

# Rabbit Lapbook

# Rabbit Lapbook Research and Lessons

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## Classification

Kingdom is Animalia

Phylum is chordata

Class is ammalia

Order is Lagomorpha

Family is Leporidae

Lapbook Template: [Classification Flap](#)

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## Smallest and Largest

The smallest is the pygmy rabbit who weighs in at .8-1.1 pounds.

The largest rabbit is the German Grey Rabbit who can weigh in at 23 pounds!

Lapbook Template: [Big and Little Flap](#)

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## Where do rabbits live?

Rabbits live on mountains, in deserts, wetlands and generally most everywhere.

They live in Europe, Central and South Africa, India, Sumatra, Japan and the middle latitudes of the Americas.

Lapbook Template: [Where Rabbits Live File Folder](#)

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## Rabbit Behavior

Some rabbit species make burrows and live underground. Many burrows connected together form a warren. While others live in surface nests called forms.

In Europe, rabbits can live in groups with as many as 20 rabbits. But other species are mainly solitary and only form family groups.

Rabbits don't make many sounds. They will make a scream like a baby's cry when they are caught by predators. They will growl when threatened. And they make a purring sound by grinding their teeth when they are happy.

Rabbits communicate mostly through scents. They will mark their territory through spraying or rubbing. These marks communicate information about sex, age, social and reproductive status, or territory ownership. If you neuter your house rabbit it will help with spraying only if they were neutered young enough.

Lapbook Template: [Bunny Behavior Tab](#)

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### **What do rabbits eat (in the wild)?**

Grass, forbs and leafy weeds make up the bulk of a rabbit's diet since they are herbivores.

Lapbook Template: [Eating Like a Rabbit Simple Fold](#)

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### **Names for Rabbits**

Rabbits are called by a variety of names including: bunny, bunny rabbit, coney, cony, kit, kindle, leverets, bucks, does, fluffle.

Females are called does, males are called bucks, babies are called kit. Groups of rabbits can be called a kindle or a fluffle.

Lapbook Template: [Names Fan](#)

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### **Rabbit Hierarchy**

Rabbits who live with other rabbits will develop into a hierarchy. There will often be a "leader" rabbit who will claim authority over the other rabbits. The king rabbit often does not like other male rabbits in his territory. The queen rabbit will insist that she get the first pick of all the treats given out.

The subjects are the subordinate rabbits who get bullied around by the other rabbits. Sometimes these rabbits are just more laid back and sometimes they have low self-esteem.

Lapbook Template: [Royal Rabbits Tab \(choose one: with lines or without lines\)](#)

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### **Rabbit or Hare**

Hares--born with fur and open eyes, live in nests, larger, longer ears

Rabbits--born hairless and blind, live in burrows underground, domesticated

Both--hop, eat the same foods

Lapbook Template: Venn Diagram

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## **Pet Rabbits**

### Diet

An adult rabbit should have a regular diet of unlimited timothy, grass, or oat hay or straw. 1/2 cup of pellets, minimum of 2 cups of veggies and a maximum of 2 Tablespoons of fruit.

Research the fruits and veggies that rabbits can eat. Also research the foods that are poisonous to rabbits.

Lapbook Template: Pet Rabbit Diet Layer

### Litter Box Training

For litter, do not use clay, clumping, cedar or pine based litters. Pellets made of corn, newspaper or other organic materials are fine. Some people just use rabbit droppings as they soak up the liquids. Rabbit droppings are also great for the garden.

When looking for a litter box, you may want to just buy a small cat box but make sure the sides are low enough for the rabbit to hop in. Some rabbits will miss the box and you may want to buy one with higher sides to prevent these sorts of "accidents."

Steps to litter box training:

1. Keep the rabbit confined to the cage and observe where s/he leaves their droppings, put a small litter box in that corner.
2. Let the rabbit roam in a confined space outside of the cage with litter box access.
3. Watch for signs that your rabbit needs to "go" and help them into their litter box.

Lapbook Template: Training Tab Book

### Toys

Rabbits like to play and some ideas for toys include: paper bags, cardboard tubes, balls, rattles, baby keys, and plastic caps from bottles.

Lapbook Template: Toys Mini-book

### Rabbit Proofing Your House

Rabbits like to chew and electrical cords are very tempting so you will need to wrap your wires in cable wrap, plastic tubing or decorative wire concealers. Many houseplants are also poisonous to rabbits so you will need to put these up where they cannot go and make sure you pick up falling leaves before the rabbits find them.

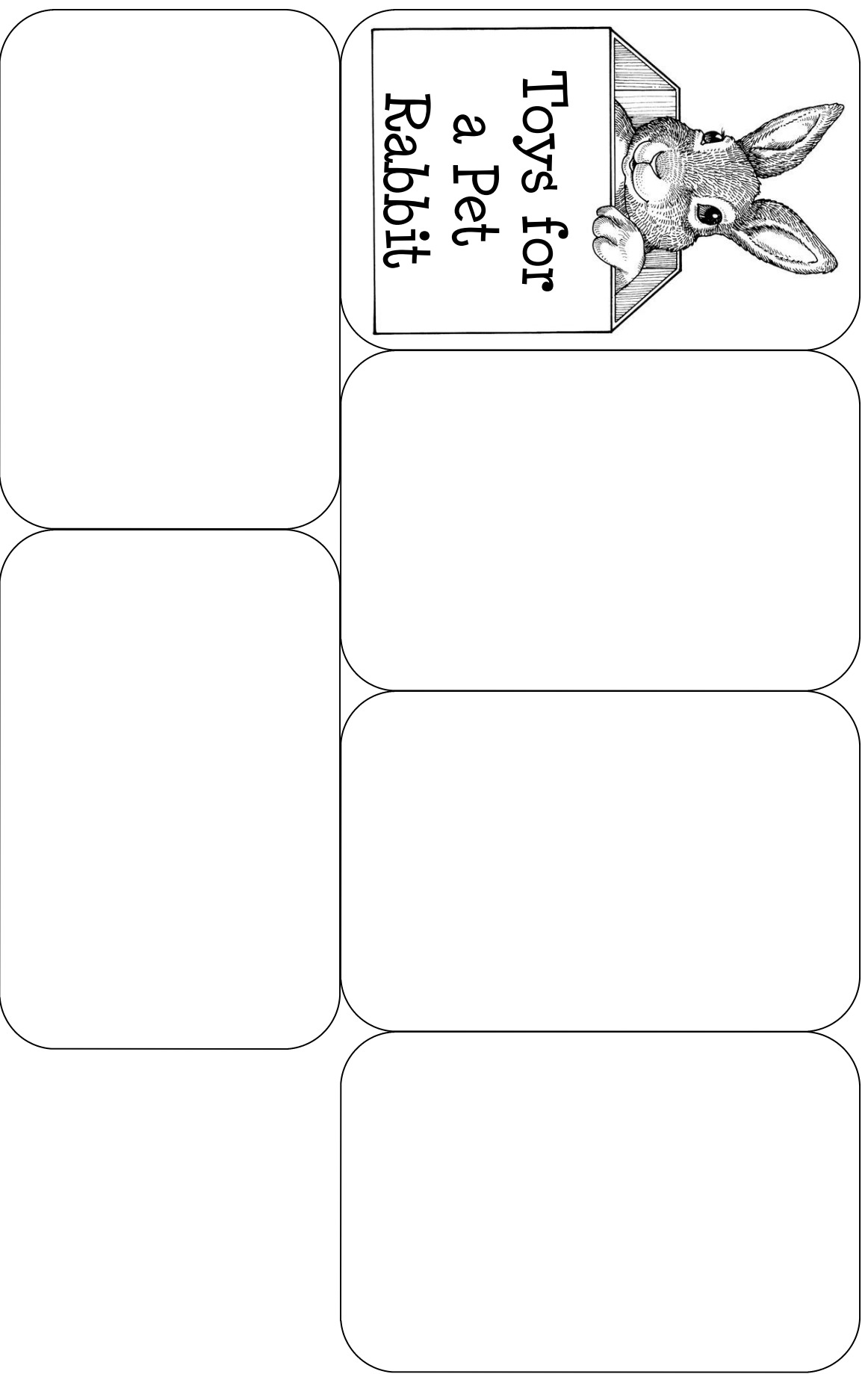
Rabbits love to chew on wood and so you may have to train them not to chew on these items. Many people put a board over these places of temptation. You may also need to block access to the underside of soft furniture so that your rabbit does not burrow underneath the couch or mattress to make a nest.

Lapbook Template: Rabbit Proofing

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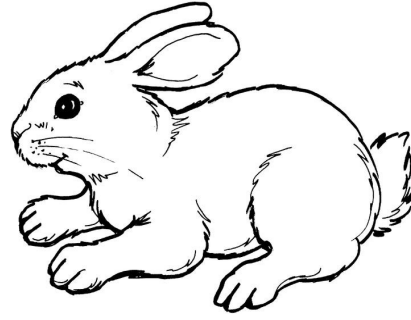
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Cut pieces out. Stack together with cover on top and secure with a staple.

# Smallest



# Largest

# Big and Little

Cut out book as one piece. Fold on solid black line (fold up). Cut dotted line. You should have a space at the top of this book to write a title. You can also turn it upside down and put the title on the bottom.

# Rabbit Royalty



Cut out each piece. Stack together (you will have two tabs at the top and two at the bottom) with cover on top and staple on the left side. Write verses on each page that pertain to the topic.



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# Hierarchy

Queen

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## Subjects

King

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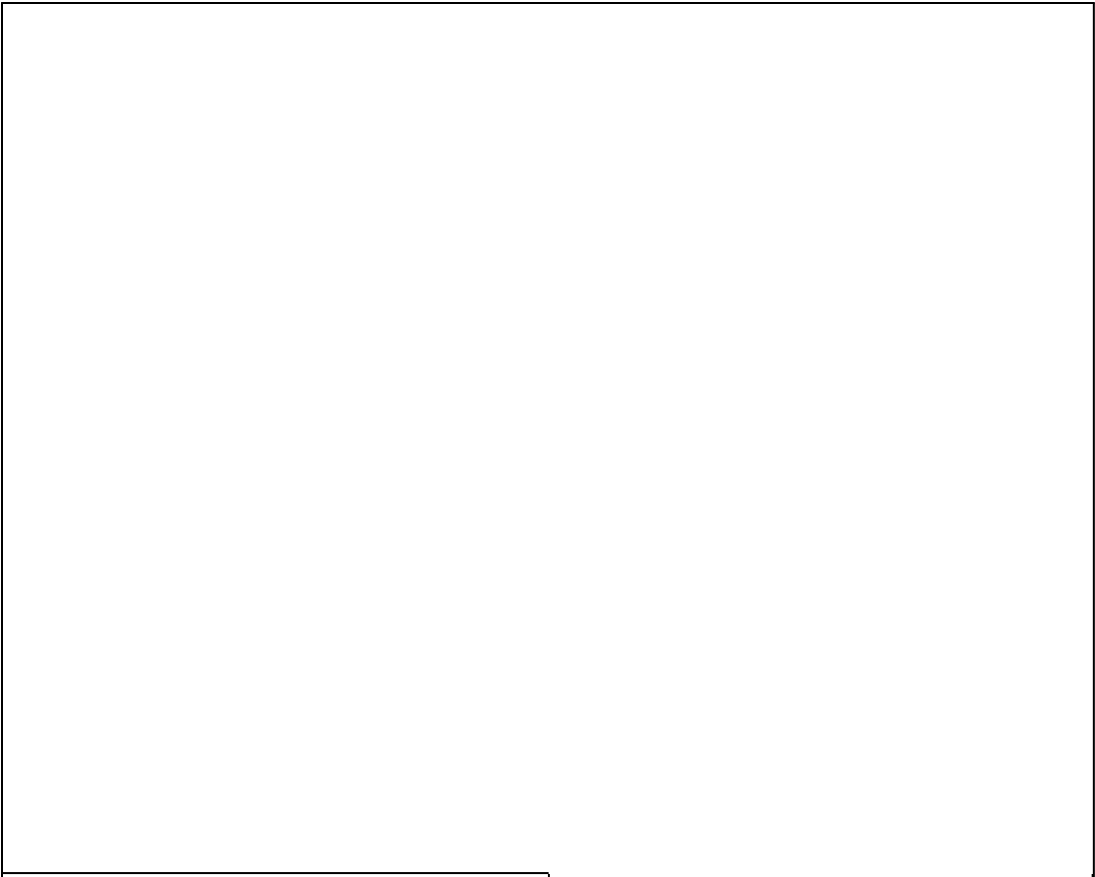
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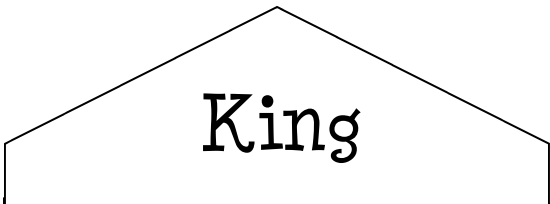
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Hierarchy

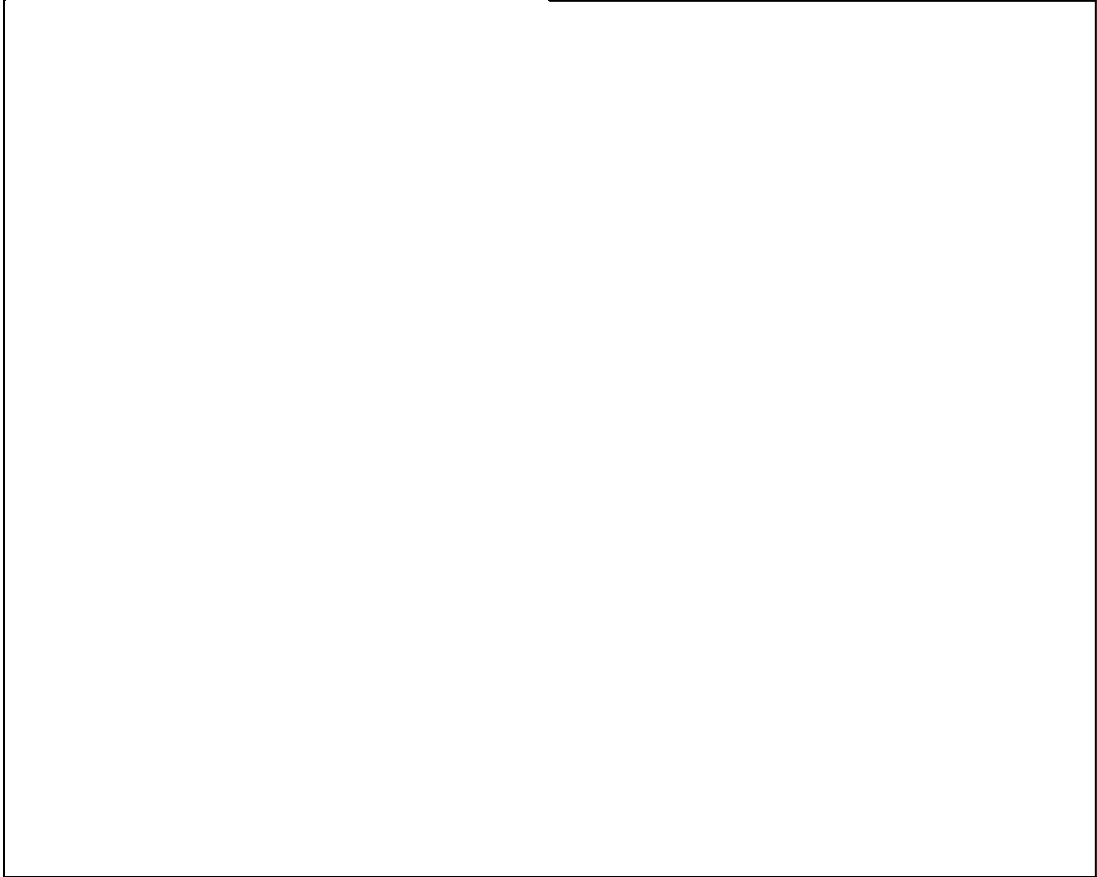
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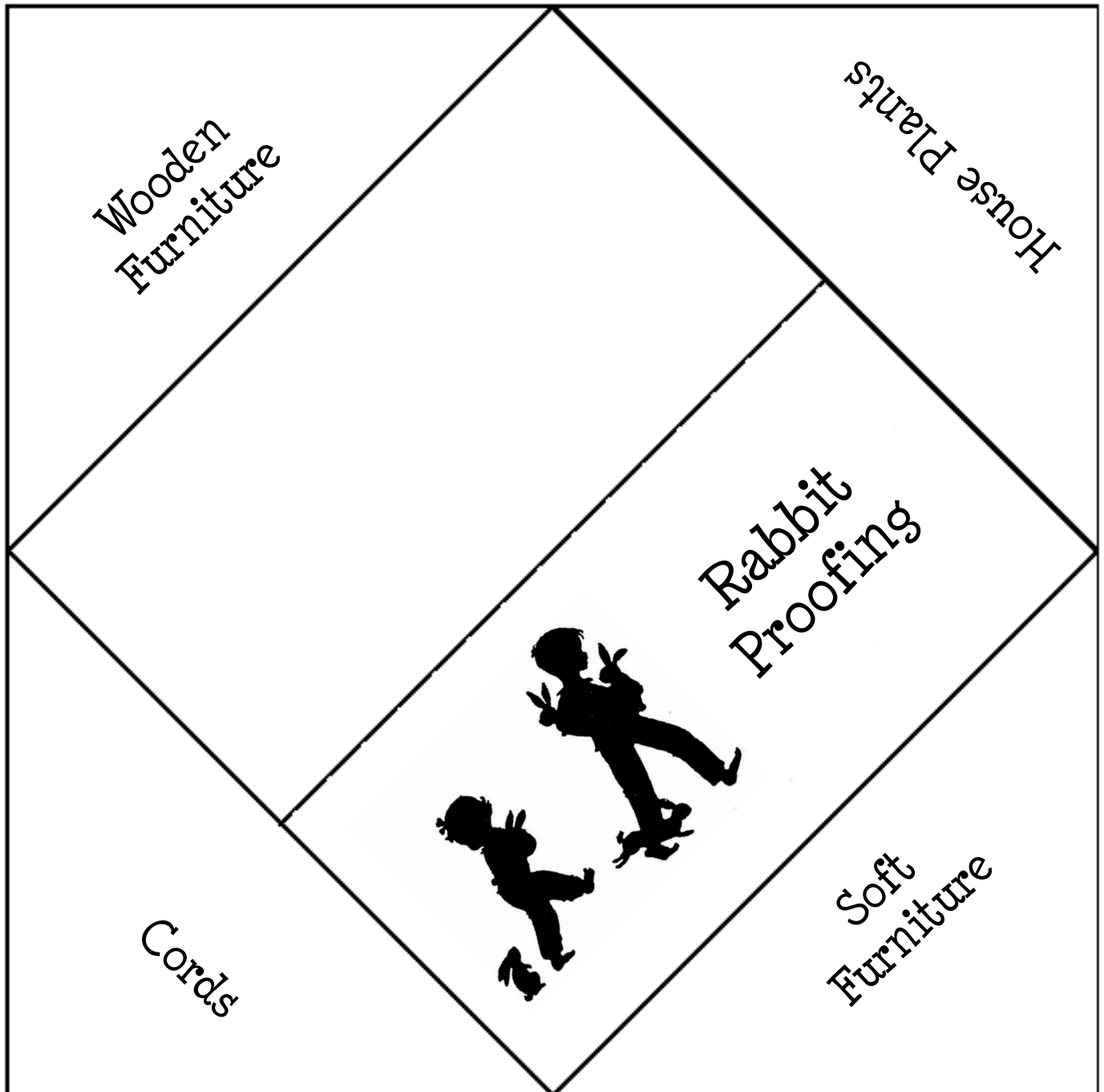
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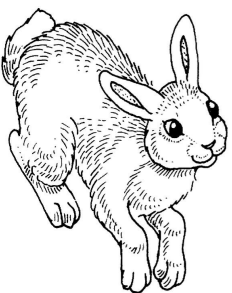


Cut book out as one piece. Fold triangles under. Fold book in half.



PRINT ON CARDSTOCK. Cut each piece out on the solid black lines. There will be six pieces in all. Attach with brass fastener where indicated. If you need more than six pieces, print another page of templates.

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# Rabbit Names

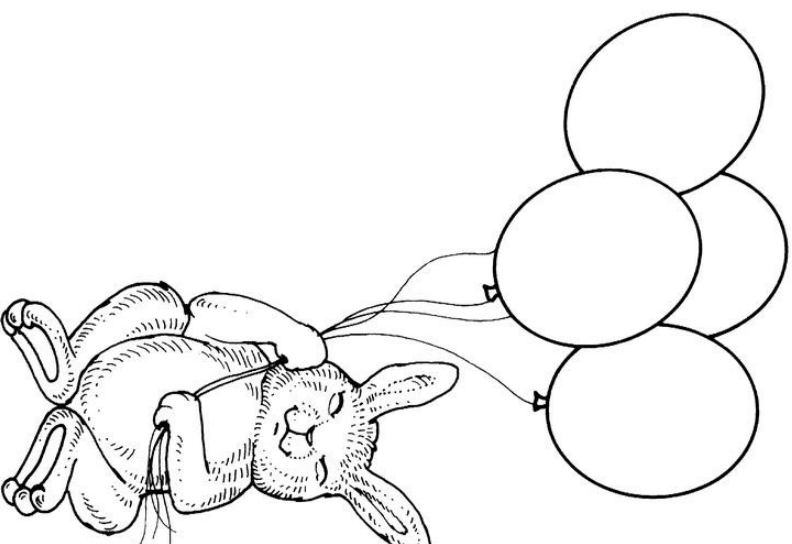
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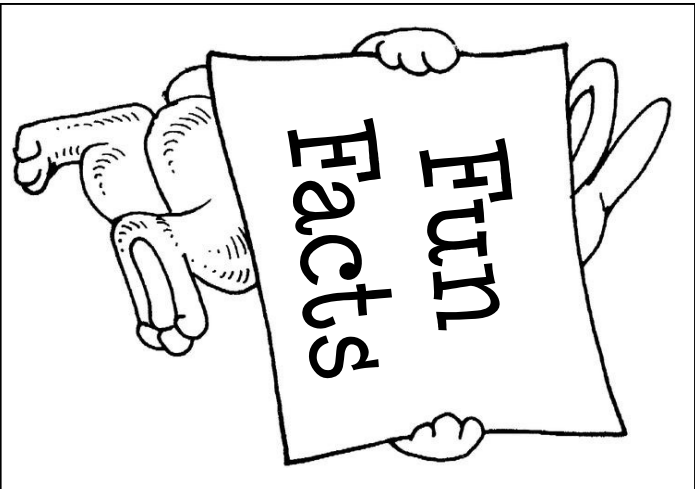
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Use image as desired.

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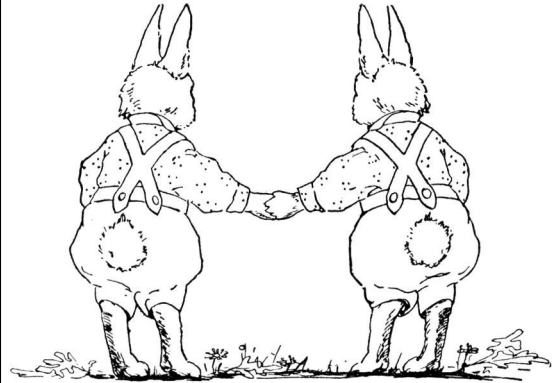


Cut strips out. Glue as indicated. Fold like an accordion. Paste back of last piece to your lapbook.


Glue to back of last strip.

# Rabbit Stories I've Read

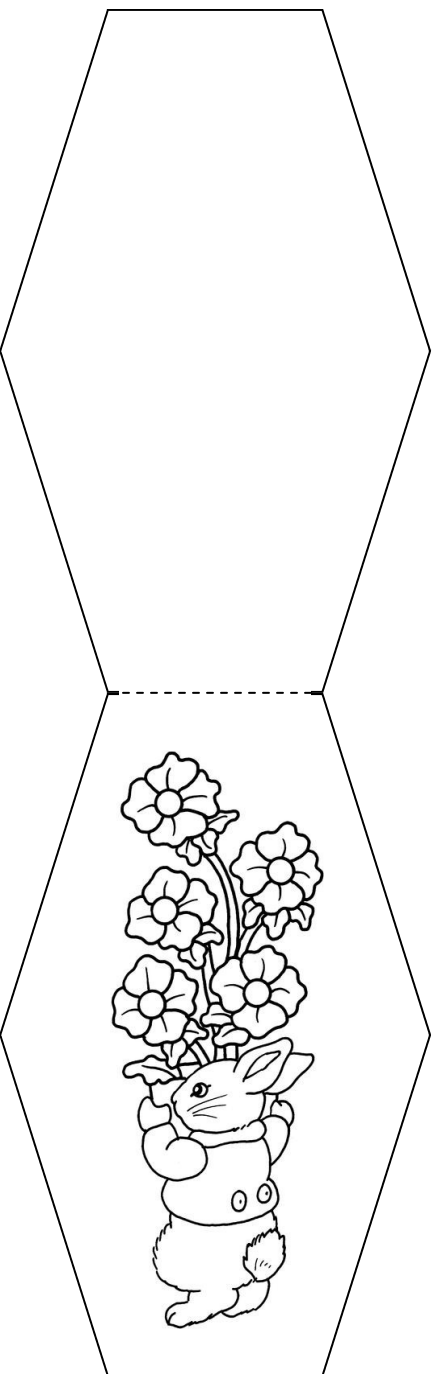


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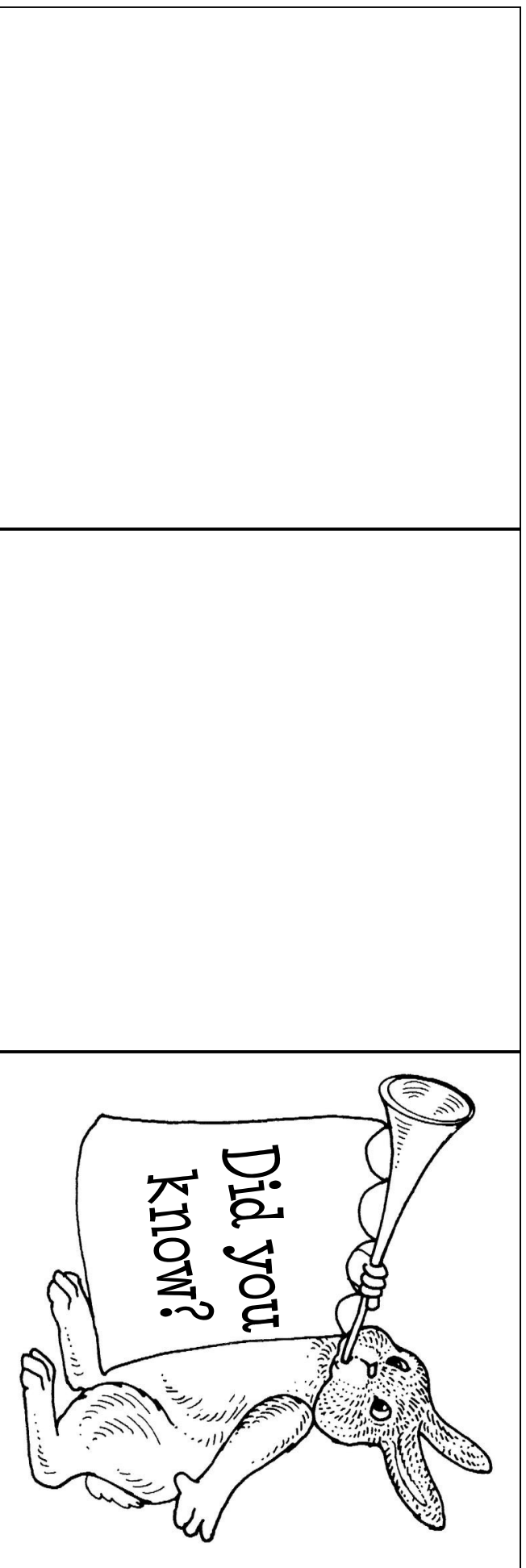
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Eating Like a Rabbit

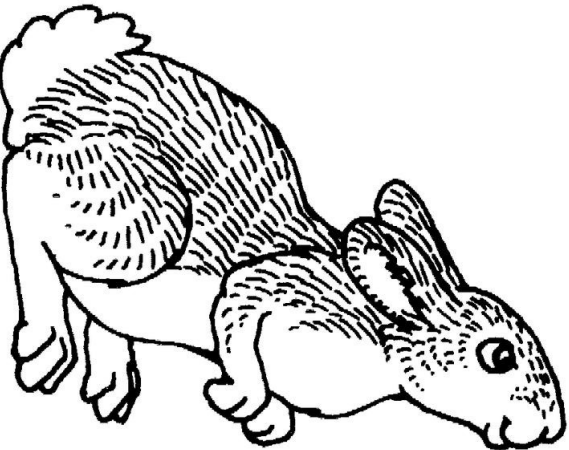




Cut book out as one piece. Fold in thirds with cover on top. Use as desired. Use blank book above as desired.

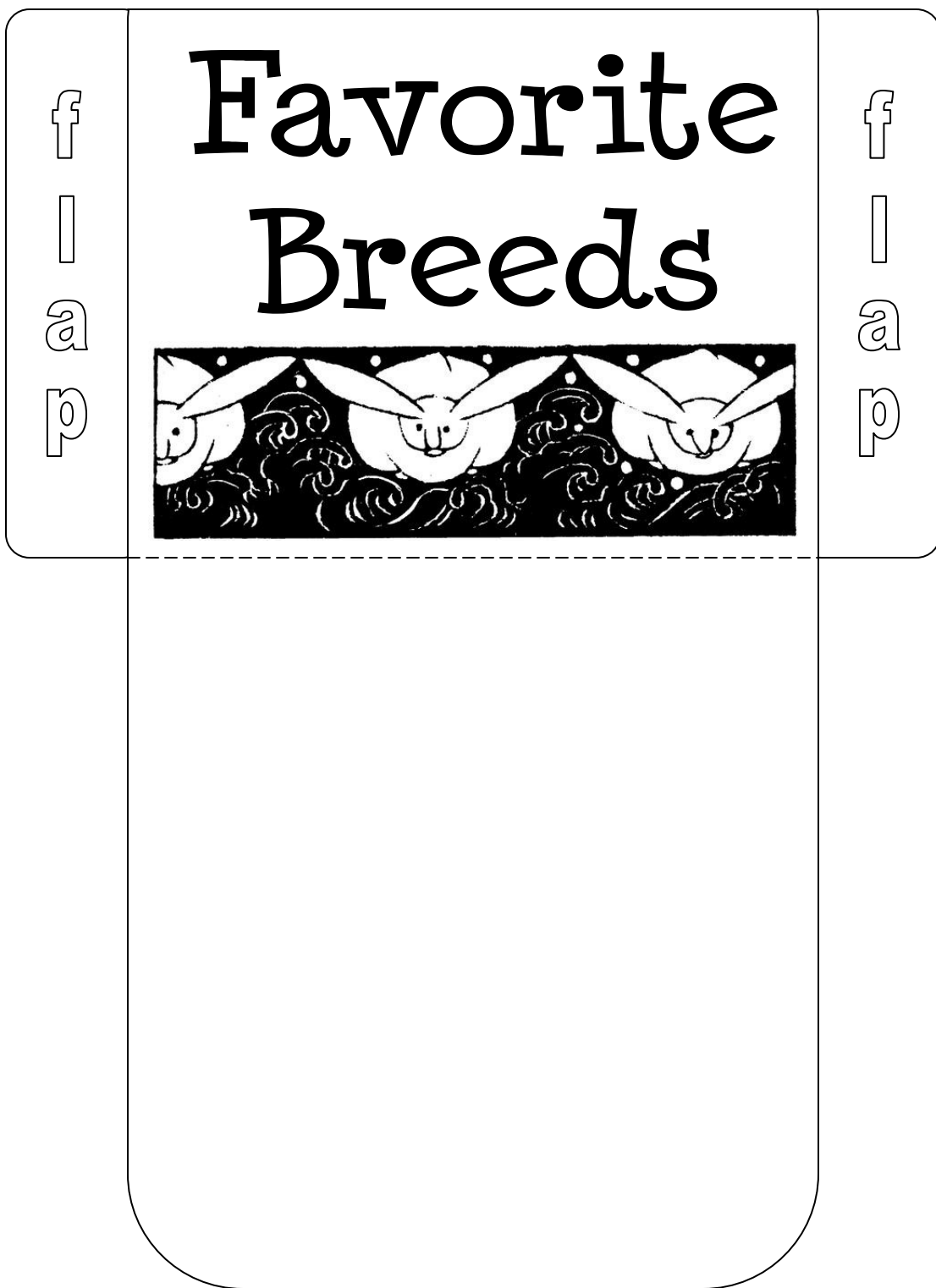


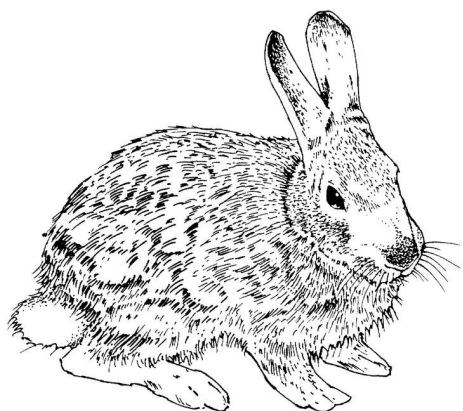
Cut out book as one piece. Fold left side in. Fold right side in. Open book.  
Cut on dotted lines to form five flaps. Refold book.

Kingdom		Classify a Rabbit	
Phylum			
Class			
Order			
Family			

Cut pocket out as one piece. Fold back up. Wrap flaps around the back and glue down. Make cards (use 4x6 index cards) with pictures and information about your student's favorite breeds. Store cards in pocket.

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# Bunny Behavior

Homes

REMOVE THIS AREA (Cut away so you have just a tab left)

Groups

REMOVE THIS AREA

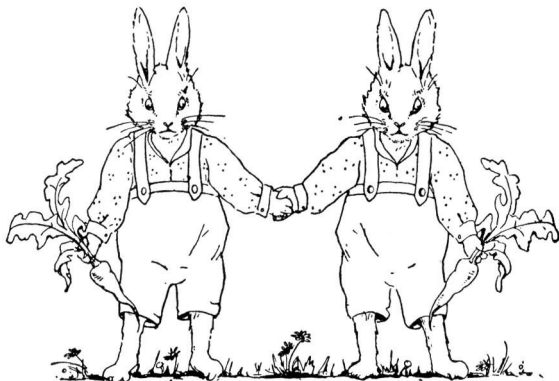
### Assembly Directions:

Cut the five strips along the solid outer lines. If there is a rectangle piece in the right corner of the strip, cut it off as indicated (remove this area). Stack your strips in order with cover on top and staple where indicated.

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Sounds	REMOVE THIS AREA
Scents	

# Pet Rabbit Diet



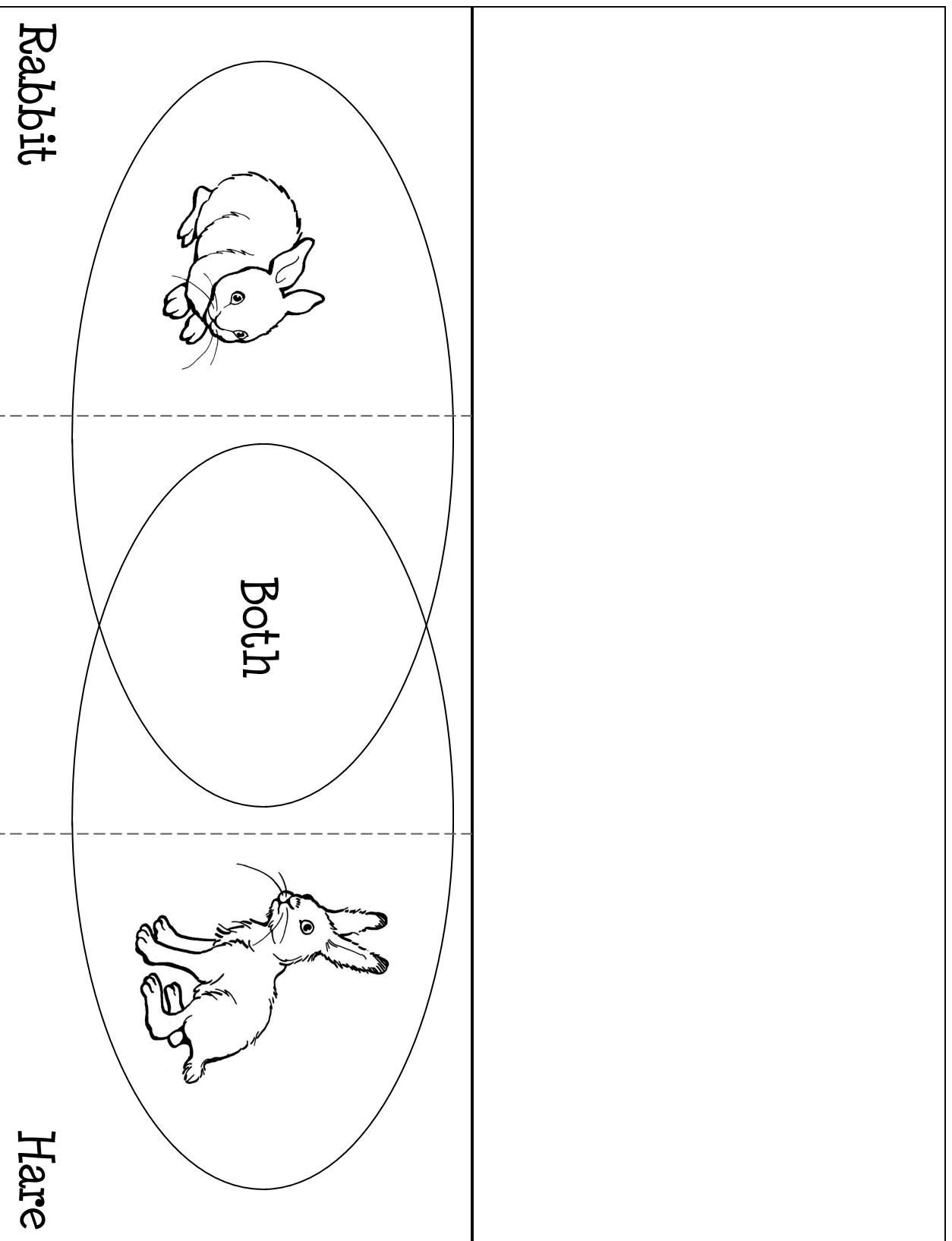
Everyday Food

Watch out!  
Poisonous Foods

Fruits and Vegetables



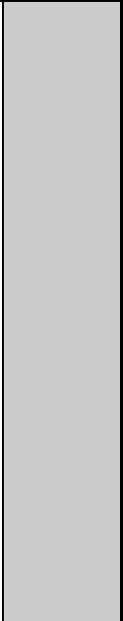
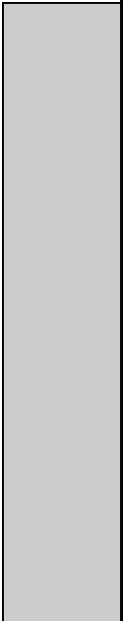
Cut out book as one piece. Fold in half on the black line. Cut on the dotted lines to form three flaps.



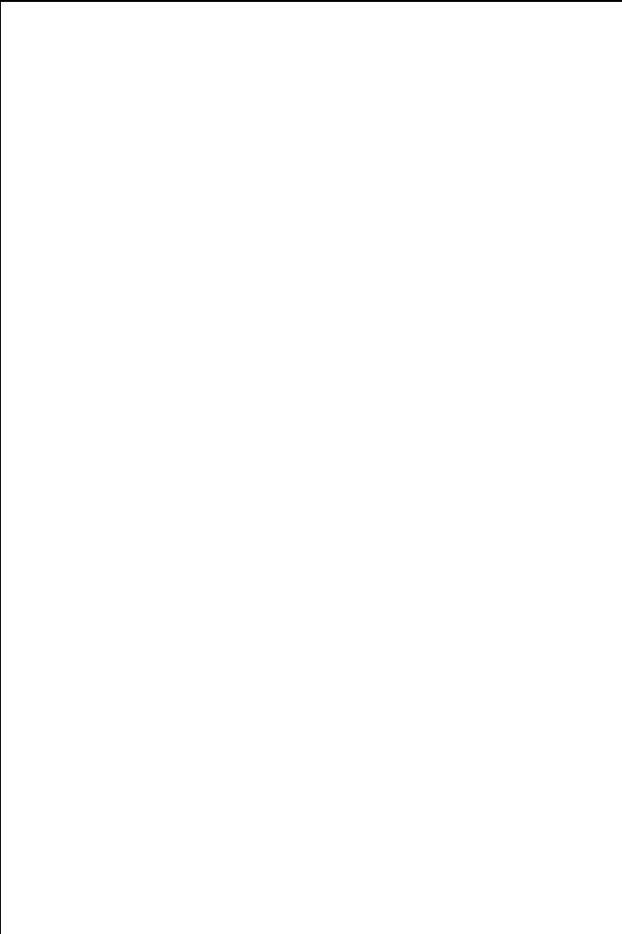
# Litter Box Training



Litter



Training



Cut books out. Fold matchbook style.

What is a pika?



What is a hare?

