

THE CAT IN THE HAT

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The Cat's Hat Cake

We know you'd like a special way
To celebrate the Cat's birthday.
What's better than a hat-shaped cake?
So here is one that you can bake.

Don't forget to ask an adult for help in preparing this recipe!

White Cake

Ingredients:

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1-1/3 cups buttermilk
1/2 cup butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 egg white



What You'll Need:

1 medium-sized mixing bowl, 1 mixing spoon, electric mixer, 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan

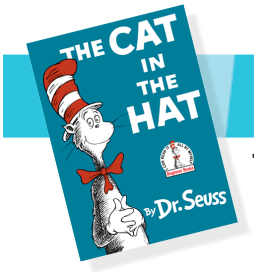
Cooking Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. (Remember: always get an adult's permission before using the oven.)
2. In a bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add buttermilk, butter, and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Then beat on high speed for 2 minutes. Add egg whites and beat for 2 more minutes.
3. Pour batter into the greased and lightly floured baking pan. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.
4. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool thoroughly.

While the cake is cooling, you can prepare the frosting

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Frosting



Ingredients:

1/3 cup butter
4-1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar
1/4 cup milk
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
red food coloring

What You'll Need:

1 medium-sized mixing bowl, 1 small-sized mixing bowl, electric mixer

Cooking Directions:

1. In a medium-sized bowl, beat butter until fluffy. Gradually add 2 cups of the powdered sugar, beating well. Slowly beat in the milk and the vanilla. Once these ingredients are well-mixed, slowly beat in the remaining sugar. (If the frosting seems to be getting too thick to spread, try adding a few more drops of milk.)
2. Remove half the frosting from the medium-sized bowl and put it in the small bowl. Add a few drops of red coloring until the frosting in one bowl is the shade of red you want. Leave the frosting in the other bowl white.

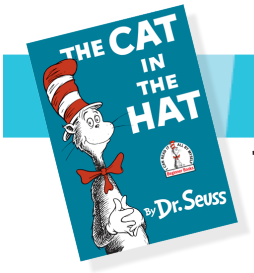
When the cake is cool and you've finished the frosting, it's time to decorate the cake. First, you'll cut the cake into the shape of the Cat's hat. Then, using the two different colors of frosting you just made, you can decorate the cake so it looks just like the Cat's hat.

Decorating the cake:

1. Place the cake on a table with the shorter side facing you. Starting at the top, cut a strip of cake that is 11 inches long and 1 inch wide off ofeach of the two longer sides. The 2 inches you have left at the bottom form the hat's brim. (If your cake shrank during baking, you may need to cut a shorter strip of cake off of each side, to insure a 2-inch wide brim.)
2. Starting at the end of the cake closest to you, apply a 2-inch-wide stripe of white frosting across the cake. Don't forget to frost the sides of the cake, too. Then spread a 2-inch-wide stripe of red frosting above the white stripe. Continue alternating between white and red stripes until you've frosted the entire cake.

ENJOY!

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Cat Tricks!

The Cat in the Hat tells Sally and her brother that he knows "a lot of good tricks." He can balance the fish on his umbrella and balance on a ball!



What can you do?

Can you make your mouth make popping sounds?

Can you curl your tongue?

Can you whistle?

Can you wiggle your nose?

Can you make a funny face?

Can you recite the alphabet backwards?

Can you bark like a dog?

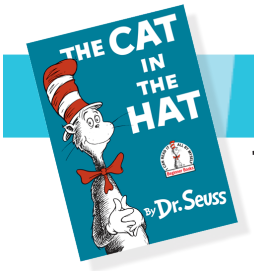
Can you do 10 jumping jacks?

Can you spell Lorax?

Can you touch your toes without bending your knees?

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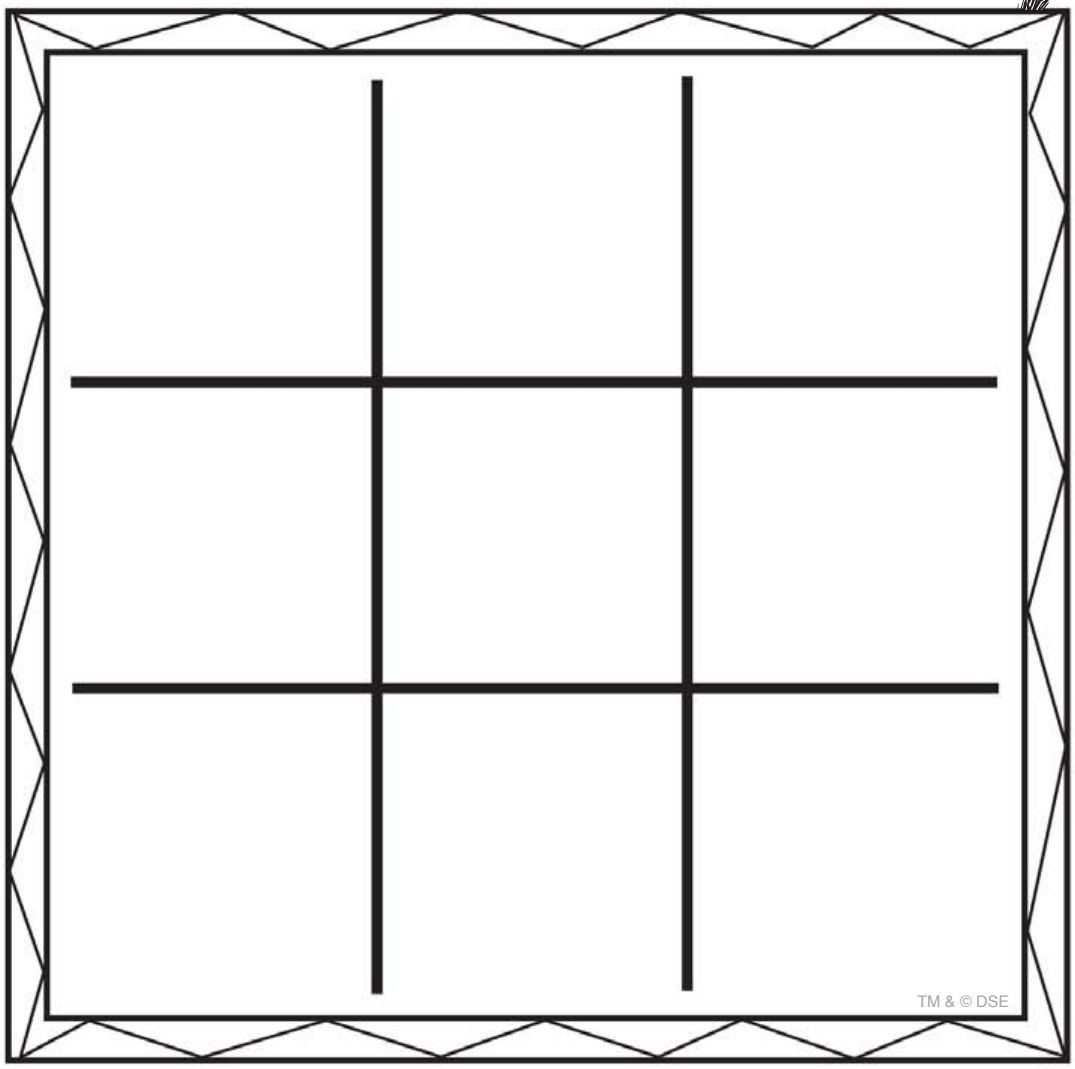


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The CAT IN THE HAT Birthday Tic-Tac-Toe!



Cut out and color the board and game pieces.
Then pair up with a partner for a fun-filled game of tic-tac-toe!

















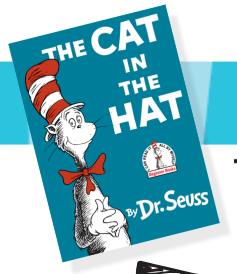






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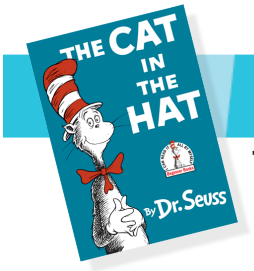
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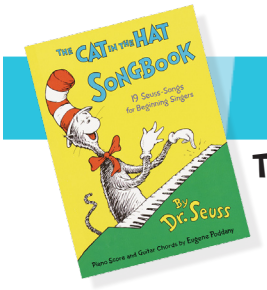
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The Cat's Coloring Page!



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I Can Figure Figures

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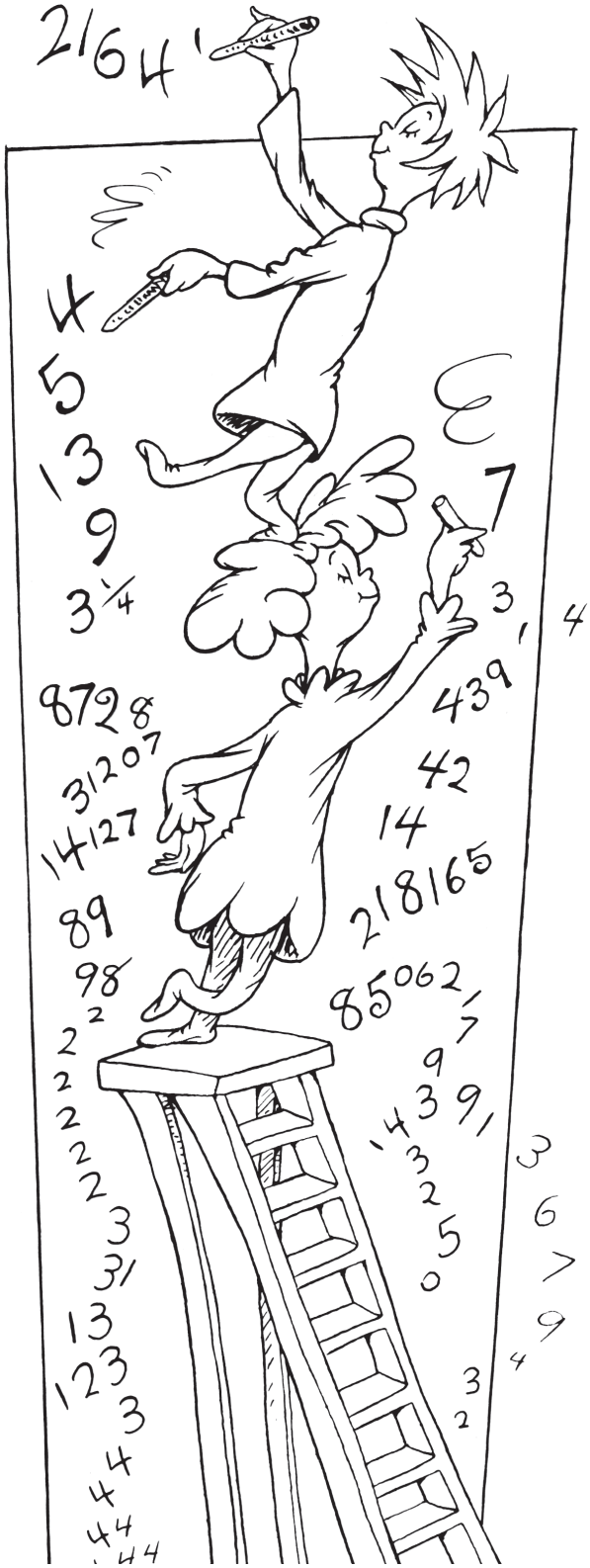
"One plus one mi-nus one is ____.
A

None plus none mi-nus none is ____.
B

One plus none plus ____ makes three.
C

I can fig-ure fig-ures, it's as eas-y
as can be!"

–The Cat in the Hat Songbook



Answers: A)one, B)none, c)two

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