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# Little Mouse, Little Mouse

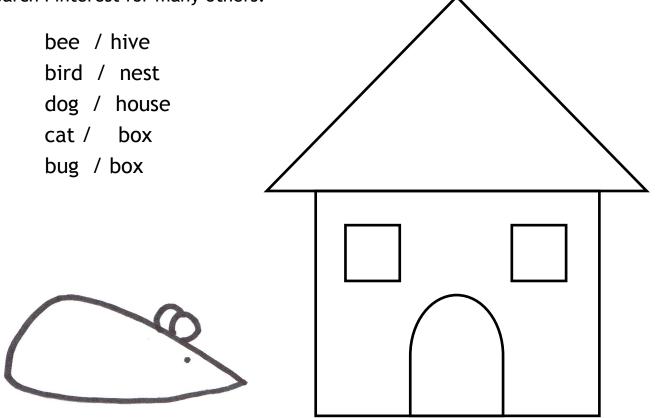
This tiny little song provides big fun for kids! It's a guessing game, played to figure out where the mouse is. Cut out different colored houses from felt, and hide the mouse behind one of them. Alternately, for one or two children, make the pictures out of paper and play the game on a table. As you Sing the song let the children guess which color house the mouse is in. Once they choose the right one they will want to do it again and again! See the story and instructions on the next page.

I have modified this popular rhyme to make it a song (tune is Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star). Because the words are slightly different than the typical version, you can change to fit with whatever theme you're doing.

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Little <u>mouse</u>, little mouse, where did you go? Are you in the red house, I don't know.

Change underlined words to those below to fit your theme, or just change the animal and keep the house! Endless fun! Use the patterns below, or search Pinterest for many others!



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#### A Christmas Story for Use with Felt Board and Song

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You can modify this if you don't want it to be a Christmas story, by just saying every winter, or every year

## The Story

Once upon a time there was a little village. And in that little village there was a red house, a yellow house, and a blue house, (hold all houses in your hand and hide mouse under the last one, placing each one on felt board as you name the colors—or let the children name them).

Every Christmas all the families in all the houses in this little village would bake Christmas cookies. The children would gather in the kitchens to help. They would break the eggs, and add the flour and sugar, and stir the dough. Then they would roll out the dough and cut out shapes with their special cookie cutters. They placed the cookies on baking sheets and put them in the oven (go though sounds and motions of opening over door, inserting cookie sheet, closing over door) .While the cookies baked they would sing a little song. (jingle Bells, or song of your choice) .

When the cookies were done they would take them out of the oven (*repeat sounds and motions of opening oven, etc.*) and place them on racks to cool. Then they would go to bed...

Now in this village there was also a little mouse....who LOVED cookies! He could smell the cookies baking, and knew it must be Christmas time! He knew all the families would have cookies cooling. And he knew they would all be in bed asleep. So that little mouse would go from house to house, sampling all the cookies in all the houses. (move your hand from house to house making nibbling sounds)

When he had tried all the cookies in all the houses he would decide which house had the best ones! Then he would go back to that house and nibble all night, filling his little tummy with the delicious cookies.

So which house had the best cookies this year? Where is the little mouse? Let's find out! (lift up each house, one by one until you find the mouse.)

Now sing the song repeatedly until you find the mouse. But beware—children will want to do the whole thing again!