

## Directions for the Chair Repair Bear Story Holder

### Materials for each child:

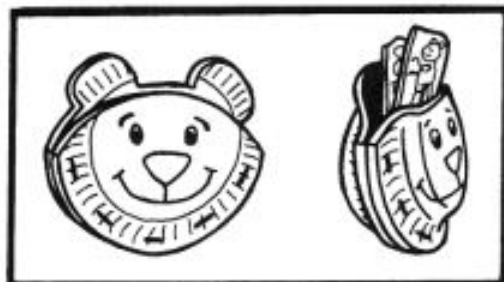
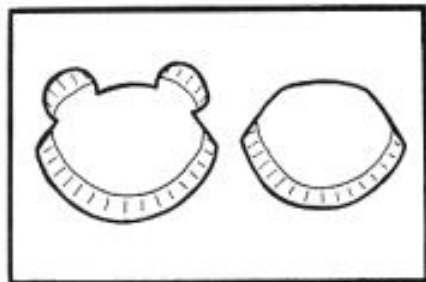
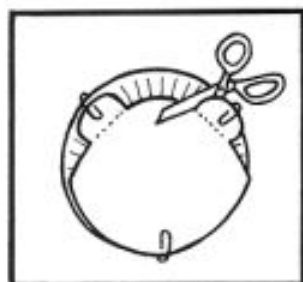
- 2 paper plates
- several paper clips
- stapler
- template for cutting the paper plate (reproduce page 54)
- scissors
- crayons, paint, stickers, and rubber stamps for decoration are optional

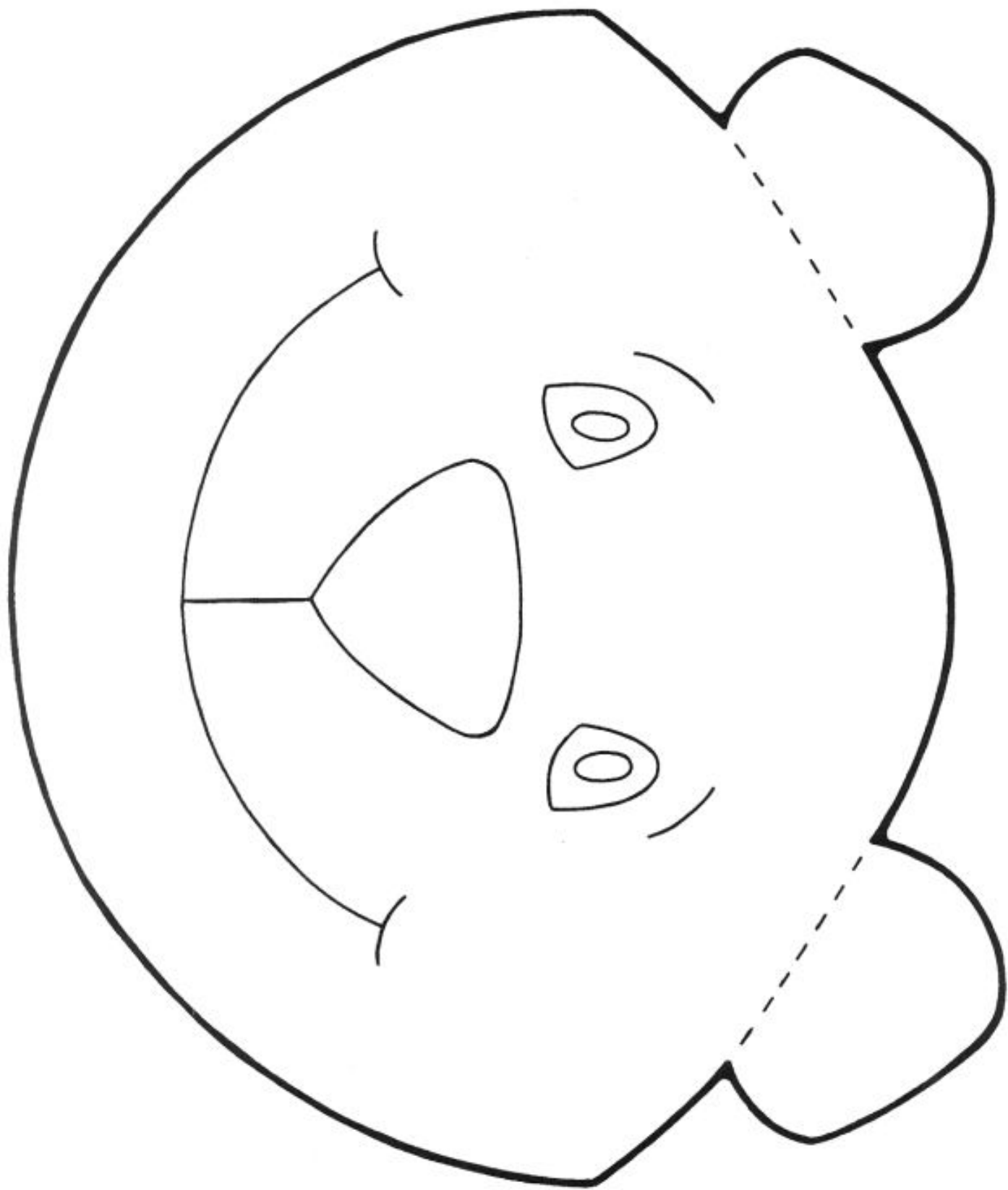
### Instructions:

1. Use the paper clips to attach the template of the bear head to one of the paper plates. Cut around the template then remove it.
2. Attach the template to the second paper plate with paper clips. Cut around the template and cut off the ears along the broken line. Remove the template.
3. Place the two plates together, rim to rim, and staple around the edges leaving the top open as shown.
4. Option: The child may want to glue the template of the bear face to the "earless" paper plate or may prefer to draw a bear's face on the plate at this time.
5. Other decoration is optional at this time.

### Extended Activities:

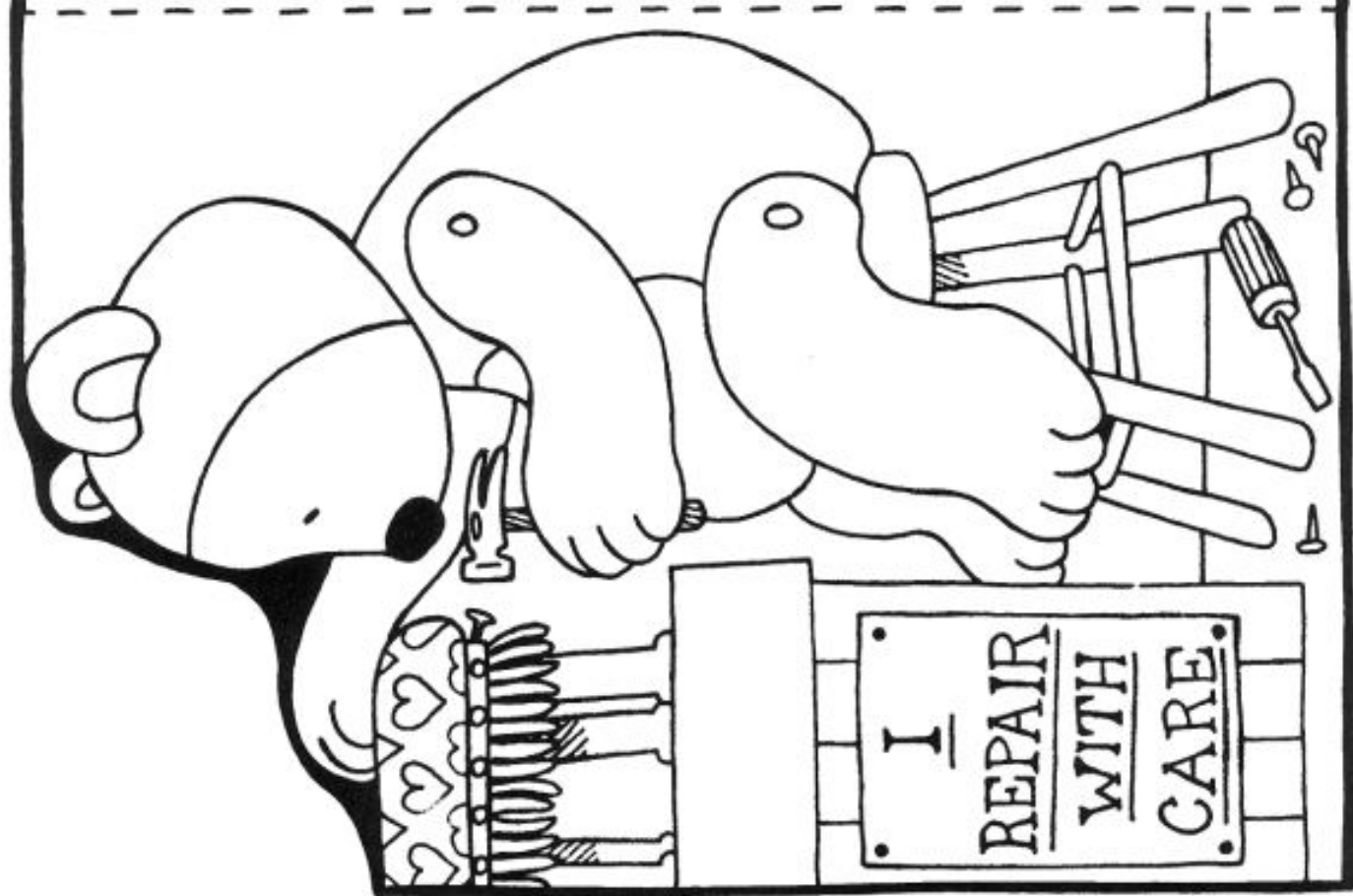
1. Use a marker to underline all the words in the story that rhyme with chair and bear. Separate them into lists by matching the spelling of the various endings.
2. Write a new poem for Theodore telling how he invented another type of chair..
3. This poem contains some homonyms (example:pear; pair). Make a list of the homonyms in the story and write a definition for each word.
4. Use catalogs, magazines and newspapers to find different kinds of chairs. How many did you find?
5. Do some research to discover when people started to use chairs and furniture. Are there still some cultures around the world that prefer not to use chairs?



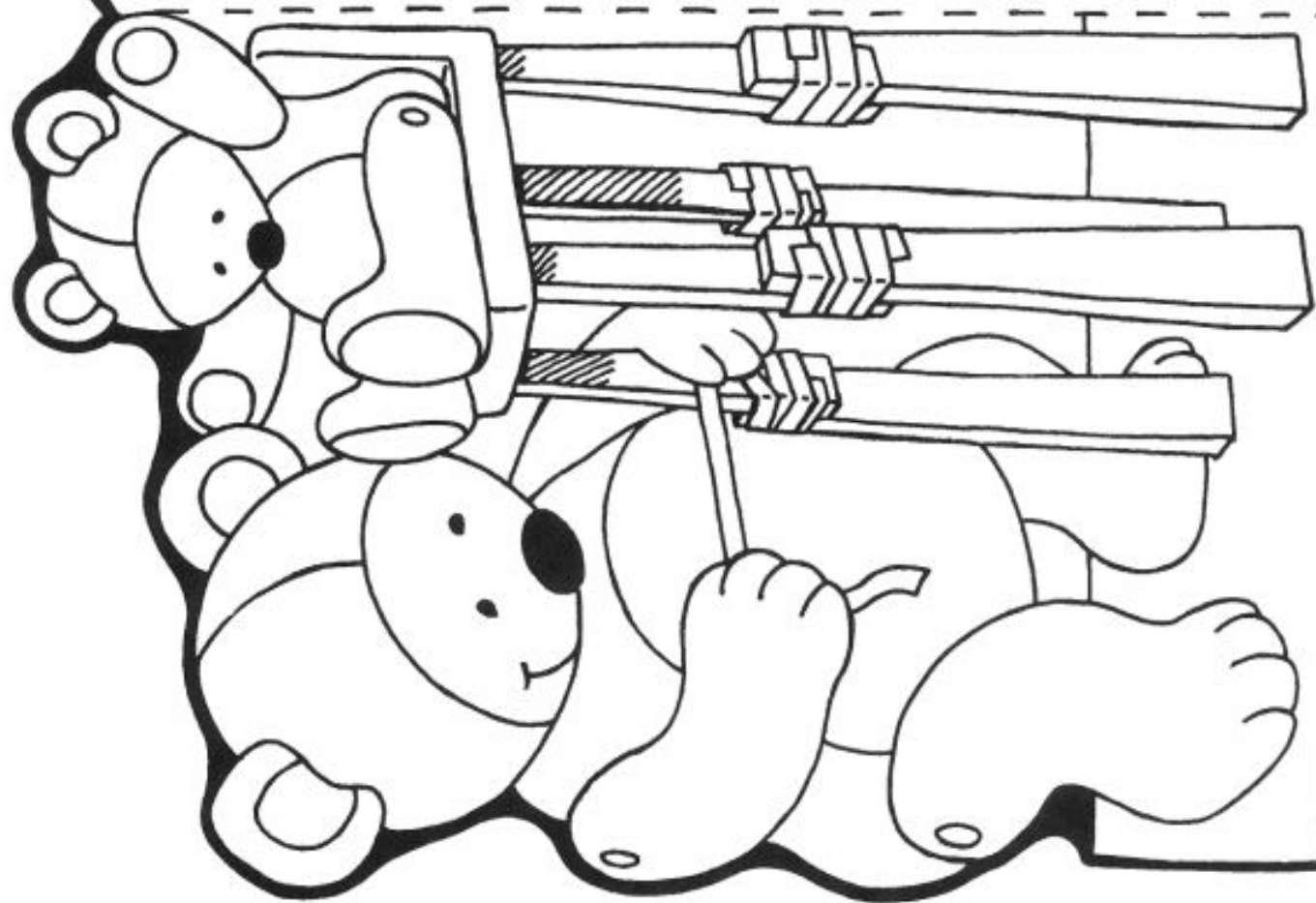


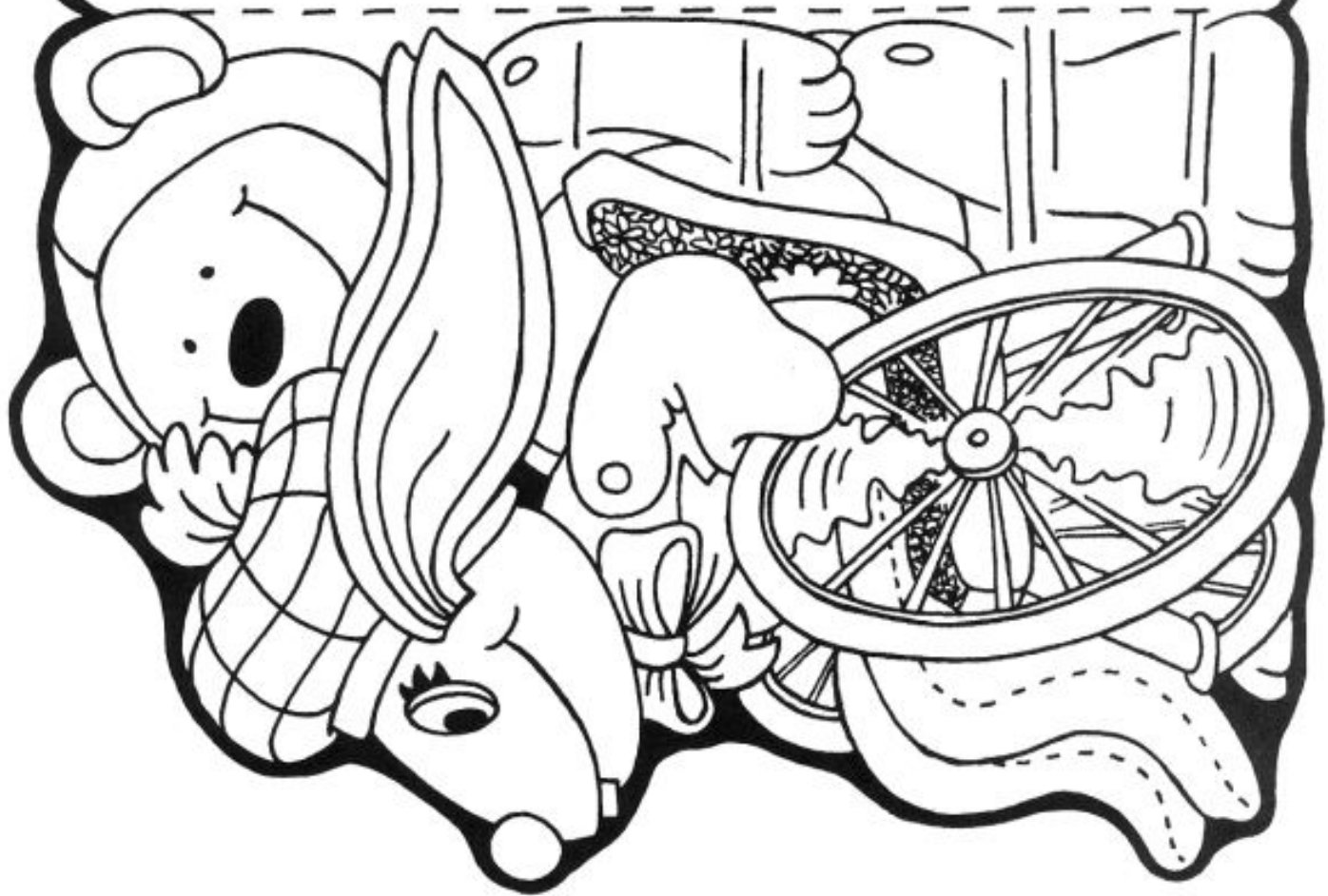
## The Chair Repair Bear

Theodore Bear does chair repair.  
He is not very debonair.  
In fact he is a bit threadbare.  
His sign reads, I Repair With Care.



It all began with his son and heir  
Who, when he sat in his dining chair,  
Couldn't reach the silverware.  
So with some wood he had to spare  
He lengthened the legs of the dining chair.  
His son now perched up in the air.  
Theodore had invented the first high chair.





He had a friend called Harry Hare  
Who actually had no hair to spare.  
Lack of stuffing did impair  
His legs from going anywhere.  
He sat in a chair at the top of the stair  
And out the window he did stare  
Wishing he could go everywhere.  
Theodore had inside his lair  
A worn out bike in disrepair.  
He attached the wheels to Harry's chair.  
Now Harry's doing wheelies in Times Square  
In his cool new wheel chair.

There was a fat cat billionaire  
Who was down and out - without bus fare.  
All he had left was his office chair  
And the leather upholstery had a tear.  
It was brought to Theodore for repair.  
He removed the stuffing, which is where  
He found a diamond solitaire.  
His new good fortune, the cat did share,  
Then moved uptown - back to Bel-Air  
And bought a brand new office chair.



Theodore had a friend - Pierre  
Who sold fruit at the county fair.  
To visit, Theodore paid the fare  
To ride a cart pulled by a mare.  
"One pear, two pears, makes a pair;  
That's fifty cents please," said Pierre.

Pierre often sat on a wooden square  
Surrounded by fruit stacked high in the air.  
"You need more room here," said the bear,  
"I'll fix you up with a special chair."  
He took the sides off the wooden square.  
He put a hinge here; he put a hinge there.  
Pierre now sits in his folding chair  
While selling fruit at the county fair.







Theodore got a call from Delaware.  
It was a sailor in despair.  
His sleep on land was a long nightmare.

At sea his hammock swung in midair  
And rocked him to sleep without a care.  
On land he lay still and said a prayer  
"Someone please save me from intensive care!"  
A barrel hoop was cut to prepare  
A pair of rockers for his chair.  
The sailor's snores at night now blare  
As he sleeps and dreams in his rocking chair.



When Theodore had a moment to spare  
He sat upon his wooden chair.  
It was poky everywhere  
And made him painfully aware  
Of all his aches; some here, some there.  
So he packed it with pillows everywhere.  
Fabric covered the chair with flair.  
Now Theodore sits in his overstuffed chair.  
His sign reads I Repair With Care.

