

POCKETS / KANGAROOS

ART

POCKETS

Gather various colors of scrap materials. Cut into pocket shapes. Have children glue around 3 edges and stick to poster board. When dry, let them put small items in the pockets they have made.

POCKETS #2

Cut pocket shapes from poster board (2 for each child) Punch holes around edges. Have children use blunt-nosed or plastic needles and yarn to sew their pockets together. Attach long piece of yarn to carry pocket.

POCKET PALS

Use craft sticks or wooden ice cream spoons. Draw faces on craft sticks. Use scraps of yarn for hair. Let children put them in their pockets with heads sticking out.

GAME

RALEIGH THE WALLABY

Like London Bridge...2 children hold hands and form tent. Other children hop in line and on last line, capture child. Repeat verse...

Raleigh the Wallaby rented a tent
Oh, Raleigh the wallaby gent.
And when it got dark, he went to the park
And into his rented tent went!

SONG

AN AUSSIE KANGAROO (to tune of: "If You're Happy And You Know It")

Oh, I wish I was an Aussie kangaroo.
Oh, I wish I was an Aussie kangaroo.
Oh, I'd hippy and I'd hoppy inside my mommy's pockie.
Oh, I wish I was an Aussie kangaroo.

OTHER FUN STUFF

WHAT'S INSIDE?

Have kids hide small objects in their pockets. Have them give you hints & try to guess.

POCKETS OF BLUE

Wear a cobbler apron or other garment with many pockets to circle time. In the pockets place several small items that are blue and a few that are not blue. Have your children watch carefully as you take items from your pockets, one at a time. Tell them that if an item is blue, they are to cheer. If it is not blue, they are to call out "Boo!"

POCKET TREASURES

Wear an article of clothing with large pockets. Find a small stuffed animal or doll that will fit inside the pocket. Place the doll in your pocket to use with following rhyme variation...

Ms. fill in name Ms. fill in name our teacher
Had a tiny doll and couldn't keep her.
She put her in her pocket for sure,
And there she kept her quite secure.

Let children bring you other special items from around room to put in pocket. Change words of rhyme to match item.

POCKET PATTERNS

1. Gather two to four different scrapes of fabric, gift wrap or wall paper samples. Make sure each is a distinctly different pattern or color.
2. Cut out pocket shape from fabric.
3. Glue pockets on large sheet of poster board. Leave top seams open.
4. Cut rectangles out of same material to be the matching "Handkerchiefs." make sure they fit in pockets.
5. Glue handkerchiefs to poster board of same size to make them sturdier.
6. You can laminate pockets and handkerchiefs if desired.
7. Have children match handkerchiefs and pockets by putting handkerchiefs inside pocket of same pattern.

PASS THE POCKET

Place 3 - 5 objects in each of several paper bags or pouches. (marble, toy, etc.) Pass the pockets while record is playing. When the music stops, each child holding a pocket attempts to identify the objects without looking, by touch only. The child sitting next to the bag holder verifies the contents by looking. Continue music and passing.

POCKET DANCE

Put on your favorite music with a definite dancing rhythm. Have children put their hands in their pockets or on their hips where pockets usually are. Tell the children to try to remember to leave hands in pockets while dancing. Move upper body, shake head, bend knees, tap toes to beat of music. (This is not as easy as it seems. Many children {and adults} are very used to involving hand and arm movements with music!)

SNACKS

PITA POCKETS

Cut pita bread in half to form pocket. Fill with peanut butter, tuna fish, or whipped cream and fruit. Talk about how the bread is like a pocket.

PITA POCKET PIZZA

7 7 12" round pita bread 3 Tbs prepared pizza sauce
grated mozzarella cheese grated parmesan cheese
toppings (bell pepper, olives, lunch meat, etc.)

Prepare toppings. Preheat oven to 400 degrees

1. Cut out a circle from top layer of pita bread, leaving a one inch border. Save cut-out circle.
2. Place bottom of pita on cookie sheet and bake 5 minutes.
3. Let cool slightly or completely.
4. Using small spatula or spoon, spread pizza sauce evenly on top and under edge of pita bread. Sprinkle with toppings. Place cut-out circle on top.
5. Return pizza and cookie sheet to oven and bake 8-9 minutes (until cheese melts)
6. Let stand a few minutes to cool...cut and serve.

Let the children help fix the toppings.

FINGERPLAYS

IF YOU SHOULD MEET A KANGAROO

If you should meet outside a zoo, (Hang arms down in front like a kangaroo)
A kangaroo may corner you (Hop in place)
He'll box your chin and maybe win (box chin)
If you don't get the best of him (Box again)

THE BROWN KANGAROO

The brown kangaroo is very funny
She leaps and runs and hops like a bunny (Hop)
And on her stomach is a pocket so wide (Put hand on stomach to form pocket)
Her baby can jump in a go for a ride! (Have other hand jump in to pocket)

THE KANGAROO

Said the kind kangaroo,
"What can I do? (Hold out hands with palms up)
If I had a cradle, I'd rock it (Cup hands and move back and forth)
But my baby is small.
So I think after all,
I'll carry him 'round in my pocket!" (Put one hand on stomach for pocket and put other hand inside.)

IN MY POCKETS

(hold up 5 fingers and point to each with verse)

The things in my pockets are lots of fun
I will show you one by one.

In my first pocket is a frog,
I found him sitting on a log.

In my second pocket is a car,
I can race off very far
In my third pocket is a ball,
I can bounce it on a wall.

In my fourth pocket is a bunny,
She twitches her nose and looks so funny.

In my fifth pocket is a dog,
He's a friend of my little frog!

I'M A KANGAROO

Oh, I'm a kangaroo (Hop)
I live down at the zoo
I carry a baby in my pouch (Put hands on stomach)
How about you?

BABY KANGAROO

Jump, jump, jump (Hop)
Goes the big kangaroo.
I thought there was one (hold up one finger)
But now I see two (hold up two fingers)

Jump, jump, jump (Hop)
Goes the mother kangaroo.
Wherever she goes
Her baby goes, too!

THE KANGAROO

Said the kind kangaroo, "What can I do? (shrug shoulders)
If I had a cradle, I'd rock it. (rock arms)
But my baby is small, so I think after all,
I'll carry him round in my pocket!" (point to belly)

TEN BABY KANGAROOS

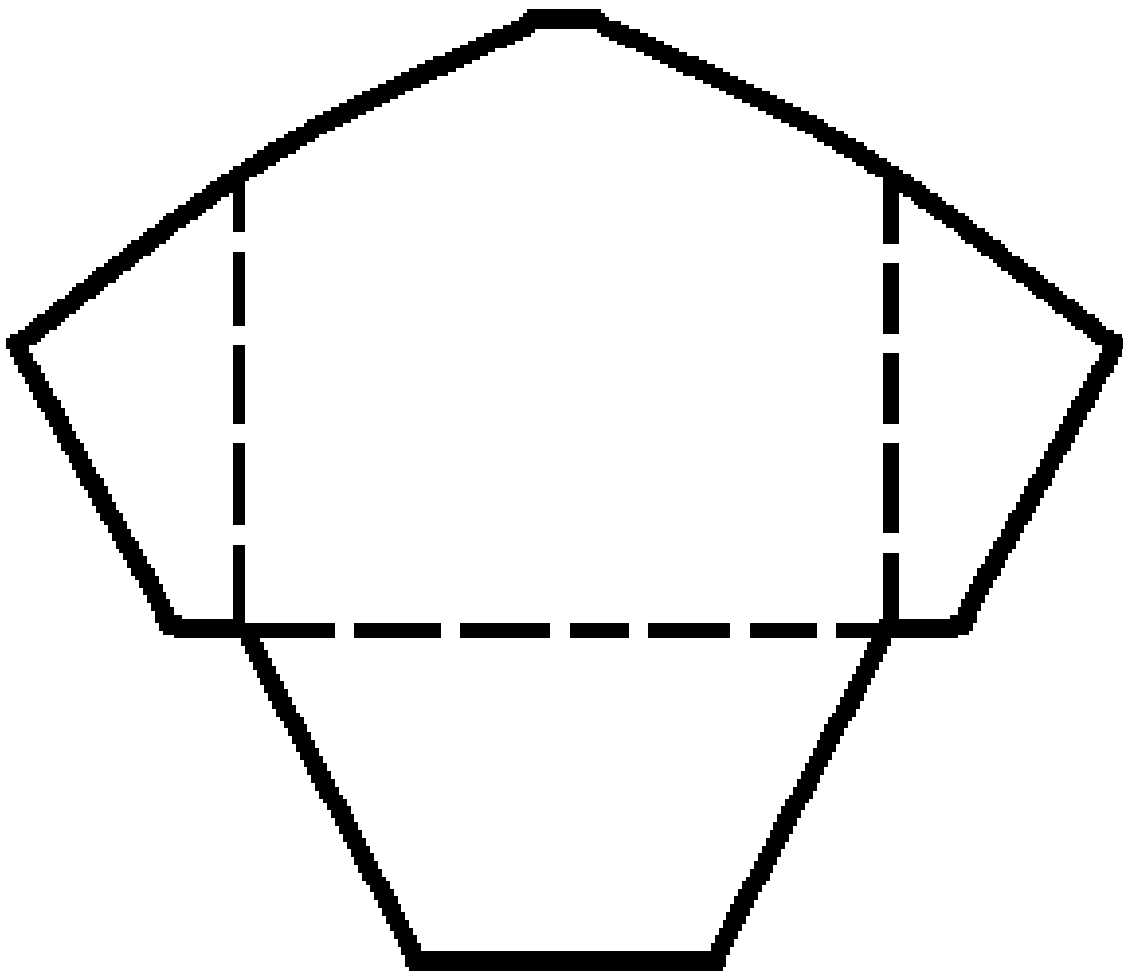
Ten baby kangaroos standing in a row
When they see their mama, they bow just so (bow)
They kick to the left (kick)
They kick to the right (kick)
Then they close their eyes & sleep all night. (pretend to sleep)

IN MY POCKET

There's something in my pocket (cover pocket with hands)
Could it be a moose? (make antlers with hands)
Could it be a train with a bell and a caboose? (bend elbows and move arms in circles)
Could it be a snake? (wiggle body)
Or some stick glue? (make fists and open hands slowly)
Right here in my pocket is (hands over pocket)
A kiss from me to you! (blow kisses to children)

POCKETS

Trace pattern onto wallpaper or colored paper. Cut on solid lines. Fold on dotted lines. Secure with tape or glue.



POCKETS & KANGAROOS

J 513.2 MUR J 599.2 - 599.22	Murphy	Too Many Kangaroo Things To Do This section has informational books on Kangaroos
E BEAUMONT	Beaumont	Who Ate All The Cookie Dough?
E BLACK	Black	Purple Kangaroo
E BONNETTRAMPERSAUD	Bonnett	Polly Hopper's Pouch
E BOURGUIGNON	Bourguignon	Heart In The Pocket
E BRIDGES	Bridges	Will You Take Care Of Me?
E BRUEL	Bruel	Boing!
E CARLE	Carle	Does A Kangaroo Have A Mother, Too?
E CHICHESTER	Chichester	I Love You, Blue Kangaroo
E CHICHESTERCLARK	Chichester	Where Are You, Blue Kangaroo?
E COLE	Cole	Norma Jean, Jumping Bean
E DEREGNIERS	de Regniers	What Did You Put In Your Pocket?
E EDWARDS	Edwards	McGillycuddy Could!
E FREEMAN	Freeman	Pocket For Corduroy
E FRENCH	French	Josephine Loves To Dance
E HAGER	Hager	Dancing Matilda
E JAMAN	Jarman	Kangaroo's Cancan Café
E KATZ	Katz	Little Pickpocket
E KIMPTON	Kimpton	Lamb-A-Roo
E LEAR	Lear	Duck And The Kangaroo
E LEVITIN	Levitin	When Kangaroo Goes To School
E LITHGOW	Lithgow	Marsupial Sue
E LITHGOW	Lithgow	Marsupial Sue Presents The Runaway Pancake
E MAYER	Mayer	What Do You Do With A Kangaroo
E MCBRATNEY	McBratney	I Love It When You Smile
E MCBRATNEY	McBratney	Yes We Can!
E MCGINTY	McGinty	Eliza's Kindergarten Surprise
E MCKEE	McKee	Elmer And The Kangaroo
E MOST	Most	Very Boastful Kangaroo
E NUMEROFF	Numeroff	Nighty-Night, Cooper
E PAYNE	Payne	Katy No-Pocket
E PHONICSZ	Minden	Zack's Zippers
E POYDAR	Poydar	Zip, Zip – Homework
E RICE	Rice	Peter's Pockets
E SALZMANN	Salzmann	Kangaroo And The Crew
E STEIN	Stein	Pouch
E VANWERT	Van Wert	Empty Pockets
E WILD	Wild	Bobbie Dazzler

E WISEMAN
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Little New Kangaroo