

## The Lady With The Alligator Purse



This song has been a favorite for children of all ages for countless years- it was one of my favorites growing up! Many years ago I made a prop for my Story Song concert which teachers are always asking about. So I've decided to pass the instructions along to you.

If you are a teacher or librarian, you'll find the response from children of all ages more than justifies the hour or two you put into making it. It's an easy "craft project" with no skill necessary. I've done all the design work for you. You'll find instructions and illustrations to trace on the following pages.

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Miss Lucy had a baby, his name was Tiny Tim  
She put him in the bathtub to see if he could swim

He drank up all the water, he ate up all the soap  
He tried to eat the bathtub but it wouldn't go down his throat

Miss Lucy called the doctor, Miss Lucy called the nurse  
Miss Lucy called the lady with the alligator purse

In came the doctor, in came the nurse.  
In came the lady with the alligator purse

"Chicken pox," said the doctor, "Measles," said the nurse  
"Nonsense," said the lady with the alligator purse

"Penicillin," said the doctor, "Castor oil," said the nurse  
"Pizza," said the lady with alligator purse

# How to Make Your Own Lady in an Alligator Purse

\*NOTE: If you don't want to put in the time or materials, you can just make a paper scroll using the printed clipart. I use fabric because it holds up well. Modify my instructions to use whatever materials you have available to you.

## You will need:

- Purse with top opening at least 7" long (thrift stores are great resource)
- Download and print out clipart [here](#)
- 1/3 yard white nylon fabric (preferably ripstop nylon, as it doesn't fray)
- Fabric scissors
- Sewing machine or needle and thread, or duct tape to connect nylon strips
- Black Sharpie or other permanent marker
- Fabric paint, permanent markers, or even crayons to color in your characters
- Duct tape to attach nylon strip to purse

## Overview:

You're going to make a long strip of nylon and using the clipart provided, trace the characters and text onto it in the order in which they are sung. As you sing the song you'll pull the strip of nylon out until at the end you have one long "page."

## Instructions:

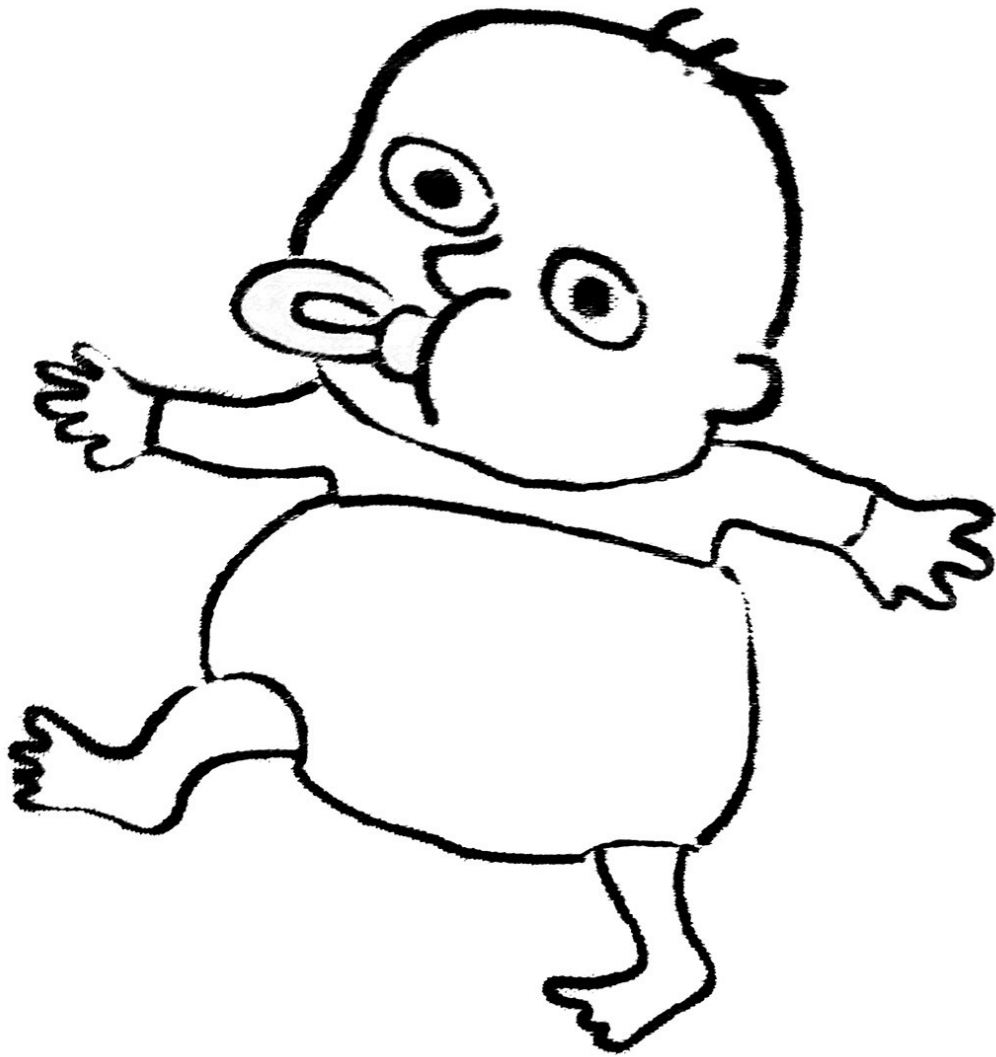
1. Cut nylon fabric crosswise into two long strips each 6 inches wide.
2. Connect the two pieces into one long strip, (either sewing or taping) and trim to about 100 inches long. This will be your single "page" for the purse book
3. Beginning at the top, place the picture of Miss Lucy behind the nylon about 4 inches down, and trace the outline and lettering.
4. Repeat tracing the other characters with text, leaving about 4 inches between and in this order: Lucy, baby, bathtub, water, soap, doctor, nurse, Lady, pizza
5. Color in clipart however you choose.
6. Using duct tape, attach the end of the nylon below the pizza to the inside front of the purse
7. Now fold the nylon accordion-style, working from the bottom, and insert the folded nylon into the purse. You can adjust so the top edge (Lucy) is sticking up a bit so you can easily grab it when you start the song.

## Performing the song:

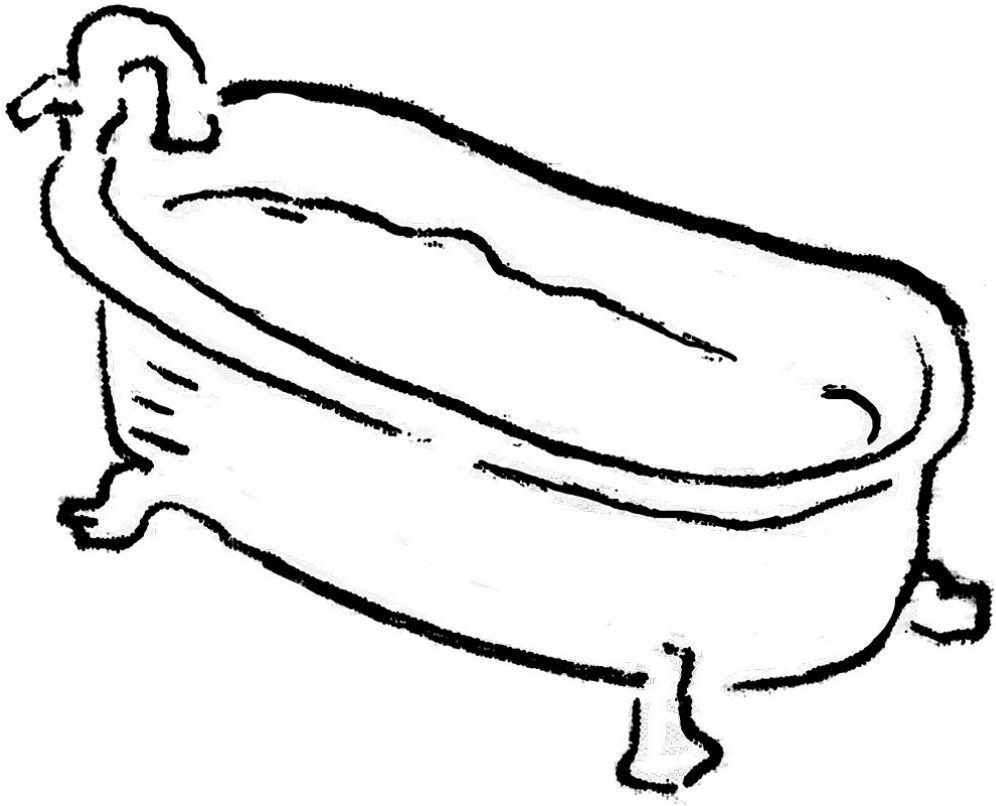
Hold the purse with one hand, and using the other hand, pull out each character as it's sung. When one is repeated, simply point to it and keep going. For extra fun, hesitate just before the last line, and triumphantly pull out the pizza as you finish the song.



Miss Lucy



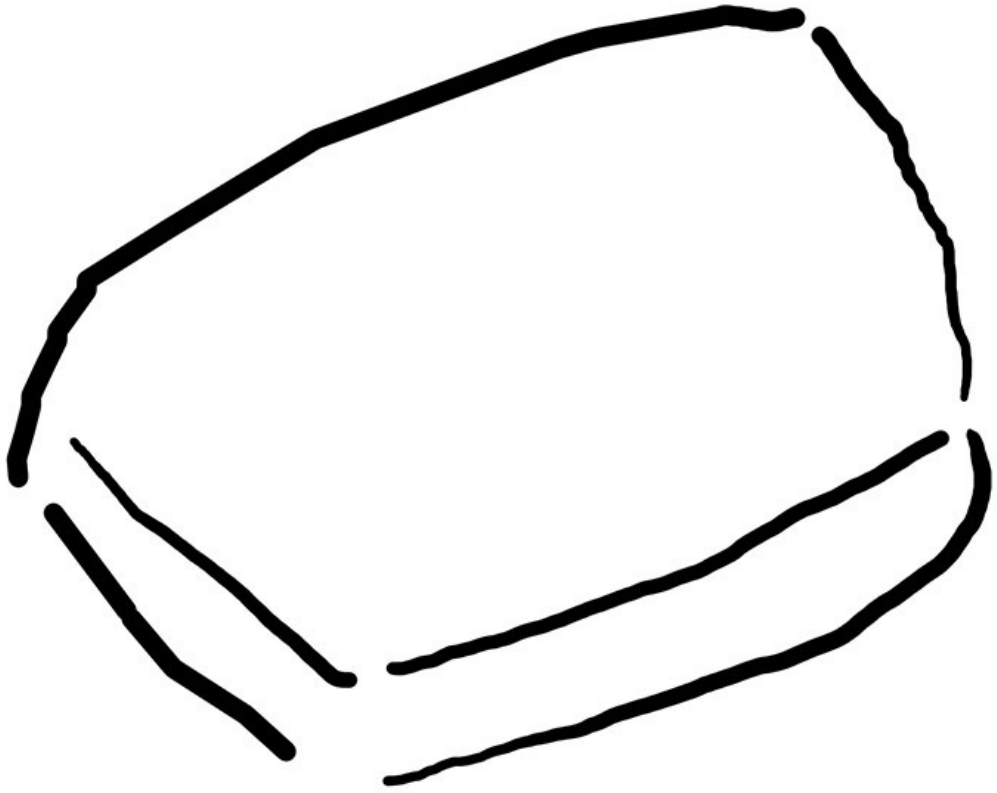
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*Bathtub*



Water



Soap

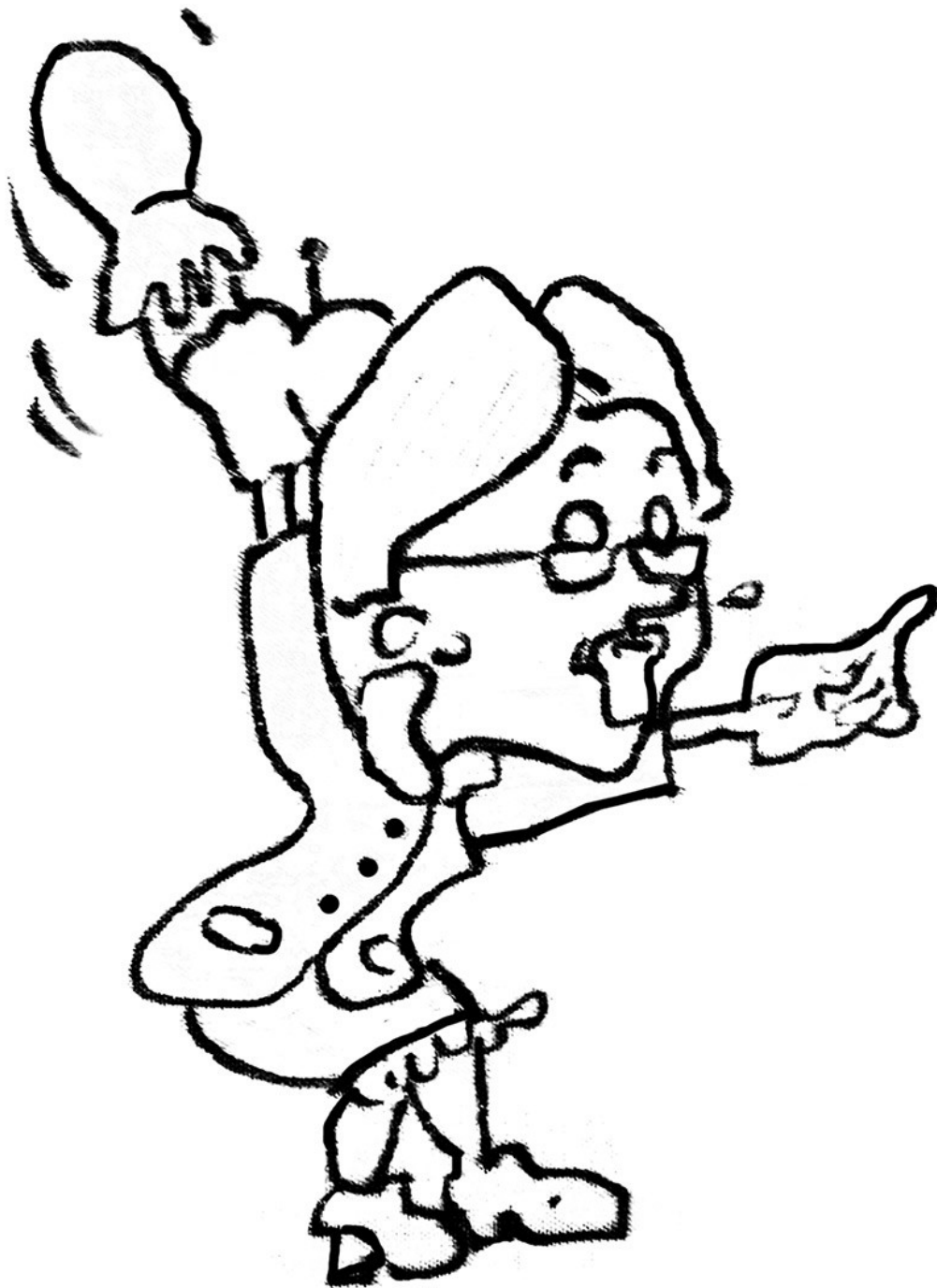


**Doctor**

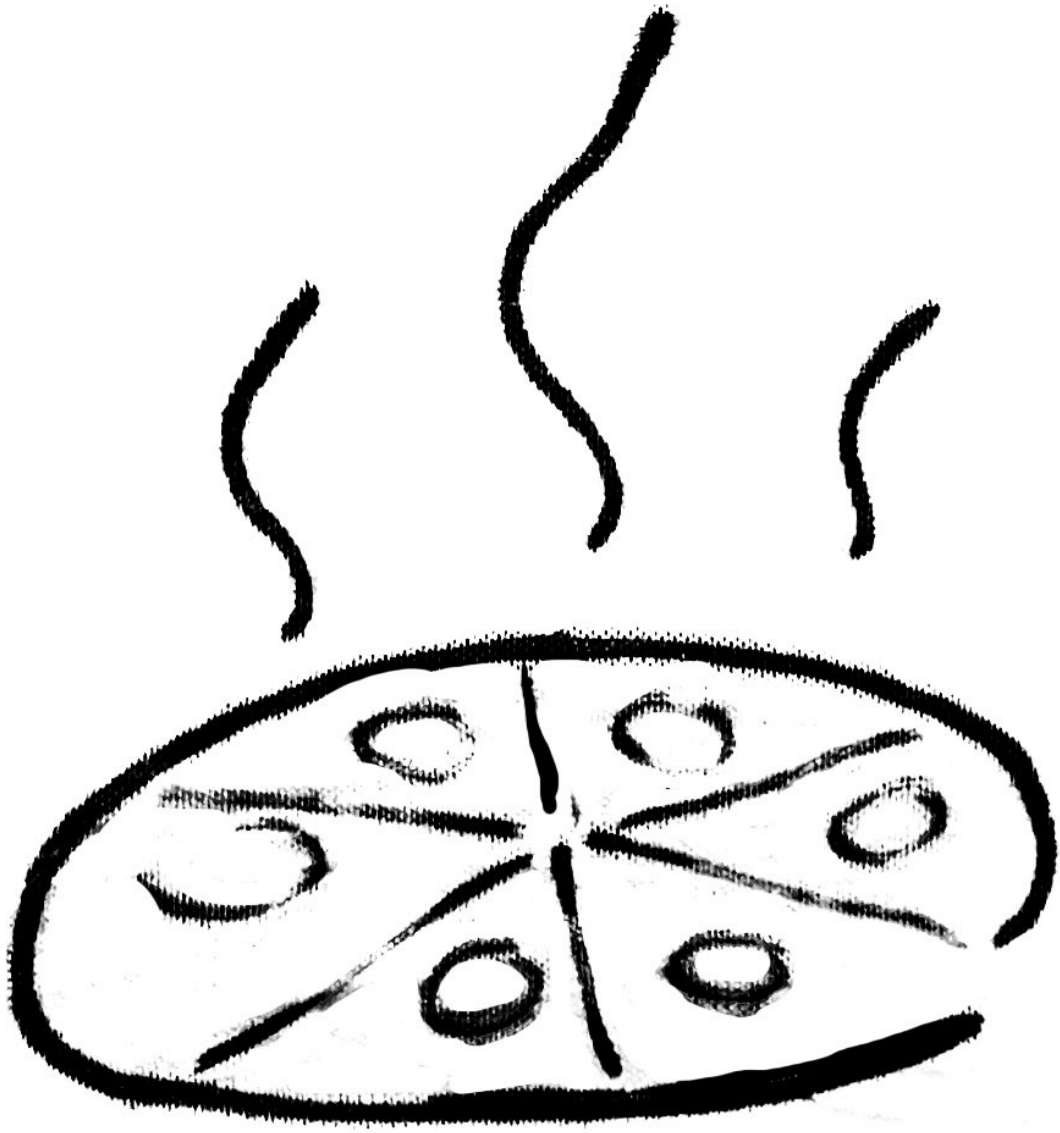




**Nurse**



Lady



*Pizza!*