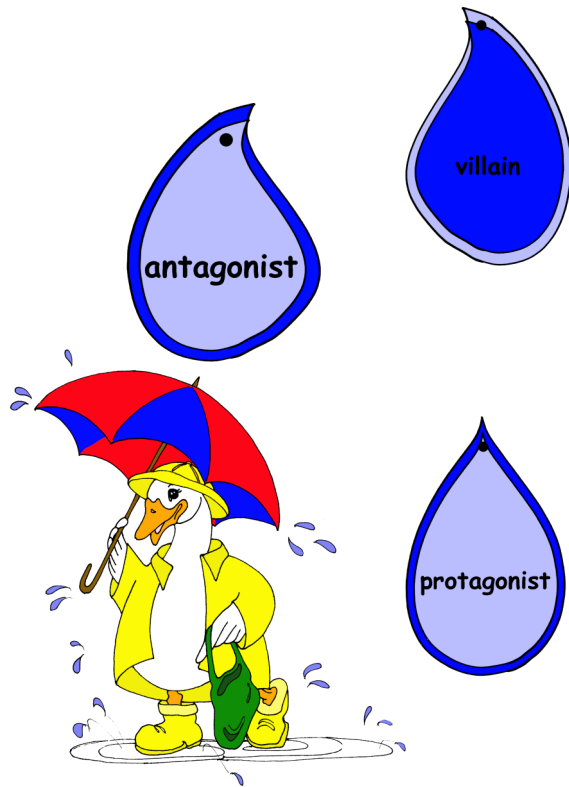


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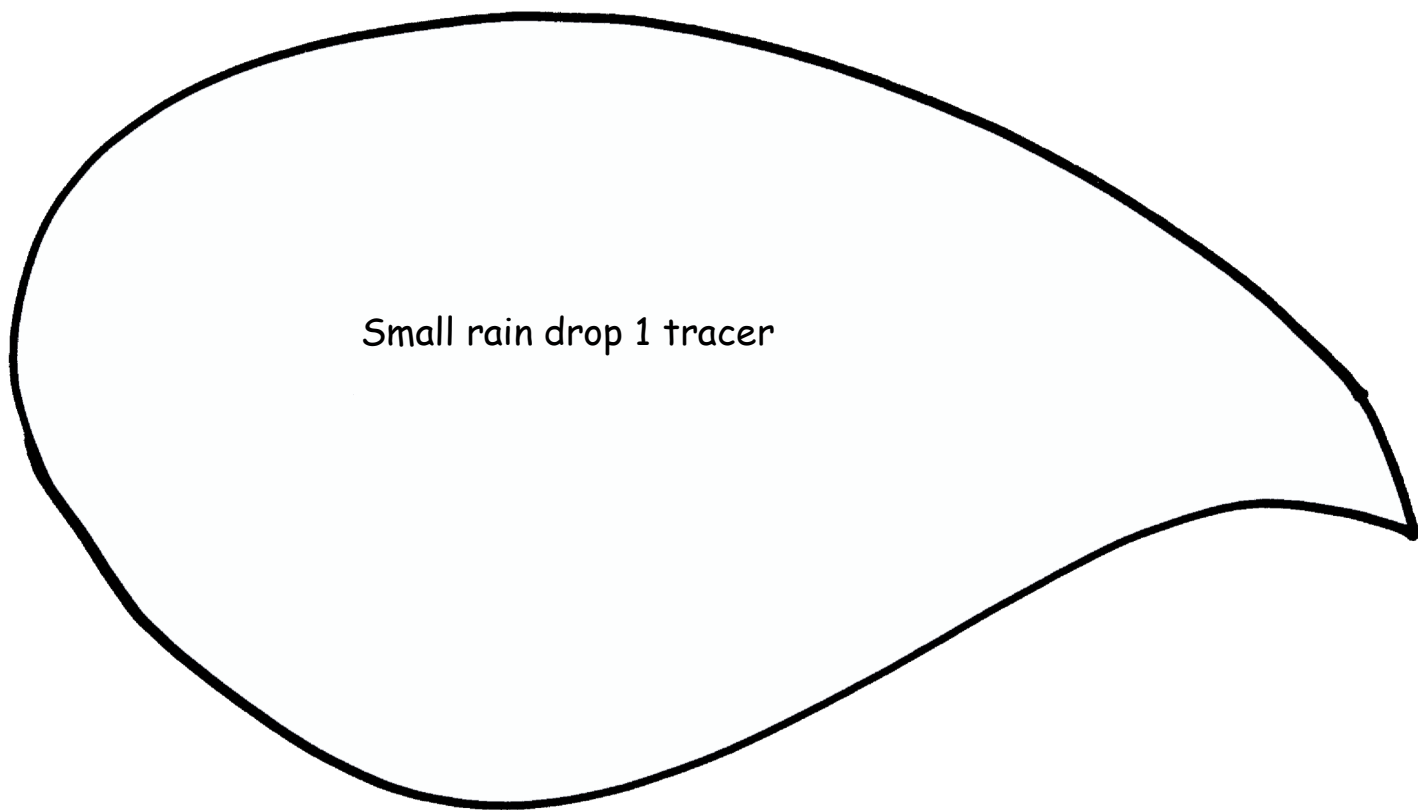
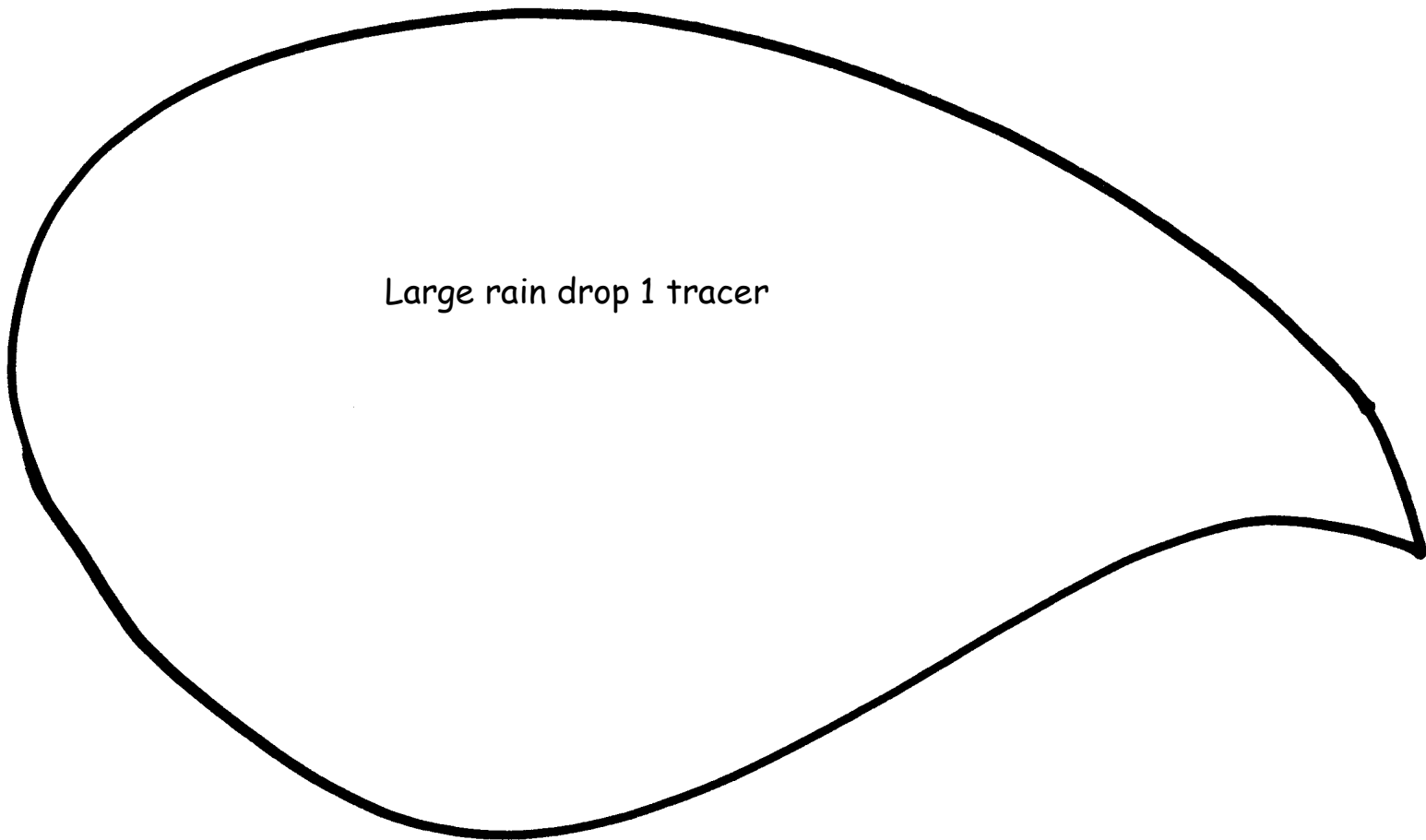
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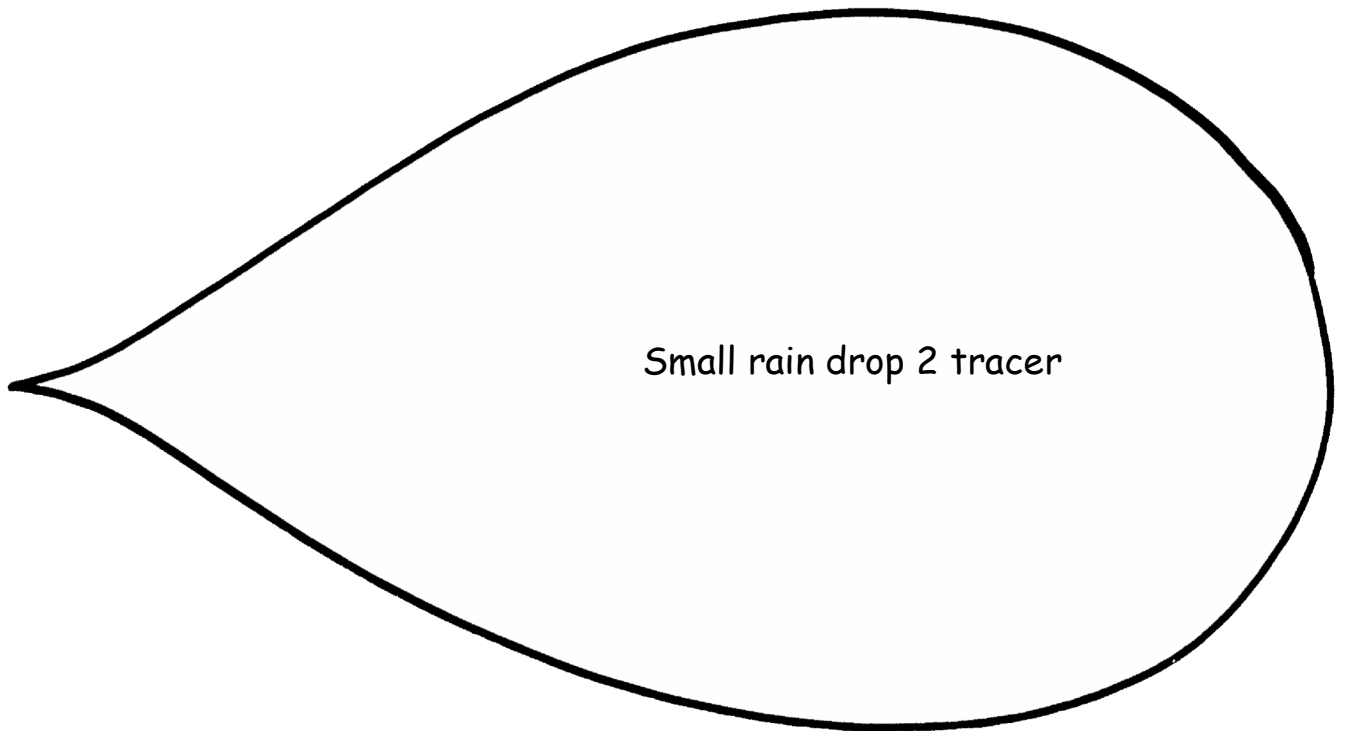
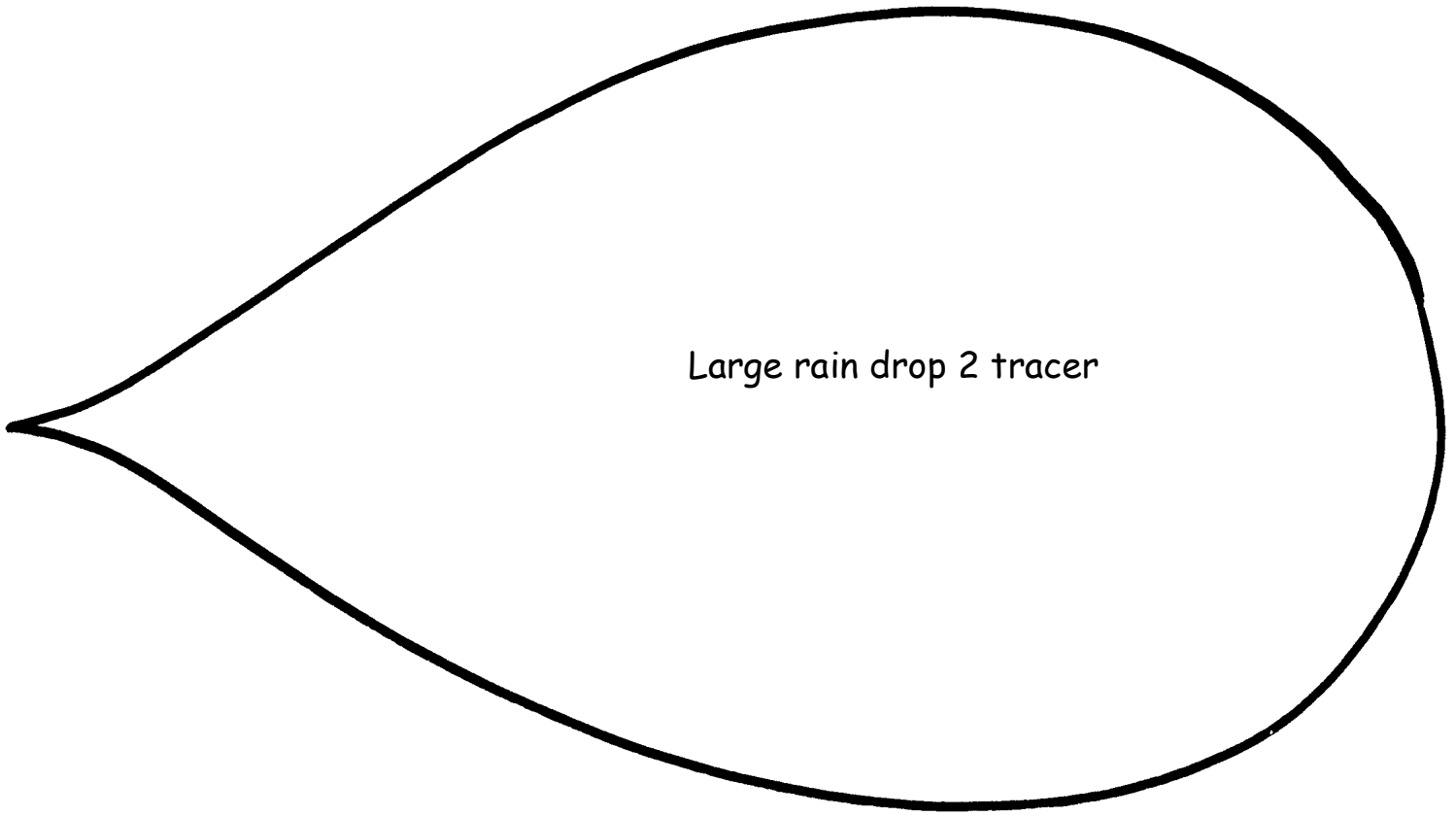
- 1 sheet each of 9x6 light blue and dark blue construction paper
- Scissors
- Paste
- Rain drop tracers



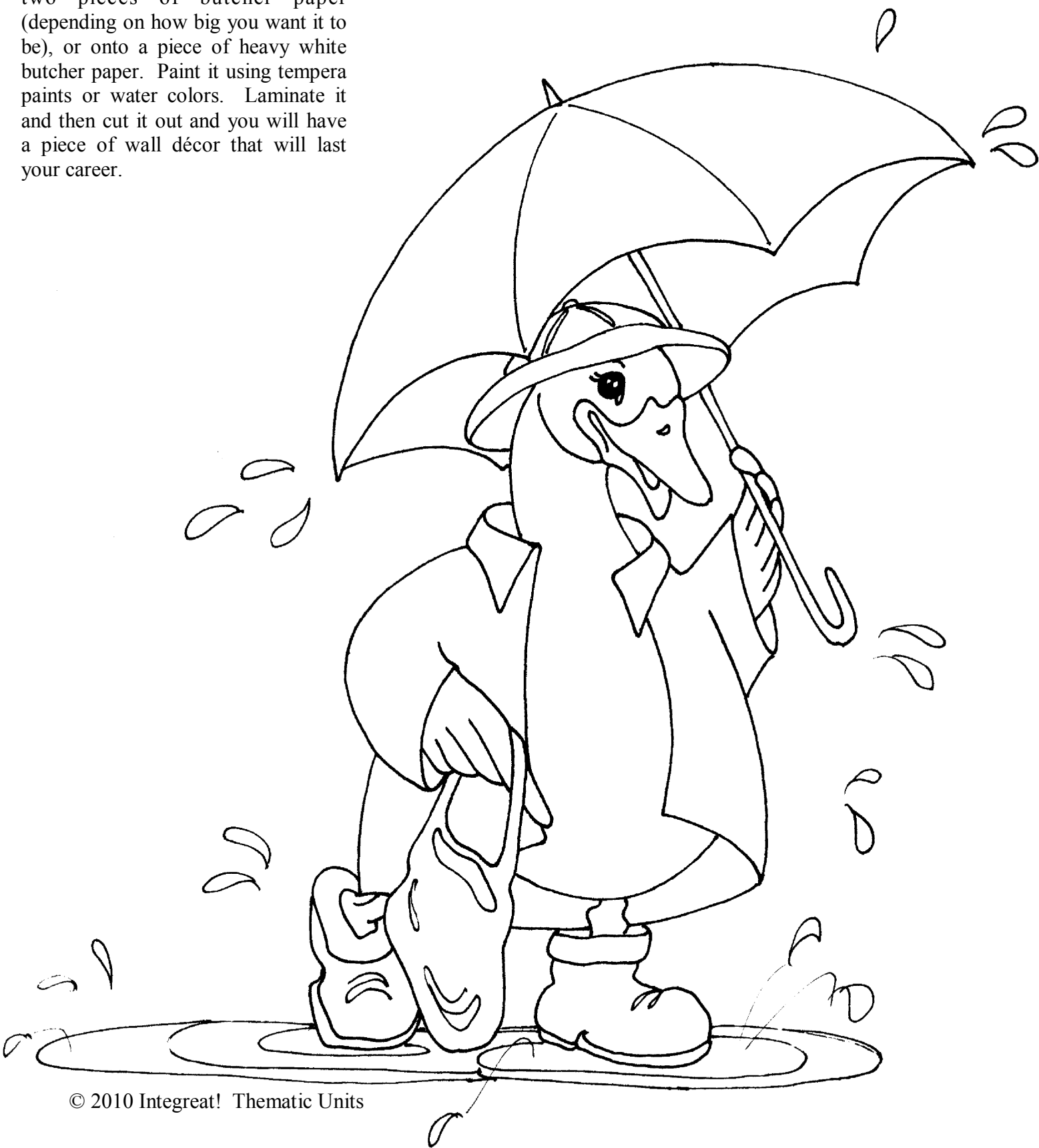
Directions:

1. Draw a raindrop to fit a piece of 9X6 paper, or use the large tracer. Choose whether you want it to be light or dark blue.
2. Draw another raindrop that is smaller than the first one and will fit inside it, or use the small tracer. It should be a different shade of blue.
3. Cut out both raindrops. Lay the smaller one on top of the bigger one. Make sure they are centered and paste them together.
4. Punch a hole in the top so it can hang on the wall.
5. Write the item you are learning in neat, big letters on the raindrop.
6. Turn it in so I can laminate it.
7. Clean up your mess.



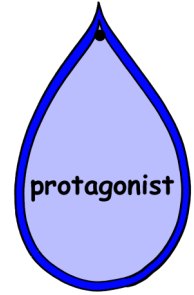


To make a character for your bulletin board, project the image onto one or two pieces of butcher paper (depending on how big you want it to be), or onto a piece of heavy white butcher paper. Paint it using tempera paints or water colors. Laminate it and then cut it out and you will have a piece of wall décor that will last your career.



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Tips and Suggestions

Older children can easily draw their own raindrops. Drawing one slightly smaller that will fit inside the first one may be a little tricky, but shouldn't be too difficult of a problem for the students to solve. Younger children may need tracers, which are included. You could run off a few of them on tag board or old manila folders, or you could run them on copy paper and have the students cut them out. I like to have the tracers made for the children. Of course, you can always use tracers you already have!

Using Wall Cards

I like to use monthly wall cards to practice repetitive skills such as math facts, math formulas, sight words, vocabulary, science and social studies facts, etc. I hang them on the wall or lay them out on the floor like a life-sized game board. To use these raindrops as flashcards for the wall, just write the word, fact, or formula that you want the children to rehearse in the center and then laminate, cut out, and punch a hole in the top so it can hang on a pin. Here are some game ideas:

- One child at a time chooses a wall card and responds to it. If it is correct, he keeps the card; if not he puts it back.
- You (or a child who plays "it") responds to a card and the student finds the correct one.
- A group plays as a team. "It" reads the card and the team decides on the correct answer (or you tell the answer and they pick the correct card).
- One student can act out a card. The class tries to determine which card he is acting out.
- Play "20 Questions" with the cards.
- You can take the cards off the wall and use them to play old flashcard games like "Around the World" and classroom "Baseball."
- Have the children choose a card and tell an antonym or synonym to the word.
- A child chooses a card and tells the inverse.
- A child chooses a card and gives an example of when you would use the information.
- A child chooses a card and makes up a word problem to match the card.
- A child uses the card's information in a sentence or story.

You can also go to www.thematicteacher.com and click on [Tips 'N Tricks](#) to get more ideas of games to play using flashcards. Click on [Flashcards](#) under [Category Archives](#) to see all the titles.

Whatever you do with a flashcard you can do with wall cards. The children will be able to think up fun ways to play with them. You can use the cards whenever you need a quick 3-5 minute activity or as the children line up for something. It may also be used as a free time task for those who finish early. It's a fun way to practice tedious drills.