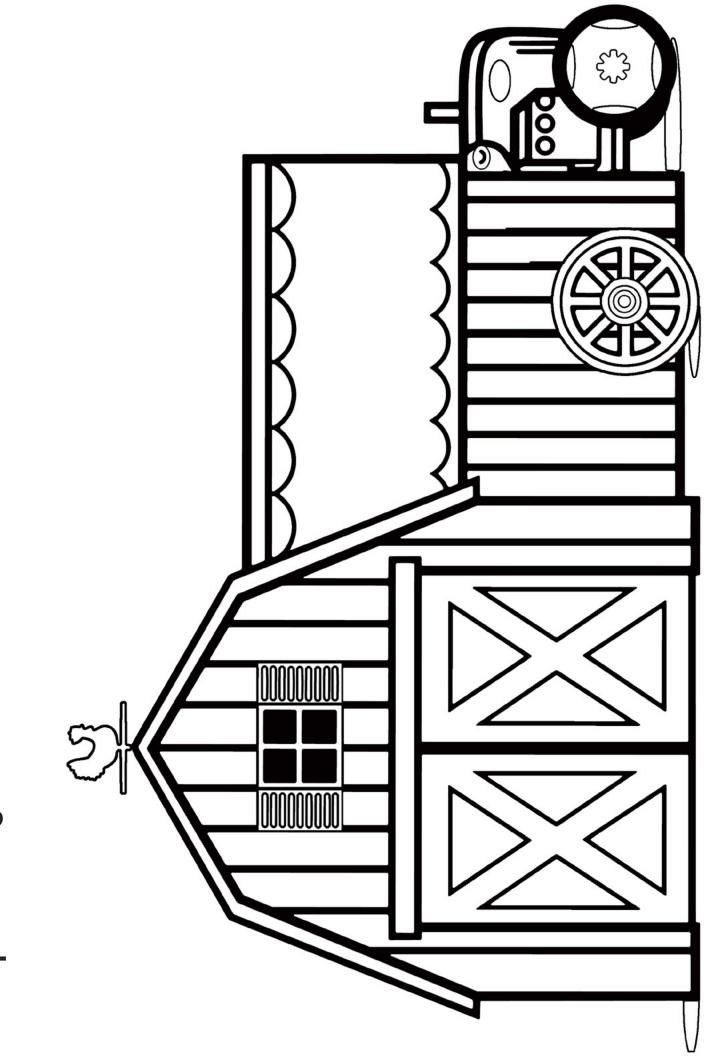




Help Stanley Find His Tools

Stanley needs a lot of tools to grow his crops. Can you remember what each tool is called? Match the tool to its name to help Stanley get the job done!





Help Stanley Paint His Barn

Scare the Crows!

Print this sheet on cardstock. Using materials like raffia, scraps of denim, burlap, kraft paper, yarn, buttons, googly eyes, feathers, and glue, build a scarecrow to keep the birds away from Stanley's wheat!



Stanley Story Cards

Cut apart the cards below and use them to retell Stanley the Farmer. Make up your own stories, too!

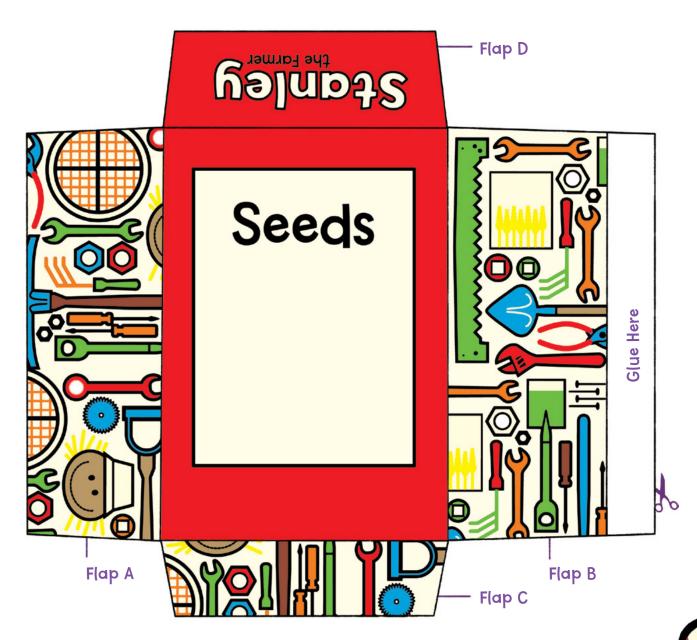


Make Your Own Seed Packet

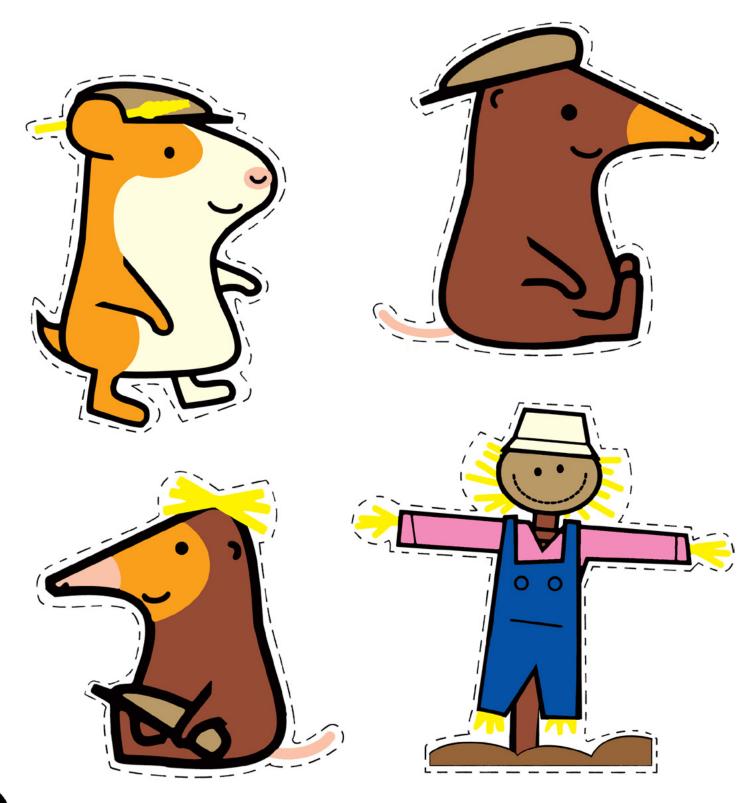
Use this pattern to create a packet for your seeds—just like Stanley's!

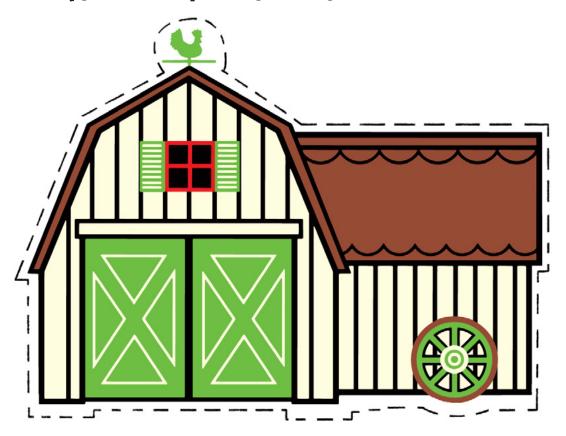
Instructions

- 1. Cut around the edge of the seed packet.
- 2. Turn the paper over so the printed side is face down.
- 3. Folds flaps A and B inwards and crease along the lines.
- 4. Apply glue or double-sided tape in the "glue here" area.
- 5. Stick so that flap A is on top of flap B.
- 6. Fold flaps C and D inwards and crease along the lines.
- 7. Glue the underside of flaps C and press down.
- 8. Flap D can be glued down once filled with seeds.

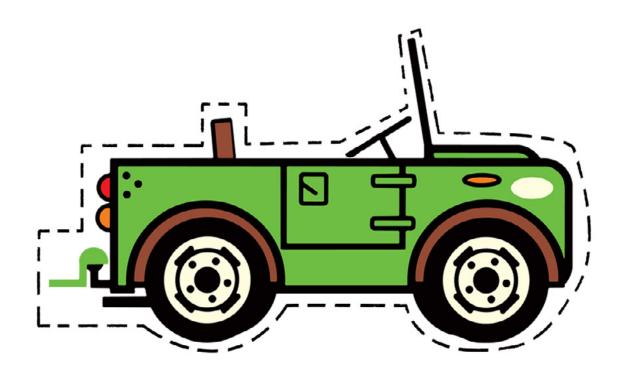


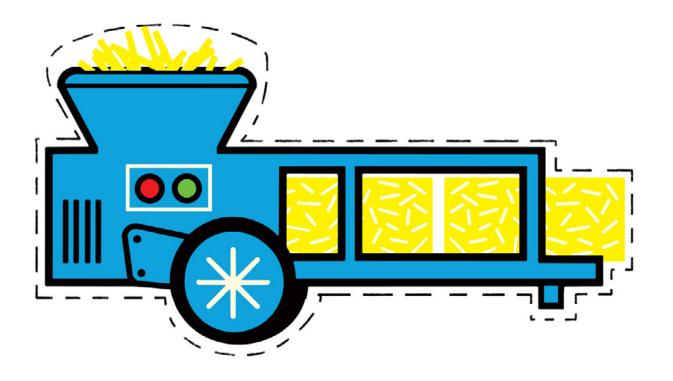
Cut out Stanley and his friends, laminate them, adhere to Velcro, and use during Stanley storytime!

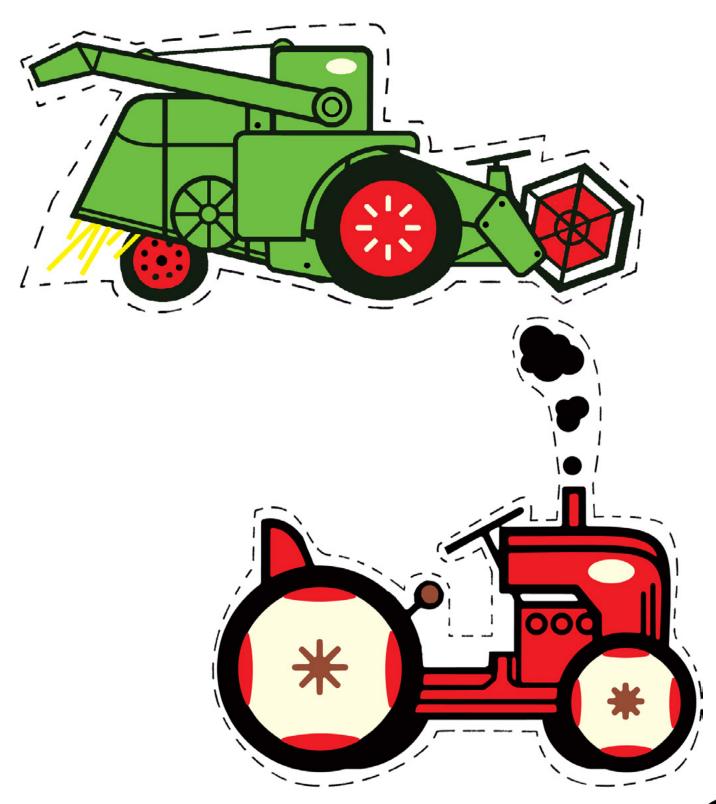


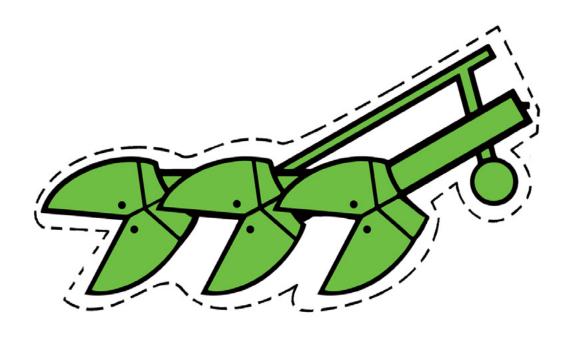


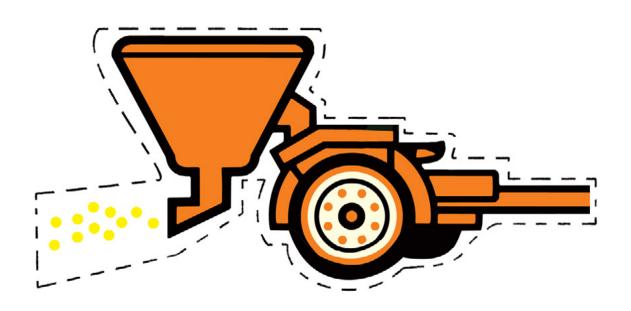


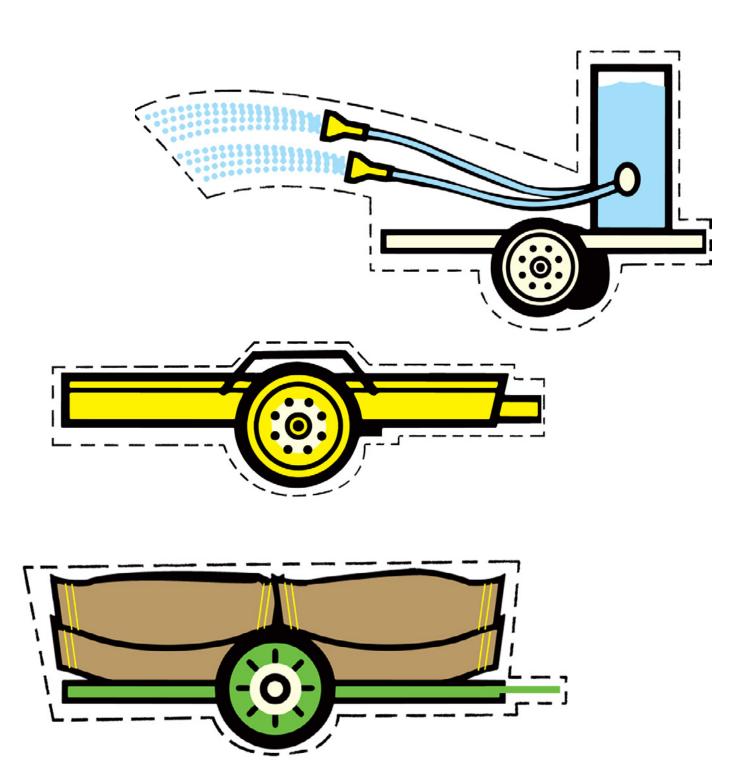


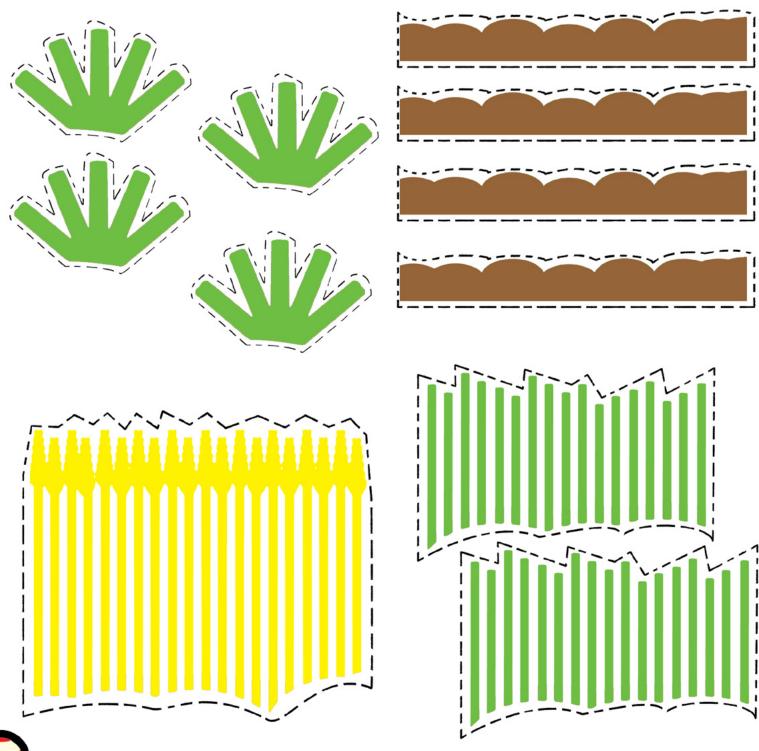














Stanley the Farmer
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"Stanley and his fellow rodents are adorable ...
[L]ittle listeners are sure to come back to Stanley over and over, as he explores jobs and uses equipment sure to pique their interest."

- Kirkus Reviews

"Young children will enjoy the simple story as well as the bold, black lines and flat colors of the digital illustrations."

- Booklist

"These simple books are great choices for younger kids to start looking at jobs, identifying colors, and hanging out with Stanley and his mice friends."

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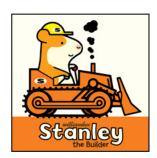
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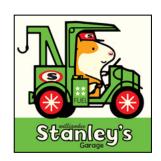
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