

30+ minutes

Let's-Do-It!

Wrap up with fun and games.

Let's-Do-It! is a collection of suggested party activities for all Trimble Tots titles. Select games or crafts that are appropriate for your party spaces and ages of children. Some games are adapted for more than one title. Some basic games are appropriate for all parties, such as Balloon & Bubblegum Relay. Let's-Do-It activity choices follow the Party Camp Combo (decorating cupcakes and Theater-In-The Town). Liberty Cake (silly strip and cake) is optional. (Click on individual book titles to find the link: Party Camp: Let's-Do-It! party activities.)

Feature book: *The Smiling Stone*



Note: Extra: Liberty Cake and Silly Strip. Bring an Angel Food cake (Buy or make ahead of time.) and toppings if you plan to have a cake and presents. Squeeze chocolate icing to shape a big smile on top of the cake.

Items needed:

- Smiling Stone Song (CD and lyrics)
- Collect stones. Black or colored markers for painting smiling faces.
- Paper plate smiling face masks. (paper plates, crayons or markers, popsicle sticks and glue)

Games:

1. Tape-the-smile-on-the-face. A smile cut out. (paper, crayons, kid-safe scissors)
2. Pass-the-Smiles.
3. Throwing the Smile.

Activities:

- Smiling Stone Song and clapping (CD and lyrics)
- Craft: Choose a stone and paint a smiling face on the stone to take home as a party favor.
- Paper Plate Mask Project: Draw and color a smiling face on a paper plate. Make one mask with an upside-down smile for the "hot potato" plate in the game: Pass-the-Smiles.
- Other Games: Tape-the-smile-on-the-face. Throwing the Smile.

Choose Feature Book theme games and activities.

Activity: Paint-A-Smile

Collect stones. Choose a stone, and with black or colored markers, paint a smiling face on a stone to take home as a party favor.

Craft: Paper Plate Mask

Needed: Paper plates, crayons or markers, popsicle sticks, glue. Yarn and buttons. (optional)

1. Use the paper plate as the main "face" of the mask. Decorate the mask using crayons, colored markers, yarn, and buttons.
2. Draw and color a smiling face on a paper plate. (Features: Draw or cut out two circles for the eyes (optional/requires a helper), and draw the nose and smile. Add hair with markers, crayons, or yarn (optional). Glue a popsicle stick handle to the paper plate mask. (Note to the game leader: Make ahead of time or choose someone to make the "hot potato" paper plate mask with an upside-down smile.)

3. Use a paper plate mask for the game: Tape-the-smile-on-the-face. (You will need a smile cut out. Each person should draw, color, and cut out a smile to tape on the paper plate smiley face.)
4. Use the paper plate masks and the "Hot Potato" plate for the game: Pass-the-Smiles.

Variations:

1. Finger paint a smiling face on a paper plate. Use finger paint. (Suggestion: shaving cream colored with food coloring.)
2. Make chocolate faces with chocolate syrup. Use the chocolate painter squeeze bottle and add some chocolate syrup. Lay out some wax paper on the plate. Make a happy face! Place finished art in the refrigerator.

In 15 minutes you have beautiful tempting chocolate art to eat!

Game: Tape-the-smile-on-the-face (adapted from Pin the Tail on the Donkey)

Objective: A game where you attempt to tape the smile cut out on the paper plate face in the correct place.

Categories: Parties, Birthdays. Kids.

Players: 2 or more players.

Needed:

- A blindfold. (Younger children may close their eyes.)
- A paper plate with a smiling face.
- A smile cut out. (Draw and cut out a smile to tape on the smiley face plate.)
- Tape.

Rules: Tape a paper plate with a smiley face to a spot within easy reach of the children.

(Suggestion: The birthday child's plate may be chosen for the game plate.) Blindfold players as each takes a turn to play. Spin the player around three times and point him/her in the direction of the paper plate with the smiling face. The player moves toward the plate and feels around and tries to tape the smile cut out on the paper plate face, in the correct spot. The player who gets closest to where the smile should be, wins.

Variation: Sample book pages included for a mini poster and stone cut out to play Match-your-stone. Tape the stone cut out over the smiling stone on the page.

Games and activities, continued

Game: Pass-the-Smiles. (game adapted from Hot Potato)

Objective: This kids game is a lot like musical chairs but with a "hot potato" (paper plate).

Categories: Groups. Birthdays. Kids.

Players: 2 or more players.

Needed:

- CD player and CD with the Smiling Song.
- Paper plate smiley masks and a "hot potato" (paper plate face with an upside-down smile) that can be passed around the circle.

Rules:

1. Pass around all the players' paper plate smiley masks and the "hot potato" plate. (Variation: Use just the "hot potato" plate if there isn't time to make masks. Call the game: Pass the upside-down smile.)
2. Play the Smiling Stone song for the music. (Party leader is the music player.)
3. Players sit in a circle. If you are using chairs, place chairs in a circle. Players sit down in the

chairs. The paper plate smiley masks, held by the popsicle stick handles, and the "hot potato" plate are passed from player to player while the music player, who shouldn't be looking at the group just to be fair, plays The Smiling Song. When the music stops, the player who has the "hot potato" plate is out and sits in the center of the circle. (The player that is out exchanges the "hot potato" plate for the paper plate smiley mask held by the player to his/her left and hands that paper plate smiley mask to the game leader.) The next round continues. The last player out wins. Music stops should be made frequently so the game moves quickly and players will not be out for a long period. Try to act like the "hot potato" plate handle is really, really hot!

Note: Return the paper plate masks to the players to take home.

Game: Throwing the Smile

In this game, players are forbidden to smile, but trust us...giggling and laughing will abound.

Needed: A place where everyone can sit in a circle.

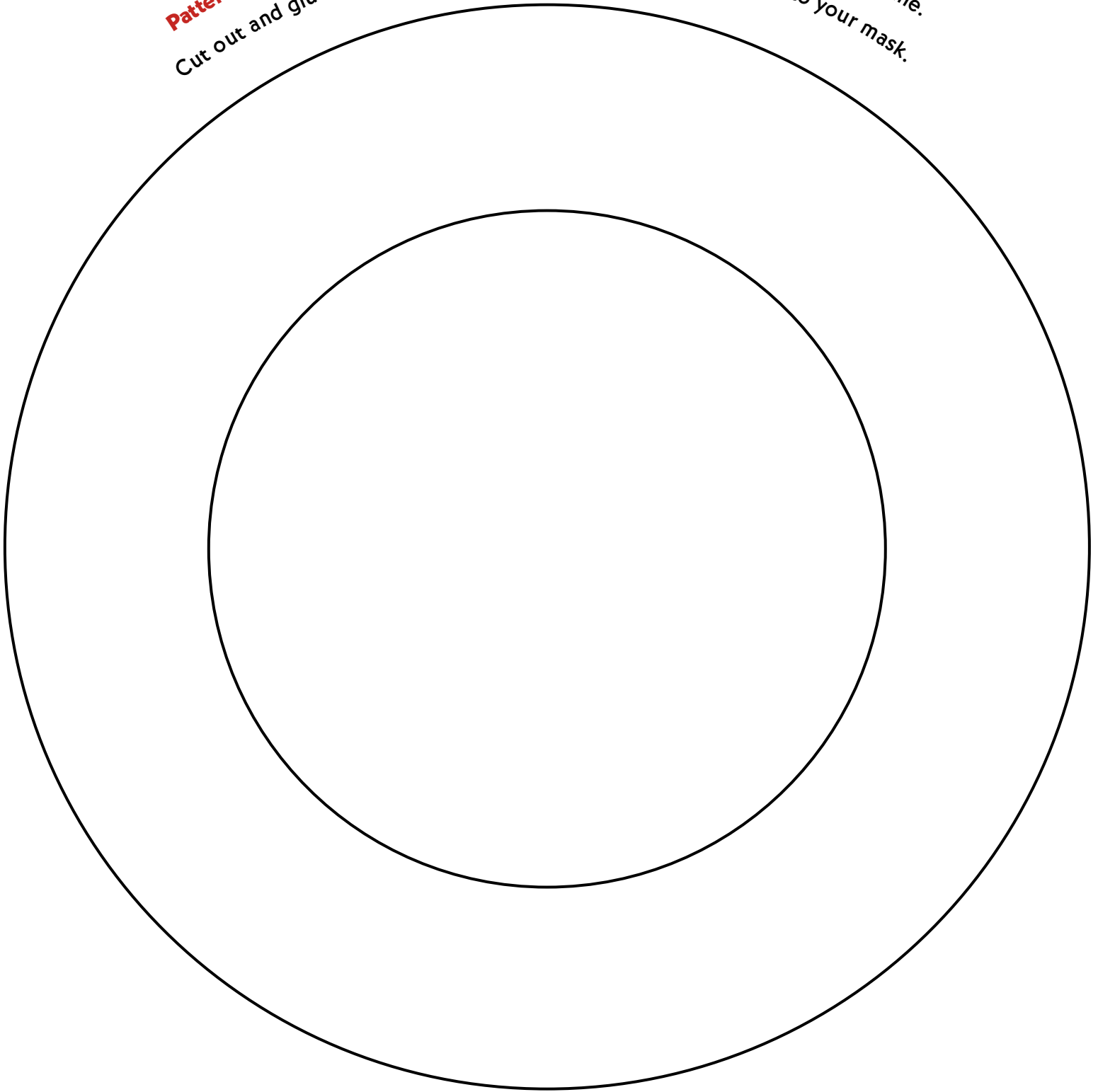
How to Play: Players form a circle.

Players sit in a circle, making sure they can see everyone else. One player who is IT starts the game by smiling widely, while all the other players are somber. IT then uses his hand to wipe the smile off his face and throw the smile to another player who has to catch the smile with his hand and put it on. This new IT can then wipe

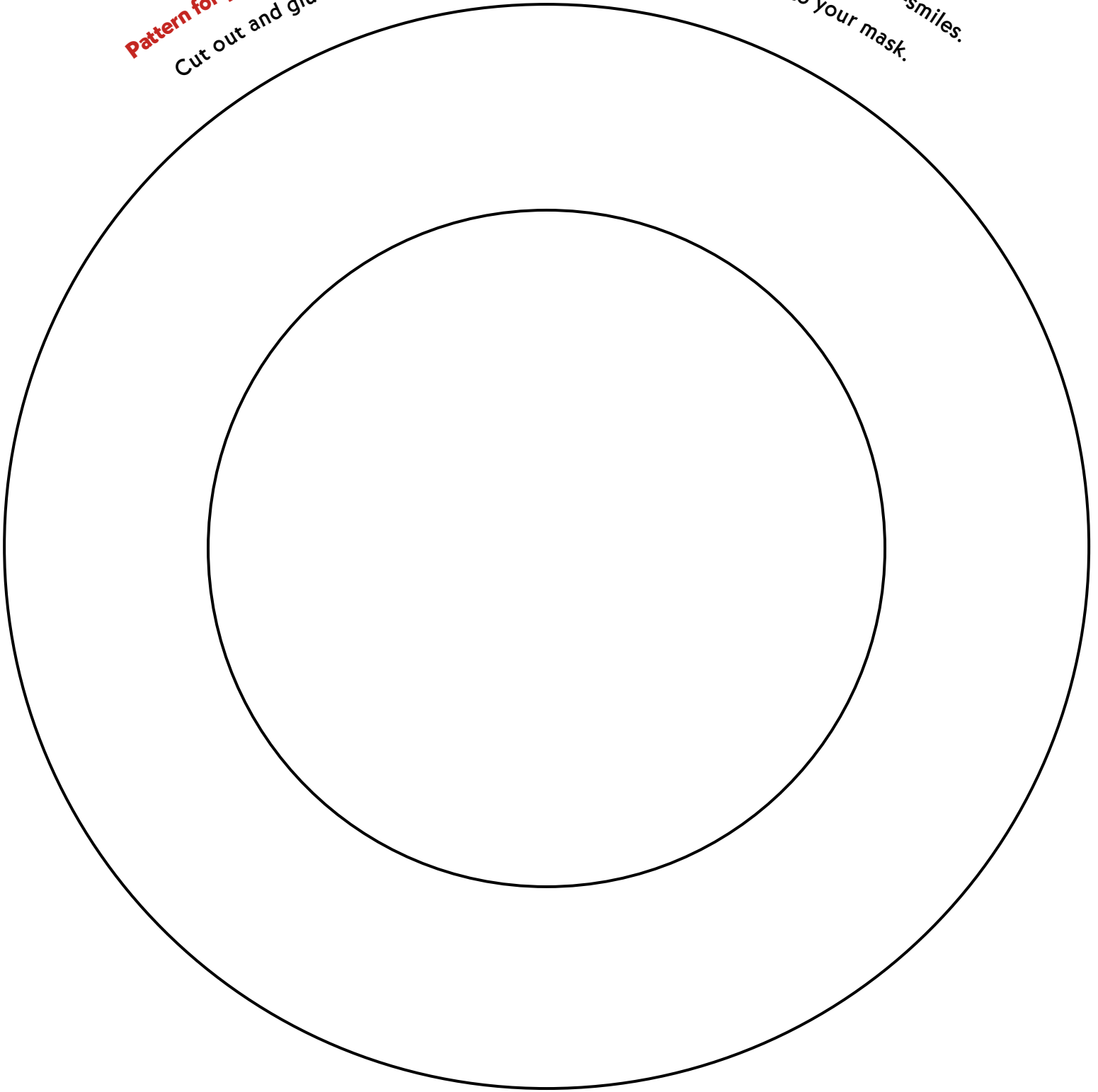
off the smile to throw to someone else...though IT will probably choose to mug widely at everyone for a few minutes before relinquishing his/her happy role. Meanwhile, all other players must sit stone-faced. One smirk and they're out.

Tip: The youngest players are the least successful at winning this game (they simply can't stop themselves from laughing), but they tend to enjoy it most.

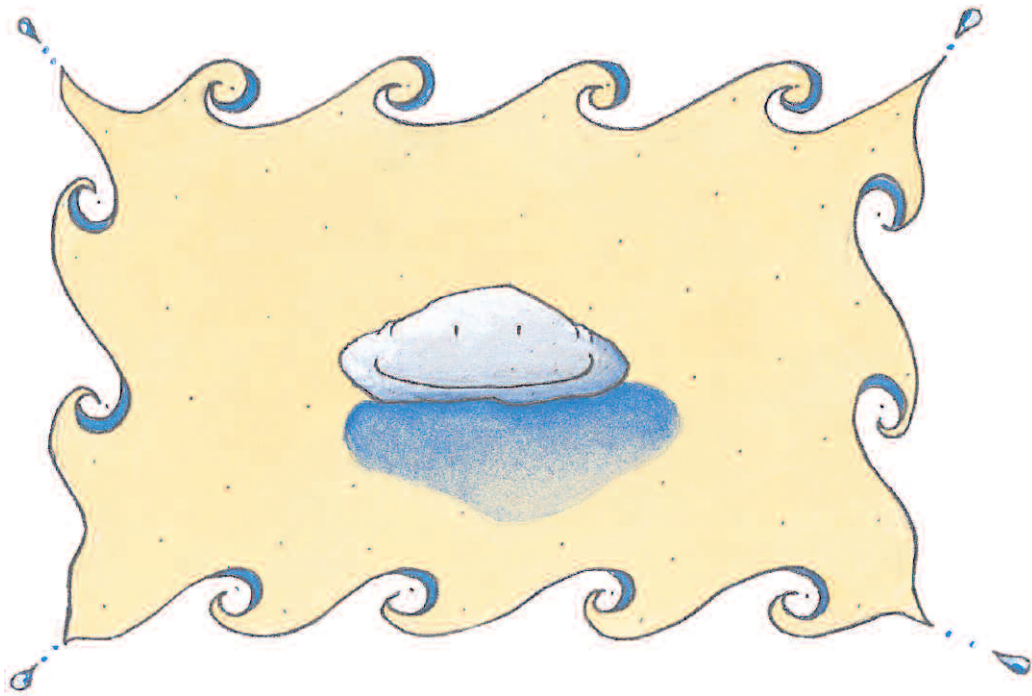
Pattern for "hot potato" mask. Draw and color a face with an upside-down smile.
Cut out and glue to a paper plate. Glue a popsicle stick handle to your mask.



Pattern for paper plate mask. Draw and color a smiling face for the game: Pass-the-smiles.
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Smiling stone cut out for game: *Match-your-stone*





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Tape the stone cut out over The Smiling Stone.

Tape the two pieces together to form one complete poster.





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